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Boat Show is this weekend

The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club is sponsoring the 34th annual Seaside Boat Show in Ocean City this weekend, February 17-19. The show is the "boat show that works for kids."

Held at the Roland E Powell Convention Center, the show is expected to attract thousands of water and boating enthusiasts to the resort over Presidents' Day weekend. The show provides the Optimist Club the opportunity to raise funds to support club programs that benefit local youth.



The local affiliate of Optimist International has more than 120 members and is recognized as one of the best clubs in Optimist International.

The Boat Show will feature over 350 boats, 150 exhibitors and 50 boat dealers. The dealers and exhibitors will offer numerous special show prices. They will display their newest and most popular models and water related items. The large number of boats sold each year at the show makes it one of the most popular shows on the East Coast.

Visitors will be able to check out and climb aboard sport cruisers, sport fishers, performance and "super" boats. Exhibitors will include marine electronics, trailers, canvas tops, motors, jewelry, art and fishing gear.

Again this year the door prize has been donated by North Bay Marine owners, Scott and Mary McCurdy. Each person who purchases a show admission has a chance to win a pontoon boat and motor.

Times of the show are Friday February 17 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$1 for kids. A weekend pass is available for \$15.



Ring Ceremony

The Annual Junior Ring Ceremony took place in the Guerrieri Library at Worcester Prep on February 6. It is tradition that seniors present the juniors with their rings along with a few insightful comments as to why the recipient is special to them. Approximately 550 students attend from Maryland, Delaware and Virginia.

Above: Juniors, **Grace Nichols**, **Anna Engel** and **Colby Noble**, proudly display their new Worcester Prep class rings.



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Community Calendar

February

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RWWC luncheon set

The Republican Women of Worcester County will hold its February luncheon meeting on Thursday, February 23 at the Dunes Manor Hotel located at 2800 Baltimore Ave. in Ocean City. The speaker will be Patty Jackson, director of the Worcester County Board of Elections. Cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11 a.m. To make your reservation please contact Pat Addy at 410-208-0171 or gorpataddy@aol.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Bertino to hold Town Meeting

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host his first Town Meeting of 2017 on Saturday, February 25, at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library. He will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district and the county. Commissioner Bertino's guests include Health Officer Debbie Goeller, Commissioner President Jim Bunting and Commissioner Vice President Diana Purnell.

Commissioner Bertino will present a mid-term review of county government since taking office in December 2014 including the budget and relations with other departments and agencies within the county and the state.

Commissioner Bertino is pleased that Ms. Goeller will be a guest speaker at the meeting. She has been the Health Officer for Worcester County for more than 20 years and will discuss the responsibilities of her office that ensure the health needs of county residents are met and that state and county health laws are enforced. "Debbie is an asset to our county. She and

her staff do much that goes unnoticed. Attendees to this meeting will find her presentation interesting and informative," Bertino said.

"Diana is a talented individual who brings much to the commissioners' dais," Bertino said. "I think Ocean Pines residents will be interested in hearing Diana talk about her community and her perspective of county government." Commissioner Purnell was elected in 2014 and represents District 2.

Commissioner Bunting represents District 6 which includes portions of Ocean Pines. "I appreciate that Jim attends and participates in the town meetings. I think it's good for residents to know that he and I have a very good working relationship that benefits the communities we serve," said Bertino.

This town meeting will be the ninth Commissioner Bertino has hosted since being sworn in. "These meetings are an opportunity for residents to learn and understand what is going on within our county and it gives them the chance to ask questions and comment on topics of interest," said Bertino.

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.

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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Democrats meet - The Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County (DCCWC) met at the Ocean Pines library for their monthly meeting. The topic of discussion was "messaging." The guest speaker was Dan O'Hare, of Salisbury.

Above (front row): **Priscilla Zytkowicz, Dr. Roxie Dennis Acholonu, Cyril Acholonu, Jerry White, Jim and Barbara Richardson.**

Back row: **Buck Shockley, Kathleen Emmert, Doris Fields, Joan Roache, President Joshua Nordstrom, speaker Dan O'Hare, Howard Sribnick, Chuck Herbert and Judy Davis.**

Ocean Pines Golf Club receives PGA grant

Ocean Pines Golf Club was recently selected to receive a \$2,500 grant from the Middle Atlantic Professional Golfers' Association Foundation.

The grant was awarded by the Professional Golfers' Association Middle Atlantic Joint Player Development and Junior Golf Committees so that Ocean Pines can continue to grow the game of golf and introduce it to new players.

Ocean Pines PGA Director of Golf John Malinowski said, "We've seen tremendous growth in the golf programs at Ocean Pines, especially with our junior golfers. Registration in our golf clinics and camps continues to reach or even exceed capacity, so interest in the sport is definitely out there. This grant will allow us to purchase equipment to expand our programs and make them even more appealing."

The grant was awarded specifically to purchase SNAG ("Starting New at Golf") equipment, which features oversized clubs and balls and other teaching aids designed to simplify golf for those who haven't played before as well as introduce a fun element for those already familiar



with the game.

In addition to augmenting existing golf instructional programs, the SNAG equipment will allow Ocean Pines to offer new events. "We're really looking forward to planning some SNAG outings and tournaments. Because the SNAG concept makes golf easy and fun, these events will help us engage golfers and non-golfers, adults and children alike," Malinowski said.

