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Golf back under OPA management

Ocean Pines Golf Club, the only Robert Trent Jones Championship Course on Maryland's Eastern Shore, has effectively transitioned management of day-to-day operations back to its general manager and Ocean Pines Board of Directors. The change took place Wednesday, March 1.



Tom Herrick

Landscapes Unlimited, a Lincoln, Neb.-based third-party management firm, had actively directed club operations since May 1, 2015. According to both Landscapes President Tom Everett and Ocean Pines Association President Tom Herrick, the decision to terminate the management agreement was wholly amicable, as significant operational strides were clearly made during the last 22 months.

"But ultimately," Everett said Wednesday, "The new Board and interim general manager wanted to consolidate all operations under one roof."

"Landscapes Unlimited has some of the best people in the industry and worked really hard to achieve the objectives that were laid out for them, but in the end we felt it best that we control our own destiny going forward," added Herrick. "Resident play increased under Landscapes' leadership, but membership sales had not taken off like we had hoped. I will give them credit, however: They laid the groundwork for the golf club to continue to improve the club atmosphere for Ocean Pines residents."

Everett confirmed that Landscapes grew operating profit at the golf club in the first 12 months of its engagement, compared to the previous year, but was hampered with 27 less playable days over the course of the next 10 months.

"We reached out to Landscapes and asked if they would consider relinquishing operations to the OPA and the General Manager and they agreed to do so," explained OPA Interim General Manager Brett Hill. "They really wanted to continue what they started, but understood the Association's predicament."

It is anticipated the existing management team will remain in place going forward.

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Success - Berlin Intermediate School's McDonalds PTA fundraiser was a huge success thanks to the many teachers and faculty members that participated in various stations throughout the restaurant.

Pictured are Jen McDowell, Kelly Feagans, and Darlene Charvat.



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Anglers to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. The speaker will be Corporal Bradley Bunting of the DNR Police who will bring attendees up to date on existing and new boating and fishing regulations. Club members will also provide the latest size and limit updates for the 2017 Flounder and Striped Bass season. All are welcome.

AGH to hold open house for women's center

Atlantic General Hospital and Health System announced that the Atlantic General Women's Health Center in West Ocean City now offers 3D mammography, ultrasound, and bone density screening, conveniently located in the same complex as lab services, minor surgical procedures and routine gynecologic services. Now women can save time and trouble by scheduling all of their well woman exams at once.

The new offices of Christine Neto, MD; Kevin J. Lee, MD, MSPH, FACOG; Lisa Bayles, DNP, CRNP; and Nicki Akstinas, CRNP, are located in Suite 8 of Atlantic General Medical Center located at 12308 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City. The women's imaging services are provided in Suite 5.

Neto is maintaining office hours in Pocomoke as well to ensure continued ease of patient access in the southern part of Worcester County. In addition, women's health specialist Brandi Musselman, MD, is providing care at the West

Ocean City location, while maintaining her primary practice in Selbyville, Del.

Gynecology appointments can be made by calling 443-728-1050. Appointments for 3D mammograms or other imaging services can be made by calling 443-728-1090.

An open house is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. The community is invited for tours and refreshments and to meet the providers.

Parrotheads to meet

Ocean City Parrothead Club Social will be held Sunday, March 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All current members and anyone interested in becoming a member are invited to join the group at Seacrets, 49th Street and the Bay. The afternoon will begin with tour of new distillery. There is a \$10 charge for the tour. Food and drink specials will be available. Email ocphc@comcast.net for more information.

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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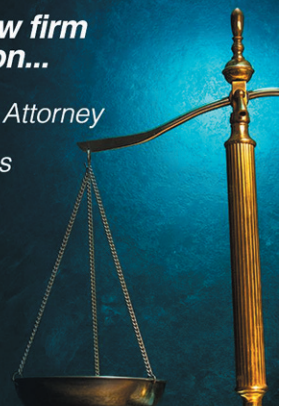
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Governor declares State of Emergency to combat heroin, opioid crisis

Governor Larry Hogan today signed Executive Order 01.01.2017.02 declaring a State of Emergency in response to the heroin, opioid, and fentanyl crisis ravaging communities in Maryland and across the country. This declaration activates the governor's emergency management authority and enables increased and more rapid coordination between the state and local jurisdictions. The governor, along with Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford, also announced \$50 million in new funding to address the crisis, as well as the appointment of the governor's senior emergency management advisor Clay Stamp to lead the state's coordinated effort to combat the crisis.

Governor Hogan and Lt. Governor Rutherford made the announcement at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Emergency Operations Center in Reisterstown, MD. They were joined by Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention Executive Director Glenn Fueston, MEMA Executive Director Russ Strickland, Department of Human Resources Secretary Lourdes Padilla, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Secretary Dennis Schrader, Department of Juvenile Services Secretary Sam Abed, Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel William Pallozzi, Dr. Sylvia Lawson of the Maryland State Education Department, and emergency management officials from jurisdictions across the state.



Larry Hogan

"We need to treat this crisis the exact same way we would treat any other state emergency. With this continuing threat increasing at such an alarming rate, we must allow for rapid coordination with our state and local emergency teams," said Governor Hogan. "We must cut through the red tape so that we are empowering the important work being done in our many state agencies and at the local level all across our state. This is about taking an all-hands-on-deck approach so that together we can save the lives of thousands of Marylanders."

"The fact of the matter is that people all across Maryland, and across our country, are looking for answers when it comes to this heroin and opioid epidemic. Too many families know the devastation caused by this crisis and the death toll is climbing," said Lt. Governor Rutherford. "Ultimately, this is about saving lives, and it will take all of us working together in a collaborative, holistic approach to achieve that."

The State of Emergency declaration is a result of the initial findings of the Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC) established by the administration in January to facilitate greater collaboration among state agencies, including health and human services, education, and public safety entities. The OCCC's work made it clear that the state needed greater flexibility to activate emergency teams in jurisdictions across the state and engage local communities. The governor's executive order delegates emergency powers to state and local emergency management officials, enabling them to fast-track coordination

among state and local agencies and community organizations, including private sector and nonprofit entities to ensure whole-community involvement.

The governor also announced a supplemental budget of \$50 million in new funding over a five-year period to support Maryland's prevention, recovery, and enforcement efforts. Rather than locking us into inflexible spending through statute, the governor's plan will provide flexibility to public health and safety professionals in order to address this emergency.

Finally, the governor announced that he has tasked his senior advisor for emergency management, Clay Stamp, to oversee this coordinated effort. As Executive Director of MEMA, Stamp managed the administration's response to the Baltimore riots in 2015, and has proven experience with efficiently and effectively facilitating efforts between state, local, and community-based entities to respond to

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The Sealyham Terrier is a relatively new breed that has experienced dramatic highs and lows during its short history. These little dogs are smart, strong workers and also make loving companions.

The breed was developed in Wales. John



Tucker-Edwardes, who lived on an estate called Pem-brookshire, Wales, developed the Sealyham Terrier.

Tucker-Edwardes did not keep breeding records, but experts believe he used the Wire Fox Terrier, the West Highland White Terrier, the Dandie Dinmont Terrier, and the now extinct English White Terrier to create his new breed.

Their white coats ensure They Stand Out. Tucker-Edwardes valued a white coat because it ensured his dogs would stand out against the gray and brown colors of the terrain where they hunted. White is still the only acceptable color for a Sealyham, though lemon, tan or badger colored markings on the head and ears are allowed.

Investigation necessary for democracy

Editor:

As of now we have the FBI, the DOJ, the CIA, the House Intelligence Committee, the Senate Intelligence Committee and probably even other agencies I am not aware of investigating the connections between President Trump's administration and Russia. Yet, the public's confidence that we will know the whole truth behind Russia's involvement and interference in our election continues to diminish with each week's reports of obstruction by the Trump administration. This week it is the report of our newly sworn in Attorney General, the former Senator Jeff Sessions, a Trump backer and surrogate, admitting to having meetings with Russian officials. During his confirmation hearing though, Sen. Sessions denied knowing of any

contact by Trump surrogates and Russian officials. Last week we found out that the White House contacted the FBI to ask them to tap down the stories circulating about Trump's campaign's association with Russian officials. Now it is revealed that both heads of the House Intelligence Committee and the Senate Intelligence Committee were also asked to do likewise and, they, unlike the FBI, actually complied with this request! Both Chairs of these committees, Senator Richard Burr and Representative Devin Nunes can no longer be considered to be fair and objective. The very integrity of their Committee has now been violated by their actions.

The people of the United States, for the very sake of our Democracy, need to have a fair and thorough accounting into Russia's interference in our elec-

toral process. This is not and should not be a partisan investigation. The possibility that a foreign country involved themselves in our election process should shake the very timbers of every citizen's soul. If we ignore this possibility or try to minimize it, assures us that it will only happen again with even greater success and greater consequences for the future of our country.

It is with all this in mind that I am asking my fellow country persons to call their Representatives and Senators to demand an open, independent and transparent investigation into Russia's involvement in the 2016 election. We deserve no less.

Constance W. Hughes, DDS
 Bishopville

Tourism officials call for Green nominations

Worcester County Tourism is accepting nominations through April 10, 2017 for the 6th annual Worcester Green Awards. Worcester Green celebrates excellence in promoting environmentally friendly practices, strategies and products.

"Our county is fortunate to have so many who are dedicated to cultivating a more sustainable tomorrow," Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger said. "I'm so impressed that every year we receive more and more applications that highlight remarkable efforts to use best practices."

Awards will be granted to Worcester County businesses that demonstrate extraordinary performance related to sustainable environmental practices, such as water conservation, wastewater management, the promotion of alternative transportation and transit, recycling, energy conservation, on-site renewable energy production, use of local products and food sources and the purchase of renewable energy. Nominations are being accepted in the following five categories:

Community Leader: Business Person or Organization - This award will recognize a long term contribution to the environment by an individual, volunteer or an organization. Efforts should engage community building or conservation.