Ocean Pines Golf Club is an 18-hole championship golf course and the only one on Maryland's Eastern Shore designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. It is open to the public year-round and is also available for outings and tournaments. More information is available at OceanPinesGolf.org or by calling 410-641-6057.

Worcester Health will assist in new program

Governor Larry Hogan has selected Worcester County as one of 10 counties across the State to help launch the new "Maryland Governor's Office for Children Disconnected/Opportunity Youth Results-Based Leadership Program." Worcester County Health Department, by way of its Local Management Board (LMB), will act as the local coordinator for the program, which is a joint effort between the Governor's Office for Children (GOC) and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

The aim of the campaign is to "ensure that young people are on a pathway to education and employment," according to the GOC, which also notes that about one in 10 Maryland youth aged 16-24 are considered "disconnected" because they are neither in school nor working. These individuals are also referred to as "opportunity youth" because of their potential value to the economy and their communities. Cohorts will be composed of Local Management Boards, school administrators, counselors, nonprofit managers, workforce development directors, post-secondary education staff, social workers, and social services and health professionals.

"The team working on this initiative through the Cohort will be reaching out to other local partners, youth, and families, to take a deeper look into the disparities and needs of this population," said Jessica Sexauer, LMB Director. "It is the hope of the LMB and partners to bring community members together by using a framework that would identify the County's target population for Opportunity Youth and how to make the best impact for improving outcomes."

Sexauer went on to highlight that the collaborative approach will allow all agencies involved to work together closely as a community to best meet the needs of the opportunity youth population by sharing resources and promoting best practices. The framework will also help the counties develop new programs or enhance existing programs that share the same goal.

The target for the State is that Maryland will achieve better outcomes for disconnected youth by December 2017. The four benchmarks are to reduce (1) the impact of incarceration on children, families, and communities, (2) disconnected youth, (3) childhood hunger, and (4) youth homelessness.

County offers free emergency training in Ocean Pines

Worcester County Emergency Services (WCES) invites the public to participate in the free, eight-session course Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) in Ocean Pines.

The training will take place at the Ocean Pines Fire Department, located at 911 Ocean Parkway, on Mondays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. from March 6 to April 24.

CERT is an informative, hands-on, educational program packed with information to equip residents, who have no prior emergency medical training, to support their families and communities during a disaster. Participants will gain the decision-making and practical skills necessary to offer immediate assistance to those in need following an emergency until further help can arrive.

Participants will learn to recognize both natural and manmade hazards. In addition to Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training, sessions will include Disaster Preparedness, Disaster

Fire Safety and Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations I and II, Light Search and Rescue and Hazardous Materials, Organization, Disaster Psychology, and Incident Command System, Practical Work Stations, and Special Topics. Upon completion of this program, students will be able to create disaster plans and supply kits.

Those who successfully complete the training will receive CPR and First Aid certification through the American Heart Association. During the course, instructors will provide information on hazards typical to Worcester County, hazardous materials in the home and the National Incident Management System. Instruction is geared to help residents better prepare and survive during the first 36 to 72 hours after a catastrophic event, when local first responder resources are stretched to their limits.

CERT is available at no cost. For more info or to register, contact Tom Kane at 410-632-3080 or tkane@co.worcester.md.us.

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Located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., the White House serves as the official residence for the President of the United States as well as the primary place where he conducts official business. The building was de-



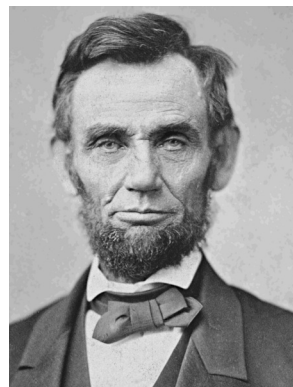
signed by Irish-born architect James Hoban, who was instrumental in creating many official buildings after emigrating to the United

States. In June 1792, Hoban was summoned to the temporary U.S. capital in Philadelphia to compete in a design competition for the White House. President John Adams moved into the residence in 1801. It was set ablaze during the War of 1812 and had to undergo significant reconstruction. It also was expanded during Theodore Roosevelt's time in office to include a West Wing to house work offices. William Howard Taft added the first Oval Office. Although an official residence, the White House is a National Heritage Site and is owned by the National Park Service

Little-known facts about Abraham Lincoln

Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln both made their marks on American history, so much so that every year Americans celebrate their birth and influence with Presidents' Day.

Washington may have been the country's first president, but Lincoln is perhaps more frequently celebrated for his profound efforts to abolish slavery. He is best known for presiding over the United States during the Civil War and signing the Emancipation Proclamation, which liberated slaves across the country. While much is widely known about Lincoln and his life, there are some lesser-known tidbits that only historians or history buffs seem to know. In honor of his birthday, here are 13 facts about the man that aren't as widely known.



1. Towering over others at a height of 6 feet 4 inches tall, Lincoln remains the tallest president to hold office. It is likely his stature helped to present an air of authority during his presidency.

2. Lincoln had two romantic interests before he married Mary Todd in 1842. Lincoln was in a relationship with Ann Rutledge, who died of typhoid fever. He also courted Mary Owens for some time before they ended their relationship.

3. Lincoln was notoriously messy.

His law office was often cluttered, much to the chagrin of his partner William Herndon. It is said Lincoln kept an envelope on his desk marked, "When you can't find it anywhere else, look into this."