Business: This award will recognize a positive ecological footprint in some

or all of these areas: storm water, recycling, sedimentation and erosion controls, construction debris reuse, and energy innovation.

Lodging: This award will recognize a lodging partner that includes some or all of these practices: recycles, use of organic cleaning supplies, reduction of water consumption and use of alternative energy sources.

Restaurant: This award will recognize a restaurant that has made a concerted effort to buy local, recycle, reduce waste and energy consumption and involve staff and community.

Teacher: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated leadership in teaching others about the environment.

Applicants will be judged on their overall level of commitment, measurable environmental benefits or progress, cost savings, and customer outreach and engagement. To qualify, applicants must reside or operate businesses in Worcester County. Awards will be announced during the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association dinner meeting on April 20 in Ocean City.

Worcester Green is sponsored by Worcester County Tourism, Comcast Spotlight, OceanCity.com, OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, and Maryland Green Travel.

For more information about the Worcester Green Awards, visit www.visitworcester.org.

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"We always want to make sure we leave a facility in better shape than when we found it, and I can confidently say we have done so at Ocean Pines," Everett said. "We certainly wanted to continue to develop the club environment — the people of Ocean Pines deserve nothing less. But neither did we want to stand in the Association's way if they wanted to centralize operations. We wish them all the best."

Landscapes Management Company manages more than 40 golf properties nationwide, public and private, and employs more than 1,500 staff during peak season. It is supported through a full complement of corporate team members and resources in the areas of operations, agronomy, food and beverage, sales, marketing, accounting, legal, human resources, information technology, golf construction/renovation, vertical construction and irrigation.

Ocean Pines Golf Club is open to the public with memberships available for the whole family and is the perfect setting for group outings and tournaments. Our professionally-staffed facility features an expansive clubhouse with dining, full-service Golf Shop, locker room facilities, sheltered driving area, practice chipping and pitching green, two practice putting greens, two practice sand bunkers and a modern learning center. Other services available include clinics, private lessons, club repair, club cleaning and bag storage.

The joys of a rainy day

Tippy tap. Tippy tap. Tippy tap.

There's just something about a rainy day that is very attractive especially if you have no plans and don't have to go out. Rainy days can really set a mood for laziness, kicking back and not getting

product of rainy miserable days.

Another by-product is the importance of food. What to eat, especially for dinner, is a very important consideration on days like these. By their very nature, rainy days are much more laid back so

taking the time to prepare a nice meal, enjoying the process of preparation while drinking a glass of wine (or two or three) is a natural fit. Truthfully in my house it's my wife who does the meal prepping and me who does the drinking. It's a division of

labor that works for us. There are certain meals that fit hand in glove with a rainy day. My all time favorite meal is my wife's pot roast. I guess it's my comfort, feel good all over, food. Who doesn't like to feel all warm inside by sopping up the remnant gravy with a buttered oven roll when it's so nasty outside?

Once dinner is over it's time to pop in another movie, settle into the recliner and slide comfortably into a light slumber as the wet darkness outside grows even darker.

I've heard some people say they've occupied their time on a rainy day by doing odd, often

pushed-off-as-long-as-possible, jobs around the house. Jobs such as cleaning the stove top, taking down and washing the curtains or cleaning the chandelier fall into this category. Obviously these people don't understand the importance of watching "The Godfather" for the umpteenth time. Occasionally I've attempted to tackle an odd job around the house. The problem I've found is that there are so many odd jobs stacked up on the "to do" list that I don't know where to begin. To avoid wasting a perfectly good, dreary, very wet day, I set aside the list and gaze out the window watching the rain come down and the tree limbs sway. On days like these such lazy idleness is more fulfilling than crossing something off the "to do" list. At least that's what I've convinced myself and have almost convinced my wife.

Now if you'll excuse me, Michael is about to tell Fredo he knows that it was him.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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dressed until later in the day. Days like these provide an opportunity to read a good book while curled up in a comfortable chair or for watching favorite old movies.

Waking up on a Saturday morning, hearing the rain hit the leaves outside and listening to the rhythmic beat as the drops beat against the window pane lull me into a rather comfortable, cozy frame of mind.

At times like these I have lain awake in my gray lit room, under the covers just absorbing nature's performance. It's a soothing experience akin to listening to waves crashing upon the shore. I

could stay this way for hours. Of course I can't spend the entire day in bed, snug as a bug in a rug. Prolonged attention to the sounds of falling rain stimulates a need to answer nature's call.

Eventually I roll out of bed, slip into my comfortable slippers and slide into my robe. Then I amble into the kitchen to make myself a cup of tea. I'm in no hurry for the tea water to churn to a boil as evidenced by the fact that I take time to scan the junk mail on the counter.