4. Lincoln was the first president to

Abraham Lincoln

be photographed at his inauguration. His future assassin, John Wilkes Booth, can be seen in a photo standing close to the president.

5. In 1849, Lincoln obtained Patent No. 6,469 for a device that was designed to lift and keep boats afloat when they passed over a sandbar or entered shallow water. Lincoln served as a ferry operator and flatboat pilot prior to entering politics.

6. Lincoln took his dreams seriously and was purported to be interested in psychic research and activities. Before his election to the presidency, Lincoln said he was startled by a vision of a double image of himself. The second image was pale, according to accounts. His wife was led to believe the vision meant Lincoln would be elected to two terms as president and die during the second.

7. Lincoln's beard is almost as famous as the man. He was urged by advisors to grow a beard during his first term to soften some of his harsh features.

8. Lincoln was born to Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks. Actor Tom Hanks is a distant relative of the former president.

9. Despite his stature, Lincoln apparently had a high-pitched voice and not a deep timbre.

10. Lincoln wore a size 14 shoe.

11. According to reports by his personal secretary John Hay, Lincoln would sometimes pace the White House because of insomnia. He would keep Hay up with funny stories or with readings of Shakespeare.

12. Lincoln accepted a challenge to a duel with James Shields, a state auditor. Lincoln chose a broadsword as the weapon, but Shields decided to work through his differences with Lincoln amicably rather than face him in the duel.

13. The contents of Lincoln's pockets on the night he was killed were not revealed until February 12, 1976.

Abraham Lincoln

February 12, 1809 – April 15, 1865

Birthplace: Hardin County, KY

Wife: Mary Todd (1818-1882)

Children: Robert, Edward, William and Thomas

Party: Republican

Sixteenth President

"He seized the strong points of a cause, and presented them with clearness and great compactness. His mind was logical and direct, and he did not indulge in extraneous discussion. Generalities and platitudes had no charms for him. An unfailing vein of humor never deserted him; and he was always able to change the attention of court and jury, when the cause was the most uninteresting, by the appropriateness of his anecdotes." Circuit court judge David Davis wrote those words about Lincoln when Lincoln was practicing law in Springfield, IL.

Abraham Lincoln was a humble and modest man who believed deeply in predestination, saying often he was more controlled by events than the other way around. Lincoln was born into a frontier family that knew few comforts. His mother died when he was nine years old. His father remarried not long after and Lincoln's stepmother pushed him to better himself. Although he had no more than a year of formal education, he loved to read.

Lincoln suffered from melancholy and depression. At times he would sit silently staring off into space.

He married Mary Todd in 1842. Mary's family had a history of mental illness that manifested itself several years into their marriage. She was known to have a hot temper, and feared lightning storms, robbers and dogs. Throughout their marriage, Lincoln was a calming influence on her. Following his death she became more unstable and was eventually committed to an insane asylum by her son, Robert. She was released a year later.

During his presidency, Lincoln dealt exclusively with managing the war. In his inaugural remarks he attempted to appease the South saying he had no intention of interfering with slavery. However, he made it clear he believed that no state could legally remove itself from the Union. Any hope of reconciliation between the North and South was shattered a month later when Fort Sumter fell into Confederate hands.

Lincoln's decision to emancipate the slaves in 1863 was as much a military necessity than acquiescence to the abolitionist position. However, it had the effect of transforming the conflict into a moral crusade.

Days after the South's surrender at Appomattox Court House, Lincoln was assassinated by Southern sympathizer John Wilkes Booth.

Lincoln had a well-developed sense of humor that was exhibited through comical and folksy anecdotes. He spoke with a heavy frontier accent and possessed innate wisdom that underscored his humanity and great capacity for sympathy.

Telling how old we are, milestones and hair coloring

In my ongoing quest to observe the human experience I have taken note of the fact that there are times in our lives when we don't want anyone

comes to celebrating birthdays. They have to contend with a ticking biological clock and changes of life. For men, the only clock they're aware of is the one in the lower right hand corner of the screen during the big game.

Men too go through a change of life, usually referred to as a mid-life crisis. You can tell when this is happening because they trade in the family minivan

for a red convertible, color their hair to a shade they think it used to be and/or begin wearing a hair piece.

My wife said I had my mid-life crisis at 25. Looking back I don't think this was the case because I did not purchase a new car and my hair was still its natural color, black if I recall correctly.

The older we get the more our phobia about revealing our age diminishes. I think this is because the older we get there are more rewards for which we're eligible. Many businesses offer senior citizen

discounts. Whether going to the movies or dining out, seniors, defined as age 55 and older, get rewarded with lower prices, discounts and upgrades. People love to flash their AARP cards to save a couple bucks.

More power to them. I just hope the discounts are still around when my turn comes.

Once people pass the age of 80 they can't wait to ask others, "How old do you think I am? Go on, take a guess." Nothing pleases an octogenarian more than being mistaken for a sexagenarian. They beam from ear to ear as if they just won the lottery. To them I guess they did.

Presently, I would be very reluctant to ask anyone to guess how old I am. My fear would be that they would make a guess that would compel me to take up the bottle, the bottle of hair coloring.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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to know how old we are. At other times we do not mind if people know our age. In fact we love to broadcast it to anyone who will listen or to anyone who is within earshot

Children certainly love for us to know how old they are. They are very exact when they inform us of their ages. "I'm seven and three quarter years old." "I'm twelve and a half." I have never heard anyone say, "I'm forty-two... and three-eighths."

There are some milestone birthdays we get very excited about celebrating. Birthday number 16 is a big one because we can drive. At 18 we can register to vote and at 21 we can legally purchase and consume alcohol. My guess is most people are more excited about being allowed to drink legally than exercising their rights as a citizen of a democracy. Of course that's just a guess.

Once we get beyond our twenty-first birthday we begin to be a little more guarded about telling our age. Only when it is absolutely necessary do we divulge the number of birthdays we have celebrated.

Women seem more reluctant than men to reveal their age. I don't know why this is. I remember several years ago when a co-worker became very upset that we were celebrating her birthday in the office. She did not even want to participate. We learned later that she was celebrating a milestone birthday, number 30. She felt she was passing the threshold of her youth.

Women seem to have it a little more difficult than men when it





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Vander Clute joins MCBP

Liz Vander Clute has joined the Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) as education coordinator. A native of Berlin, Ms. Vander Clute has a B.A. in Environmental Studies from Eckerd College and a M.S. in Environmental Studies with a concentration in environmental education and interpretation from UNC-Wilmington. Her previous experience in-



cludes working as a naturalist at an outdoor school in Texas, teaching ocean education in the North Carolina public school system, authoring a school garden guidebook, and coordinating the Ocean City Beach Patrol's junior beach patrol program. Just before coming to work for MCBP, she worked as a long-term sub of environmental science at Stephen Decatur High School.

Her responsibilities at MCBP include producing educational materials for students, teachers, and residents of the coastal bays, delivering presentations and workshops, developing hands-on educational opportunities for the community, and coordinating activities with other local environmental organizations. She is also an active member of Surf Club and coaches swim lessons at the Ocean Pines pools.



Seahawks take to crab boats

It is not just about navigating computer programs in Stephen Decatur High School technology teacher Larry Ryan's engineering and design class. This year, Ryan has steered several of his students into the nautical world of boat construction.

Ryan's students are participating in the second annual Eastern Shore Crab Boat Engineering Challenge sponsored by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Business and Technology. In this competition, teams are challenged to design and build a scaled version of a crab boat where they will be judged in the following categories: written report, boat design and construction, oral presentation, and performance demonstration. Teams will compete on April 28 at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Education at Horn Point in Cambridge, Maryland.

Along with studying Eastern Shore history, mathematics, and Archimedes' principle of density and buoyancy, Ryan's students are taught safety while using a variety of tools in the construction and design phase.

"This is 21st century learning at its best," Ryan says. "These students are not only applying theory as they tackle this hands-on challenge, they are producing a tangible product that they have to write about, speak about, and demonstrate."

Pictured (left to right) are **Brianna Bowen, Destiny Dennis, Garrett Rites, Jeremy Novak, Lars Wyatt, Jason Hearne and Larry Ryan.**

Kiwanis breakfast is Saturday

The Kiwanis Winter Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday February 18, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. The menu includes pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$6 for adults; children under 12 are \$3 and kids under 5 eat free. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 410-208-6719 or purchased at the door. Carryout is also available. Proceeds benefit the youth of our community.



Chester A. Arthur was nicknamed "Elegant Arthur" because of his fashion sense.

Pine'er Craft Club to meet

The Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines will meet on Thursday, February 16 in the Ocean Pines Community Center. The group begins at 9:45 a.m. with refreshments, followed by a business meeting at 10 a.m. Following the February meeting the group will be making favors for distribution to clients of Meals on Wheels in Ocean Pines and Ocean City. Guests are wel-

come to join in the fun.

The Craft Club also sponsors the Artisan and Gift Shop located opposite the Ocean Pines Community Center. The shop is open on weekends, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by and see all the creative items made by members of the Pine'er Craft Club. The selection of items includes wreaths, jewelry, glassware, stitchery items, doll clothes, and much, much more. Credit cards accepted.



Monday

Chicken Parmesan over Pasta
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Burger and French Fries **\$6**

Wednesday

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Thursday

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Saturday

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Washington inspired Presidents' Day

President's Day is an American holiday that is celebrated each year on the third Monday in February. School children typically get the day off from school, and many professionals also get the day off from work.

Established in 1800, Presidents' Day once went by a different name. Known as Washington's Birthday, which is still the legal name of the holiday, this day was meant to celebrate the first President of the United States, George Washington, whose birthday was February 22. Congress declared that day a federal holiday more than 200 years ago, and eventually the holiday grew to become a celebration of President Abraham Lincoln, who was born on February 12, as well. The holiday is now a celebration of the lives and accomplishments of every U.S. president.

Few Americans would be hard pressed to misidentify George Washington's visage, which is depicted on some American currency, including the \$1 bill. Born in 1732 to Virginia planters, Washington's interests included western expansion, which he was able to take part as a teenager, helping to survey the Shenandoah lands at the age of 16. Washington was also interested in military arts, and he was commissioned a lieutenant colonel in 1754, eventually playing a role in what became the French and Indian War.

In 1759, Washington was serving in the Virginia House of Burgesses, an assembly of elected representatives of the English colonies in North

America. Growing frustrated with and feeling exploited by British regulations, Washington voiced his resistance to restrictions placed on colonists, who were moving toward

what would become the American Revolution.