There are several movies I enjoy watching when the weather outside is gray, damp and wet. For me nothing says bad weather favorites like "The Godfather," "The Godfather Part II," "Mr. Blandings Builds his Dream House," "Patton" and "Citizen Kane." "Tora, Tora, Tora!" and "Waking Ned Devine" also make the list. Usually I'm good for the first 15 to 20 minutes before I fall asleep in the recliner, waking up just before the climactic final scene. It's been my experience that napping is a frequent by-





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Participants will learn the basics of thunderstorm development, fundamentals of storm structure, how to identify potential severe weather, collect information to report along with how to report that information, and basic severe weather safety.

The effects of severe weather are felt every year by many Americans. To

obtain critical weather information, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service (NWS), part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, established SKYWARN with partner organizations. SKYWARN is a volunteer program with nearly 290,000 trained severe weather spotters. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate information.

The deadline to register is March 31. To register for this training, visit <http://www.weather.gov/akq/SKYWARN>. If you have any questions or need help registering, contact Donna Smith at dmsmith@wicomico-county.org or 410-548-4820.

4-H youth workshops offered

The Worcester County UME 4-H Youth Development Program is offering two STEM based Home Arts workshops in March and April.

The Beginner Sewing Workshop is a six-week course for youth ages 8 to 18, beginning Tuesday, March 11, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Community Center located at 18 3rd Street in Pocomoke. The basics of sewing, stitching, marking and cutting fabric are taught, allowing youth to create simple projects. Participants will learn to operate a computerized sewing machine. Advanced registration is required and limited to the first 15 paid registrants. \$20 for 4-H members; \$30 for non 4-H members. All equipment, fabric and supplies are

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Against the wall - On February 18, Worcester Democrats joined other participants who are against an immigration ban and the wall. The rally was held in Salisbury. Pictured are Susan Buyer, Toby Perkins, Sandy Sribnick, Carolyn Herbert, Sandy Miller, Chuck Herbert, Kathy Emmert, Kay Reynolds and Judy Davis.

Chamber to host expo

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will hold the 7th Annual Chamber Business Expo on Thursday, March 16 from 4 p.m. 7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

All Worcester County business people (employers and employees) are invited to attend and display their services or goods. Last year over 35 exhibitors displayed their services and products with creative and interactive exhibits in a wide range of interest such as: business products, home improvements, social media, health care, education, financial, insurance, travel, beauty, massage, promotional products and more. There will be door prizes donated from local businesses and a

50/50 raffle.

This is a great networking opportunity for members of all area chambers and for business men and women to mingle with fellow business owners, learn about new businesses in town and talk to hundreds of potential customers. This event is open to the public. All area business people, local chamber members and professionals are encouraged to attend.

Refreshment and light fare will be sponsored by Ocean Pines Association and complimentary beer, wine and soda sponsored by Farmers Bank of Willards.

For more information and to register, contact the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-5306 or visit: www.OceanPinesChamber.org.



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Tuesday

Burger and French Fries \$6

Wednesday

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Friday

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Blood Bank announces names new CEO

John Ferretti, the immediate past chairman of the board of Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD), has been chosen to lead the organization as its next President and Chief Executive Officer. The announcement was made today by the Board's Vice Chair, Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital.

"Following an extensive search for a new leader, we found the most qualified candidate was already part of the team overseeing the organization," said Franklin. "John has the ability, knowledge and expertise to continue to guide the Blood Bank of Delmarva's transformation into the future." Ferretti replaces Roy Roper, who announced last September his intentions to retire at the end of March.

John brings to the position over 25 years of executive and entrepre-

neurial leadership experience as a performance-driven CEO, board director and private investor. He is known for his ability to identify and spearhead profitable business opportunities, transform operational processes, and secure capital for manufacturing and technology companies. "I look forward to working with the BBD team and serving our Delmarva Community," noted Mr. Ferretti.

In addition to his work with BBD, John serves on the boards of the Visiting Nurses Association of Christiana Care Health System and the ARC Angel Fund. He received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from West Virginia University and his MBA from Monmouth College in New Jersey.

John will officially begin his duties as President and CEO at BBD on April 1.

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provided for use at no additional cost. The workshop runs through April 25. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/wor4Hsewing> or call the Worcester County Extension office, 410-632-1972.

Partnering with Family & Consumer Sciences, 4-H is hosting a "Grow It, Eat It, Preserve It" workshop at the Worcester County Health Department, 6020 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill on Saturday, April 8 and Saturday, April 22 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Open to youth ages 12 to 18, this fun-filled, hands-on experience teaches youth safe preservation of food. Session one is Hot Water Bath Canning and session two focuses on Dehydration and Fermentation. You must register for both sessions. Advanced registration for this two day course is required and limited to the first 15 paid registrants. The cost is \$20 for 4-H members; \$30 for non 4-H members. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/worcester4Hcanning> or call the Worcester County Extension office, 410-632-1972.

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A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

*Our hearts irrigate this earth
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There is no scarcity of debut novels on that literary radar known as the list of best sellers in America, or Europe too, for that matter. (Is it just a myth that it is impossible to get a freshman work of fiction accepted by a reputable publishing house?) A popular piece of debuting fiction from Sweden entitled "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman has landed on our shores and been avidly devoured by readers.