At the Second Continental Congress, which assembled in 1775, Washington was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, taking command of troops at



Cambridge, Massachusetts on July 3, 1775.

Under Washington's command, the Continental Army would ultimately succeed, winning the

independence from British rule.

In 1787, Washington presided over the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, where the new Constitution was ratified. Within two years Washington was unanimously elected as the first President of the United States.

Though the current two-term limit was not law at the end of Washington's second term, he chose to retire from the Presidency anyway, leaving office in 1797. He would retire to his Virginia home at Mount Vernon, where he still engaged in various business dealings. Within three years of his retirement, however, Washington would fall ill of a throat infection that ultimately took his life on December 14, 1799.

In addition to providing the inspiration for Presidents' Day, Washington's legacy is that of a hero who led an army of colonists to a victory over a dominant empire.

The Washington Monument and Mount Rushmore are two of the more notable monuments honoring the first President of the United States. In addition, the nation's capital of Washington, D.C. is so named in honor of George Washington.



For others - For their 100th Day of School Project, third grade students at Ocean City Elementary School collected canned goods for Our Daily Bread soup kitchen in Middletown, DE. Pictured above are students from Kara Dzimiera's class: **Cullen Wilkins, Alex Zhao, Charlotte Haskell, Samantha Ruppert, Jamison Strawley, Kain Crossett and Juan Valenzuela Ibarra.**

Bus trip offered to Philadelphia museum

The Worcester County Arts Council is taking registrations for a bus trip to the Barnes Foundation Museum in Philadelphia. The bus will depart on Wednesday, May 10 at 8 a.m. from the Walmart parking lot on Route 50 and return approximately around 8 p.m. in the evening.

Registration fee is \$65 (if paid by March 15) and \$70 (after March 15) and includes deluxe motor coach transportation, driver's gratuity, and admission to the self-guided tour of the Barnes Foundation museum. Free time will be allowed to visit nearby galleries and shops.

Bus Registration form is available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org Deadline to register is April 15. Spaces

are limited and early reservations are highly recommended.

The Barnes Foundation Museum in Philadelphia offers one of the greatest

private collections of post-impressionist and early-modern art. Explore more than 3,000 masterpieces, including 181 Renoirs, 69 Cézannes, 59 Matisses, 46 Picassos, and seven Van Goghs. The collection also includes

African sculpture, decorative objects, metalwork, Native American ceramics and jewelry, Pennsylvania German furniture, and textiles. More information about the museum collection, please visit: www.barnesfoundation.org

For additional questions: Please contact the Worcester County Arts Council: 410-641-0809 or email: curator@worcestercountyartscouncil.org.



Alexander Hamilton was influential in early America

By **Dr. Joseph Palmisano**

Initially in the shadow of presidents Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and Madison, Alexander Hamilton has often been considered to be a lesser light among the "Founding Fathers."



Joe Palmisano

Largely due to the astounding success of the Broadway hit show, "Hamilton," interest in this

early patriot has resurfaced.

I decided to dig deeper into his life and activities, and I wasn't disappointed. In fact, my eyes were opened to the possibility that next to Washington, he may have been the primary architect of the United States as we know it today.

He was born in 1755 on the island of Nevis in the British West Indies, an illegitimate child of a mother of French Huguenot and British ancestry and a Scots father, James A. Hamilton. He was orphaned as a child by his mother's death and his father's abandonment. He was raised by relatives

and a prosperous merchant family, and when he showed intelligence and talent, he was sent to New York City to pursue his education. He attended and graduated from King's College, now Columbia University.

He played a major role in the Revolutionary War. At first, in a militia

company he raised himself. He soon caught the eye of General Washington who appointed him a senior aide. Washington practically adopted him, along with the young Lafayette. He was invaluable for numerous missions to other generals and he was frequently Washington's interface with

the Continental Congress. He yearned for combat, and Washington finally gave him a key command in the final battle at Yorktown. He performed with courage and leadership and was instrumental in the final British surrender.

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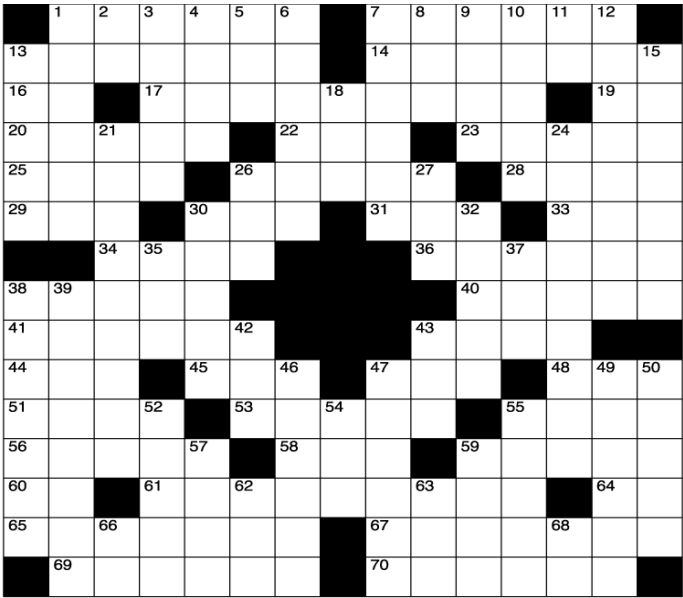
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16. Promotes international cooperation (abbr.)