To write off Ove as merely a cantankerous old man (even though he is only 59) is to miss the target entirely.

There are many facets of the man to be taken together from which to construct the whole. Readers see this man emerge as each chapter of the novel pulls the man together – skipping nimbly from the past to the present – so as to enable us to see the entire human persona. "He wasn't one to engage in small talk. He was a man of black and white." Any fragment of waste was a challenge to him, especially when it came to words or money. Picture him as an older Sheldon Cooper from the TV show "The Big Bang Theory."

People also said Ove was bitter and antisocial. Constantly at odds with neighbors. He barrels through life angry with authority, which to him means anyone wearing a white shirt. Admittedly, he has suffered his share of life's more serious setbacks. But

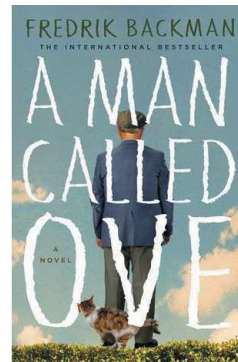
then as a young man he meets Sonja, the prettiest and smartest girl he has ever met. And he falls helplessly in love. So much so that he rides a train miles out of his way just to meet her and then continues in that way until she consents to have dinner with him. "Ove had never been asked how he lived before he met her. But if anyone had asked him, he would have answered that he didn't." He even makes an impression on her father, a man cut from much the same cloth as Ove is himself.

But when he suffers life's big one/two punch it makes him retreat even further into his self-destructive anger. After 40 years of marriage, Sonya dies and shortly thereafter he is made "redundant" at work and retired. So he decides through his own inverted form of logic that suicide is the only answer. Two things make him change his mind: his ineptitude at taking his own life and becoming an unwitting part of his neighbors' lives. And oh yes, there is a third – the cat that decides to make Ove's house its own over the

owner's objections (unheeded).

One neighborly involvement includes a former close friend, Rune, whose mind is being eroded by Alzheimer's and therefore the state's determination to move him from his wife's loving care into an institution. Ove regrets the delay in resolving a long-standing feud with Rune, let alone trying to remember how it all started! "...we are always optimists when it comes to time; we think there will be time to do things with other people" and then time runs out.

In turn with Ove's latter involvement, readers will be introduced to the socialist nature of the Swedish state and its all-encompassing health care system. Social welfare is mostly funded by taxes under the responsibility of the local municipalities. This is translated as financial security in the case of illness including old age assistance when extended care is deemed necessary. It is here where Ove channels some of his smoldering anger and instead puts it into fighting city hall.



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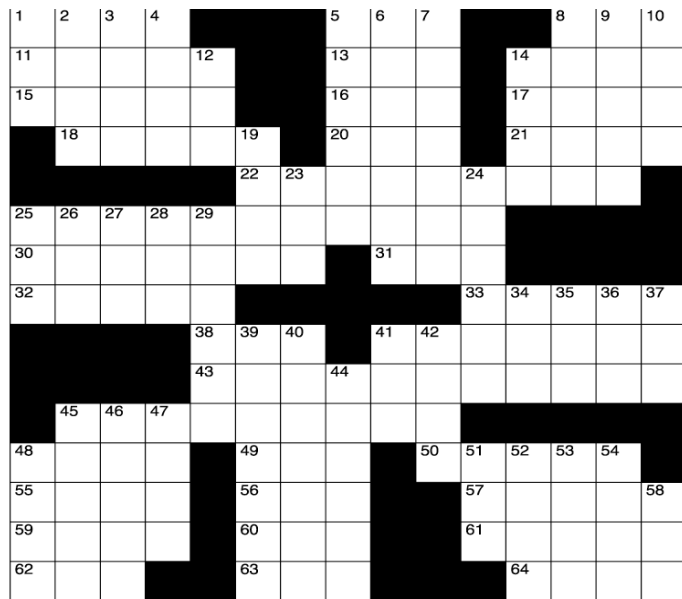
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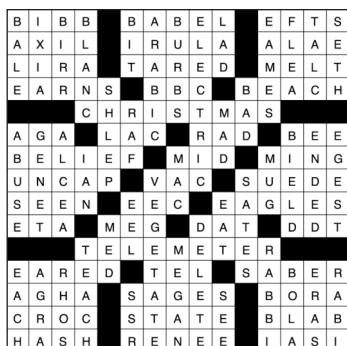