17. Your folks

19. Publicity

20. Moves up

22. Dept. of Labor

23. Physicist Enrico

25. Whitney and Manning are two

26. Human foot (pl.)

28. Coral is an example

29. Extended error correction

30. Small amount

31. Dash

33. The greatest of all time

34. Middle Eastern country

36. Ravine
38. Cup-like cavity

40. Chemical substances

41. Extremely stupid behavior

43. He built Arantea

44. Beverage beloved by Brits

45. Cereal plant

47. Signal

48. A bar bill

51. Comedienne Faris

53. Preface to a book

55. Stores grain

56. In a way, medicated

58. Small island (British)

59. An Indiana-based hoopster

60. Measures width of printed matte

61. Riders use this to transport good

64. Once more

65. Thin layers

67. Says again

69. Cleans thoroughly

70. Warnings

CLUES DOWN

1. Relating to male organ

2. Indicates position

3. Covers with frost

4. Makes a soft murmuring sound

5. Wood

6. Type of fuel

7. Confused

8. Where you go at night

9. Canadian flyers

10. Type of birch tree

11. Beloved Welsh princess

12. Coated

13. Smooth substance of crushed fruit

15. Improves intellectually

18. A sign of assent

21. Island-based Italians

24. Pragmatic

26. Peter's last name

27. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
30. Mexican city

32. Sir Samuel __, Brit. statesman

35. Summer Olympics were just her

37. Fiddler crabs

38. Southern military academy

39. Tumors

42. Speaks incessantly

43. Sacred sound in Indian religions

46. Transactions

47. Et-__

49. Reminders

50. Doesn't interest

52. Norse gods

54. Canola is one type

55. Beloved sportscaster Craig

57. Irish mother goddess

59. Daddy

62. Press against lightly

63. Sound unit

66. Master of Ceremonies

68. Morning



Answers for February 8



Fishing Report: A few tog are being caught offshore when the weather permits. Looks like the sea bass season will start again May 15. DNR has stocked 500 trout in the Shad Landing Pond on February 2 and will stock another 300 late in March. The 2017 Maryland Fishing Regulations should be released sometime this month but there is still no official decision on flounder for the 2017 season.

Let's go Crappie Fishing: It's this time of year I like to start crappie fishing. In our area we have white and black crappie. Many times they are the same colors and most can't tell them apart. Black crappie have seven or eight dorsal spines and white only six. They also have many different names such as calico bass, white perch, cripie, and papermouth to name a few. They grow 3-5" their first year and to 7-8" their second year. Most crappie caught are in the range of one half to one pound.

Where to go? One area I found to be a hot spot is the Pocomoke River at Shad Landing Just off route 113. You will need a Maryland Freshwater Fishing License to fish this area. Check the current regulations but usually there is no closed season and no size requirement. Also you are allowed 15 fish per day or 30 possession in aggregate

What equipment do I need? An ultra light spinning outfit spooled with 4lb test monofilament line is best. The

rod can be 5.5 or 6' you will also need a good assortment of fine quality bobbers and size 6 and 8 short shank hooks.

What bait should I use? Crappie feed primarily on small minnows and insects. The bait of choice in my opinion is small live minnows of 1-2" maximum. These can be hooked through the lips on a size 8 hook with a bobber a couple feet above the minnow. Some fishermen prefer to jig for them and an assortment of crappie jigs can be found at local tackle shops.

Where should I fish? They prefer structure. Drop your minnow or jig next to boat docks, trees or cypress roots and wait for the bite with minnows are move you jig in a jigging motion slowly so it looks like a minnow. Don't hesitate to move around until you find them. They are a schooling fish so when you catch one there are likely to more in the area.

What about eating? How can I prepare them? Crappie are one of the best eating fish around. Here are a few recipes.

Pope's Texas Crappie by Russell Pope. This recipe uses the whole fish cleaned and scaled.

Coat crappie in sour cream (don't thin the sour cream)

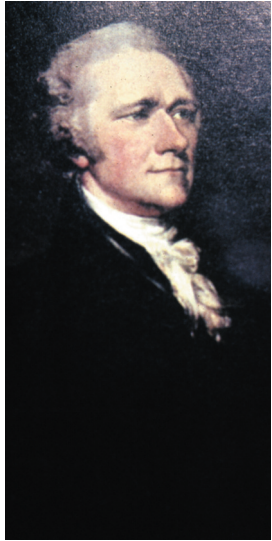
Roll in mixture of salt pepper and

please see capt. ron on page 13

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.,February 16	11:08 a.m. 11:34 p.m.	5:06 a.m. 5:26 a.m.	6:49 a.m.	5:40 p.m.
Fri., February 17	11:53 a.m.	5:56 a.m. 6:11 p.m.	6:48 a.m.	5:41 p.m.
Sat., February 18	12:24 a.m. 12:43 p.m.	6:49 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	6:48 a.m.	5:41 p.m.
Sun.,February 19	1:20 a.m. 1:38 p.m.	7:44 a.m. 7:50 p.m.	6:45 a.m.	5:43 p.m.
Mon.,February 20	2:19 a.m. 2:37 p.m.	8:41 a.m. 8:44 p.m.	6:44 a.m.	5:44 p.m.
Tues.,February 21	3:17 a.m. 3:33 p.m.	9:38 a.m. 9:38 p.m.	6:43 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
Wed.,February 22	4:10 a.m. 4:24 p.m.	10:32 a.m. 10:30 p.m.	6:41 a.m.	5:46 p.m.

hamilton
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When Washington became president, he appointed Hamilton to be Secretary of the Treasury, and he soon became the new president's closest confidant.