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Fall down
- 5. Walmart founder Walton
- 8. Los Angeles time zone
- 11. Gallantry
- 13. Early Supreme Court justice Bartlett
- 14. One-time governor of MD
- 15. Act of imitating
- 16. Popular basketballer Jeremy
- 17. Round Dutch cheese
- 18. S. American rodents
- 20. Comic opera "Princess ___"
- 21. Commodities buyers and sellers (slang)
- 22. Hovers
- 25. Having had one's head cut off
- 30. One-time monetary unit of Greece
- 31. Not no
- 32. Beloved Cubs third baseman Roi
- 33. Shapes
- 38. Giants signal caller Manning
- 41. Moves all the way around
- 43. Babe Ruth retired as one
- 45. Relinquishing
- 48. Native religion in China
- 49. Not well
- 50. Fill with high spirits
- 55. In bed
- 56. Type of pet
- 57. Somewhere to go
- 59. Smaller quantity
- 60. Ingested
- 61. Singer and Jacobs are two
- 62. Anger
- 63. British rockers ___ Zeppelin
- 64. Like

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Polyvinyl acetate
- 2. Canadian folk musician
- 3. Evergreen trees and shrubs
- 4. Meat from a pig (French)
- 5. Secretion
- 6. Quality of yielding nothing of value
- 7. Aquatic mammal
- 8. Father
- 9. Protective crusts
- 10. Caps
- 12. Handwoven rug
- 14. Soil-like material
- 19. Not wide
- 23. When you aim to get there
- 24. Hold molecules
- 25. Tooth caregiver
- 26. Amount of time
- 27. Beverage container
- 28. Perform
- 29. Appollo's grandmother
- 34. Obsolete home-ent. device
- 35. Serbian mythological demon
- 36. Bulgarian currency
- 37. Midway between south and southeast
- 39. Makes sense
- 40. A way to single out
- 41. Criminal (slang)
- 42. Former Tigers third baseman Brandon
- 44. Wobbled
- 45. Singapore's second highest peak
- 46. Grossly overweight
- 47. Radioactivity units
- 48. Famed Spanish painter
- 51. Internet router algorithm
- 52. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 53. Druidic mother goddess
- 54. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 58. Midway between east and southeast



Answers for March 1



A Mexican winery in the cradle of national independence

I traveled with my family to Mexico for a sunny vacation in February. The weather was amazing and the resort was everything we'd hoped it would be. We found it interesting that the resort had a variety of wines, but the wines were from countries other than Mexico. I didn't find this very surprising since my article last month on Mexican wines cited the hefty 40% tax the Mexican government levies on wines. It wasn't until we reached the airport upon our departure that we found Mexican wine, and we were not disappointed with our purchase.

The wine we purchased was *Torre De Tierra*, a white wine made exclusively from the Semillon grape. On the company's website, the grapes used in the wine are described as being aged for 20 years; they are refrigerated immediately after harvest and fermented at a low temperature. The wine was on the dry spectrum with a tart, peppery flavor that we paired with a dinner of roasted pork and salad. The taste of the wine was good, although the nose of the wine wasn't as appealing. We also tried the wine with some dark chocolate purchased from our trip, and we discovered that the taste combination seemed to heighten the flavor of the wine.

Always one to explore a bit of history, I was thrilled to find a fascinating story behind the winery's name. In fact, the story has now hooked me into wanting to order more bottles from this winery. One reason is the winery's reverence for a priest who inspired his townspeople to follow him in his declaration of independence from Spain. His rallying cry carries a similar theme to our own founding fathers' cry for independence on July 4, 1776.

The winery is Cuna De Tierra and is located in the wine growing region of Dolores Hidalgo. This lovely village is nestled within the Mexican state of Guanajuato, which is situated northwest of Mexico City and east of Guadalajara. The village has an elevation of nearly 6,500 feet above sea level and proudly carries the distinction of being considered the Cradle (hence the name "Cuna") of National Independence. Wine was first cultivated in Guanajuato back in the 16th

Century when Spanish conquistadors brought in their grape varieties to be replanted. The wine produced at that time was strictly for the use of the church.

In 1810, a 50-year-old Jesuit priest by the name of Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla became the town's hero and visionary. His cry for Mexican independence became known as "El Grito de Dolores." The town's name at the time was simply Dolores. He made his impassioned plea from the balcony of his home on September 15. Father Hidalgo urged the townspeople that included Indians, peasant farmers, and *crillos* (people born in Mexico but with Spanish ancestors) to rise up against the ruling class that was solely comprised of Spanish-born leaders. The following day, September 16, 1810, is credited as the start of the war for Mexican Independence. Within one week, a force of 25,000 was raised, and over time the numbers grew to 80,000. While it took 11 years for independence to be won, the town paid tribute to its beloved priest by adding his name to the town's name, and on each anniversary date of September 15, the village re-enacts his famous scene.

Today, the town has over 60,000 residents and is well-known for its beautiful ceramics. Father Hidalgo was the one to introduce ceramics to the residents of Dolores, along with harness making, weaving, leather tooling, blacksmithing, and wine and olive oil production. Is it any wonder the man is so well-loved?

The Cuna de Tierra winery began when two friends named Don Juan Manchon and Don Ignacio Vega began planting vineyards in 1989; these vines were used to make brandy. The first wines came out 16 years later, in 2005. 2007 marked the naming of the winery "Cuna De Tierra" to embrace the region's rich history. Today if you find yourself in the area, there are custom tours available at the winery such as Food Pairings, Tapas and Wines, and a Romantic Evening Gathering. However, if you aren't able to make it to see the winery in person, perhaps the inspiring history behind this winery will spur you, as it has me, into ordering a bottle or two from their website.



Donation drive - On Friday, March 3, Ocean City Elementary (OCES) kicked off its annual Donation Drive for the Ocean City Humane Society. This is the 20th year OCES has been supporting the shelter. There is a donation table in their front lobby where throughout the month, students can donate items such as Friskies canned cat food, dog and cat toys, cat beds, kitty litter, Kongs, peanut butter, paper towels, dish soap and cat treats just to name a few. There is also a collection bucket where families can donate spare change to the shelter. Pictured are third grade students **Abbi Connell, Caleb Loring and Samantha Ruppert.**

Apply for unmanned aircraft systems course

Anyone interested in the next Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) training course being offered by the continuing education and workforce development division at Wor-Wic Community College has until April 15 to apply.

The course will be offered Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 5 to 30, at the college cam-

pus on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

The course introduces students to the history of unmanned aircraft systems, and current and future developments in civil and military operations. Topics covered include unmanned vehicles, communication, navigation, launch and recovery, control stations, payloads and support equipment. Avi-

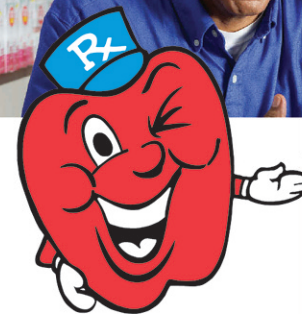
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Fri., March 10	5:42 a.m. 5:58 p.m.	12:07 p.m.	6:19 a.m.	6:03 p.m.
Sat., March 11	6:29 a.m. 6:44 p.m.	12:13 a.m. 12:50 p.m.	6:17 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Sun., March 12	8:13 a.m. 8:28 p.m.	1:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:05 p.m.
Mon., March 13	8:54 a.m. 9:10 p.m.	2:43 a.m. 3:08 p.m.	7:14 a.m.	7:06 p.m.
Tues., March 14	9:34 a.m. 9:51 p.m.	3:25 a.m. 3:45 p.m.	7:12 a.m.	7:07 p.m.
Wed., March 15	10:14 a.m. 10:31 p.m.	4:07 a.m. 4:22 p.m.	7:11 a.m.	7:08 p.m.

F-22 Raptor to perform at air show

The 2017 OC Air Show will feature the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor Demo Team. The A-10 Thunderbolt II, returning to air shows for the first time since 2012 will also participate in the Air Force Heritage Flight along with a P-51 Mustang and the F-22. The 10th anniversary edition of the OC Air Show will take place June 17-18, 2017 over the beach and boardwalk of Ocean City, Maryland.

The F-22 Raptor is America's superfighter and the only operational fifth-generation fighter aircraft in the world today. Its combination of stealth, supercruise, thrust vectoring, and integrated avionics, represents an exponential leap in fighter aircraft capabilities. With only 186 F-22s in the fleet, the operational demand for them is significant so the U.S. Air Force limits air show demonstrations to only 24 per year.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II is a single-seat, twin engine, ground attack aircraft commonly referred to as the

Warthog or Hog. It was designed for close-in support of ground troops. The A-10's 30mm Avenger autocannon in one of the most powerful cannons ever flown. It fires large armor-piercing shells at a high rate of fire. This has given the A-10 the nickname "Tank killer."

"We've pulled off the air show version of a hat trick for our 10th anniversary" said Bryan Lilley, President of the OC Air Show. "With the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey and now the addition of the Air Force F-22 Raptor we have three of the best military demonstrations all at the same show in the same year!"

For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.ocairshow.com or call (877) 722-2927. To request interviews with F-22 Raptor Demo team representatives or OC Air Show officials please contact Chris Dirato at (917) 921-9070.

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ation regulatory system and integration, safety and human factors, ethical and legal issues, and the future of UAS, will also be covered. Students also receive in-class flight simulator experience in a computer laboratory in order to reinforce classroom learning and prepare them for hands-on field experiences.

Tuition is free, but applicants must go through a selection process and space is limited. The training is being funded by an EARN (Employment Advancement Right Now) grant from the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

For more information about the course, visit the college website at www.worwic.edu or call 410-334-2815. To be considered for the training, visit the training programs section on the Quality Staffing Services website at www.easternshorejobs.com or call them at 410-742-2600.

The course is a partnership between Wor-Wic and Sentinel Robotic Solutions in Chincoteague, Va., the

Lower Shore Workforce Alliance in Salisbury, the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International in Arlington, Va., UAV Solutions in Jessup, Md., and Quality Staffing Services in Salisbury.

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And slowly he unwittingly becomes the benefactor to many neighbors in his parcel of council housing. This is especially true of the young family where the Pakistani wife consistently meddles with Ove's Grand Plan for Living and Dying.