He is considered to be the father of the American Monetary System including a national mint, national bank, and the decimal system for American currency.

He founded the Federalist party which championed a strong central government, a strong national military, and a powerful chief executive.

Hamilton was often at odds with Jefferson and Madison who believed

in an agrarian society with strong states' rights and a state militia rather than national Armed Forces.

The difference of opinion eventually led to the emergence of the Two-Party system which remains to this day. Jefferson's party became the Democratic-Republican party, later known as Republican, then Democrat.

In spite of their differences, Hamilton was instrumental in helping Jefferson get elected president in 1800 at the expense of Aaron Burr, who Hamilton considered to be unworthy.

Over the ensuing years, the enmity between Burr and Hamilton festered and finally culminated in Burr's challenging him to a duel. A series of attempts to reconcile were to no avail, and the duel was set for July 11, 1804 in Weehawken, New Jersey.

Vice-president Burr's shot entered Hamilton's abdomen, delivering what turned out to be a fatal wound. Hamilton's shot broke a tree branch over Burr's head causing no harm. It has never been determined who fired first. Seconds disagreed on this.

Hamilton died the following day,

and he is buried in Trinity churchyard in Manhattan.

The early Republican party became the Democratic party of Jefferson and Jackson.

Hamilton's reputation was mostly negative in the era of Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracy, but later luminaries such as Henry Cabot Lodge and Theodore Roosevelt recognized his leadership in the formation of our present Two-Party system which has given us the type of government which, though not perfect, has allowed a peaceful transfer of au-

thority for over two hundred years.

Personally, I've always lamented the fact that this highly influential American should be killed in a duel while still in his forties, depriving our country of his vision and talents.

I'm pleased that he is finally getting recognition he so richly deserves.

Dr. Joseph Palmisano is a columnist featured monthly in The Courier. He resides in Ocean Pines and is the author of "Doctor Joe, A Family Doctor in the Twentieth Century."

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The organization's recent Beef and Beer event raised more than \$6,000 that will be donated to Warrior Canine Connection. Warrior Canine Connection enlists Service Members and Veterans with combat stress in the critical mission of training service dogs for fellow Wounded Warriors.

Spaghetti fundraiser scheduled

A Girl Scout Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be held Monday, March 13 at DeNovo's restaurant in Ocean Pines at 5 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. There will be door prizes and face painting by Susan Delaney. Proceeds benefit the Girl Scout Chesapeake Council -Service unit 7. For tickets call Anna Foulz at 410-641-7667 or Beverly Meadows at 443-235-1019.


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Presidents' Day Spotlight

Millard Fillmore

Millard Fillmore was the 13th President of the United States, assuming the nation's highest office when President Zachary Taylor died in office after serving a little more than a year as president.

Fillmore, a Whig lawyer from western New York who served as Taylor's Vice President, was the last American president who was not affiliated with the Democratic or Republican parties. An early member of the Whig party, in 1851, Fillmore became the only president in American history to appoint a Whig Supreme Court Justice after his recess appointment of Benjamin Robbins Curtis was confirmed by the United States Senate in December of that year.

Fillmore rose to occupy the White House after a humble upbringing in the Finger Lakes region of New York. At 15, the future president was ap-

prenticed to a cloth dresser but was admitted to the bar in 1823 and soon became a successful lawyer in Buffalo.

Fillmore soon ventured into politics as well, using his Whig connections to run for the House of Representatives, where he served for eight years. By 1848, Fillmore was realizing even more ambitious pursuits, as he was elected to serve as Taylor's Vice President.

He would not serve long in that role, as an illness that befell President Taylor on July 4, 1850, would claim his life just five days later. That thrust Fillmore into the presidency and right into the heart of heated debate surrounding the Compromise of 1850, a package of bills that aimed to defuse tensions and confrontations between the slave states of the south and the free states of the north.

Fillmore would ultimately sign all five bills in the Compromise of 1850 into law, but it was his support for the

Fugitive Slave Act, a controversial element of the compromise that required all escaped slaves, upon capture, be returned to their masters and that officials and citizens in free states had to cooperate with the law. Signing and enforcing the act would come back to haunt Fillmore in 1852, when he decided to run for a full term as President. The Whig Party, still upset that Fillmore supported the act, chose not to nominate Fillmore. That decision effectively ended Fillmore's political career, though he did make a memorable run as a third party candidate in the election of 1856. In that election, Fillmore was the presidential nominee of the American Party, winning 21 percent of the vote, which was one of the best showings a third-party presidential candidate ever produced.

Millard Fillmore passed away on March 8, 1874, from complications of a stroke.

Presidential Tidbits ...

Zachary Taylor received his nomination for presidency late because he refused all postage due correspondences.

Zachary Taylor was the second president to die in office. Taylor spent July 4, 1850, at a ceremony at the Washington Monument. He became ill from the heat and died five days later of intestinal ailments. Recently, his body was exhumed because some believed he was poisoned, but this was proved to be false.

Zachary Taylor's wife, Margaret, learned to shoot a gun when she lived with her husband on the Western frontier. When she lived in the White House, she refused to serve as hostess, giving that role to their daughter Betty Taylor Bliss


When Millard Fillmore moved into the White House, it didn't have a Bible. He and his wife, Abigail, installed the first library.

Millard Fillmore installed the first bathtub and kitchen stove in the White House.

Millard Fillmore refused an honorary degree from Oxford University because he felt he had "neither literary nor scientific attainment."


Millard Fillmore and his cabinet helped fight the Library Congress fire of 1851.

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-George W. Bush



The destiny of our Nation will be determined in the coming years.

A message from the Republican Women of Worcester County

OBITUARY**Walter Theodore Gorkey, 75**

Walter Theodore Gorkey, 75 of Berlin, passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at Coastal Hospice At The Lake in Salisbury. Born in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Joseph H. Gorkey and Elizabeth Baker Gorkey.

He was a member of UAW and the Kegler Korner Bowling League in Millsboro, and a former member of St. Lukes Catholic Church in Baltimore. Walter worked for over 30 years with perfect attendance for General Motors, retiring in 1993. He enjoyed fishing, boating, camping and nature walks in state parks. He was known for his great sense of humor and he would go out of his way to accept everyone. He and his wife would open their home to summer exchange students in the Ocean City area.

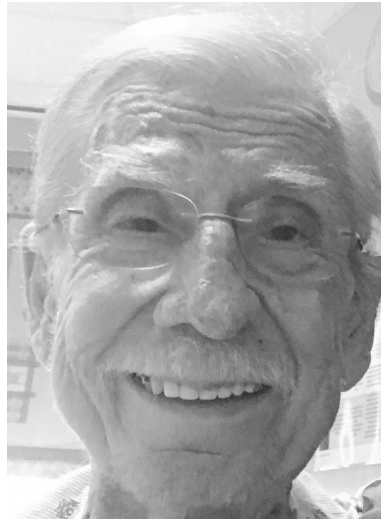
He is survived by his loving spouse of 50 years, Dorothy Lee Gorkey; 2 daughters, Andrea Elizabeth Hoopes of Ocean Pines, and Arlene Marie Rosen of Mineola, FL; and 4 grandchildren, Asher, Madison, Clara Mei, & Lorelei.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by 3 brothers, Joseph Gorkey, Frank Gorkey, and Julian Gorkey; and a sister, Elizabeth Baxley.

A Celebration of His Life will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm at the Holloway Funeral Home in Salisbury with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Officiating will be Rev. Kevin Wackett.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Worcester County Humane Society, 12330 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin, MD 21811.

Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home, PA, 501 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804. Please visit www.hollowayfh.com to express condolences to the family.



capt. ron
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corn meal

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Sharp's Crappie Recipe by Douglas Sharp – Uses fillets

Fillet your catch the way you like them

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Salt and pepper to taste

Mix the above according to how much you'll need to cover your fillets.

Heat your frying oil to at least 375 degrees, drop those fillets in, and let'em fry till brown. Take'em out and squeeze some fresh lemon on them. Your tongue will slap your face! Hope you enjoy.

Did you know?

-It takes approximately seven years for the average American lobster to reach one pound. Also, American lobsters have longer life spans than both cats and dogs, living over 20 years.

-Out of more than 360 species of sharks, only a handful of species pose a potential threat to humans.

-Elephants and deer kill more people every year than sharks.

Remember to take a kid fishing
Capt. Ron

February is National Children's Dental Health Month

February is National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM). Every February, thousands of dental organizations and providers throughout the nation take time to engage in special educational programs about the importance of children's oral health. This February, the Worcester County Health Department Dental Clinic is providing oral health screening and education in public elementary schools.

The Clinic hosts classes such as the Fluoride Mouth Rinse program for first and second grade students, and provides dental screenings and flourish varnish applications for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students. Dental presentations provided by the clinic are in partnership with the Office of Oral Health and local dentists.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (CDC), tooth decay is the single most common chronic disease among U.S. children. Left untreated, tooth decay (cavities) can cause pain and infections as well as problems eating, speaking and learning. They are responsible for more than 51 million lost school hours each year. In the United States, more than 16 million children go each year without seeing a dentist. Low income and minority children, especially those of Hispanic background, are disproportionately affected by poor oral health and have a greater number of untreated cavities.

"National Children's Dental Health Month is a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of increased public awareness about the importance of children's oral

health," said Debra Stevens, Nursing Director for Worcester County Health Department. "Many people don't realize that tooth decay, though very common in children, it is nearly 100 percent preventable! Every parent should know that good oral health is important and that cavities are pretty easy to prevent. Starting good oral health habits in children at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits will help children get off to a healthy start and maintain a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums."

Tips for Preventing Tooth Decay in Children

-Schedule a child's first dental visit when his or her first tooth appears, or by the first birthday.

-Provide children with healthy snacks such as fruits and vegetables, and avoid sugary foods and drinks. Give them water to drink between meals.

-Brush your child's teeth with toothpaste that has fluoride at least twice a day for two minutes. The amount of toothpaste that goes on the toothbrush depends on the child's age. Children need brushing supervision until seven to eight years of age.

-Ask your child's dentist about the need for fluoride treatment.

-Ask about dental sealants when your child's back permanent teeth first come in

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