While pondering how we "can we live in harmony" as St. Thomas did so long ago there is an old saying to also consider that says, "It takes a village to raise a child." Here in Mr. Backman's novel about a disgruntled man we can paraphrase the latter saying to read, "It takes a village to rescue a man" and realize the beginning of illusive harmony. And I believe that this encapsulates what the author is showing us as we watch anger dim and love and caring prevail.

Democrats meet

The Democratic Club of Worcester County held its monthly meeting February 23 at Ocean Pines' Community Center with Dr. Timothy Dunn, Sociology Professor at Salisbury State as guest speaker. Dr. Dunn spoke at length on the subject of immigration, the current Executive Order and how it applies to immigrants, both entering the county and ones already here. Democratic Club meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month, in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Light refreshments provided. Meetings are open to all interested persons.

Pictured from left: Club Vice President **Jerry White**, **Timothy Dunn**, and club President **Tom Butler**. Photo by Ted Page.



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crises in real time.

"As an emergency management professional, it gives me great honor to have been chosen to lead such an important effort, and to serve next to the many dedicated and highly capable people who are working to eliminate the impact this crisis is having on the people of Maryland," said Stamp.

In January, the governor and lieutenant governor announced the administration's 2017 Heroin Prevention, Treatment, and Enforcement Initiative, a multi-pronged strategy to tackle the evolving threat of heroin and opioid addiction. The initiative includes three important pieces of legislation: the Prescriber Limits Act of 2017, the Distribution of Opioids Resulting in Death Act, and the Overdose Prevention Act, as well as important budgetary actions, including \$4 million in new funding to address the crisis.

Since forcefully recognizing and identifying the rapidly growing opioid and heroin epidemic during the 2014 gubernatorial campaign, Governor Hogan and Lt. Governor Rutherford have made proactively addressing this crisis a cornerstone of the administration's agenda. In 2015, Governor Hogan signed an executive order creating the Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, chaired by Lt. Governor Rutherford. The task force developed 33 recommendations focused on prevention, treatment, and enforcement to aggressively combat the opioid and heroin crisis.

The administration has also addressed the crisis at the regional and national levels. In October 2016, the governor signed a regional compact with Virginia and Washington, D.C. leadership to coordinate the region's response to the crisis. This past weekend, the governor discussed the crisis with fellow governors and senior federal officials at the National Governor's Association winter meeting, and raised the issue as a top priority for the state in a meeting with Maryland's federal delegation convened by the governor in February.



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Foods that cats and dogs should never eat

Nutritious diets are essential to long-term pet health. Many well-intentioned pet owners feed their pets foods they believe are nutritious, only to learn that certain foods, even those deemed healthy for humans, can be quite dangerous to dogs and cats.

Cats and dogs metabolize foods and other substances differently from humans. WebMD reports that each year, there are more than 100,000 cases of pet poisoning in the United States. Many of these instances were caused by household substances that may seem perfectly harmless. Medications, cleaning products and certain foods can poison pets. Dogs tend to be at higher risk for food poisoning, particularly because they are less discriminatory with regard to food.

Before caving into the temptation to share snacks with their pets, pet owners should recognize the common foods the ASPCA and other pet welfare organizations list as the most likely to contribute to pet poisonings worldwide.

Chocolate. Chocolate is accountable for roughly one-quarter of all toxic exposures. Chocolate contains methylx-

anthines, which are found in cacao seeds. When ingested by pets, methylxanthines can cause excessive thirst and urination, panting, vomiting, diarrhea, abnormal heart rhythm, and seizures. Serious cases can be fatal. Dark chocolate and baking chocolate are especially dangerous for pets.

Grapes/raisins. Grapes, raisins, sulfates, and currants, whether raw or cooked, can cause kidney failure in dogs. Not all dogs are affected. However, these fruits should be avoided. Symptoms include lethargy, diarrhea and vomiting within 24 hours of consumption.

Hops. Commonly used for brewing beer, hops have become a greater risk for pets now that home brewing as a hobby or side business has become popular. When ingested, hops can cause a rapid heart rate, anxiety, vomiting, and other abdominal symptoms. Essential oils and tannins in hops also can cause high fever when pets ingest them.

Macadamia nuts. These nuts can cause depression, vomiting, tremors, and hyperthermia in dogs.

NAACP to meet

The Worcester County NAACP will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Germantown School Community Heritage Center located at 10223 Trappe Rd. in Berlin. Gregory Purnell, historian, will talk about local African American heritage. For more information, call 443-944-6701. The NAACP now meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and will rotate locations to accommodate all Worcester residents.

Birders to meet

The Tri-County Bird Club (Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset) will take a field trip to Bombay Hook NWR in Delaware on Saturday, March 11 to look for waterfowl, raptors, late wintering birds, and early spring migrants. Participants should meet at the Ward Museum parking lot in Salisbury at 7:30 a.m. or at the Bombay Hook Visitor Center at 9 a.m. Bring lunch, drinks, and snacks. Dress for the weather in layers. For more information, please call Betty at 410-543-1853 or Ellen at 410-982-8695.



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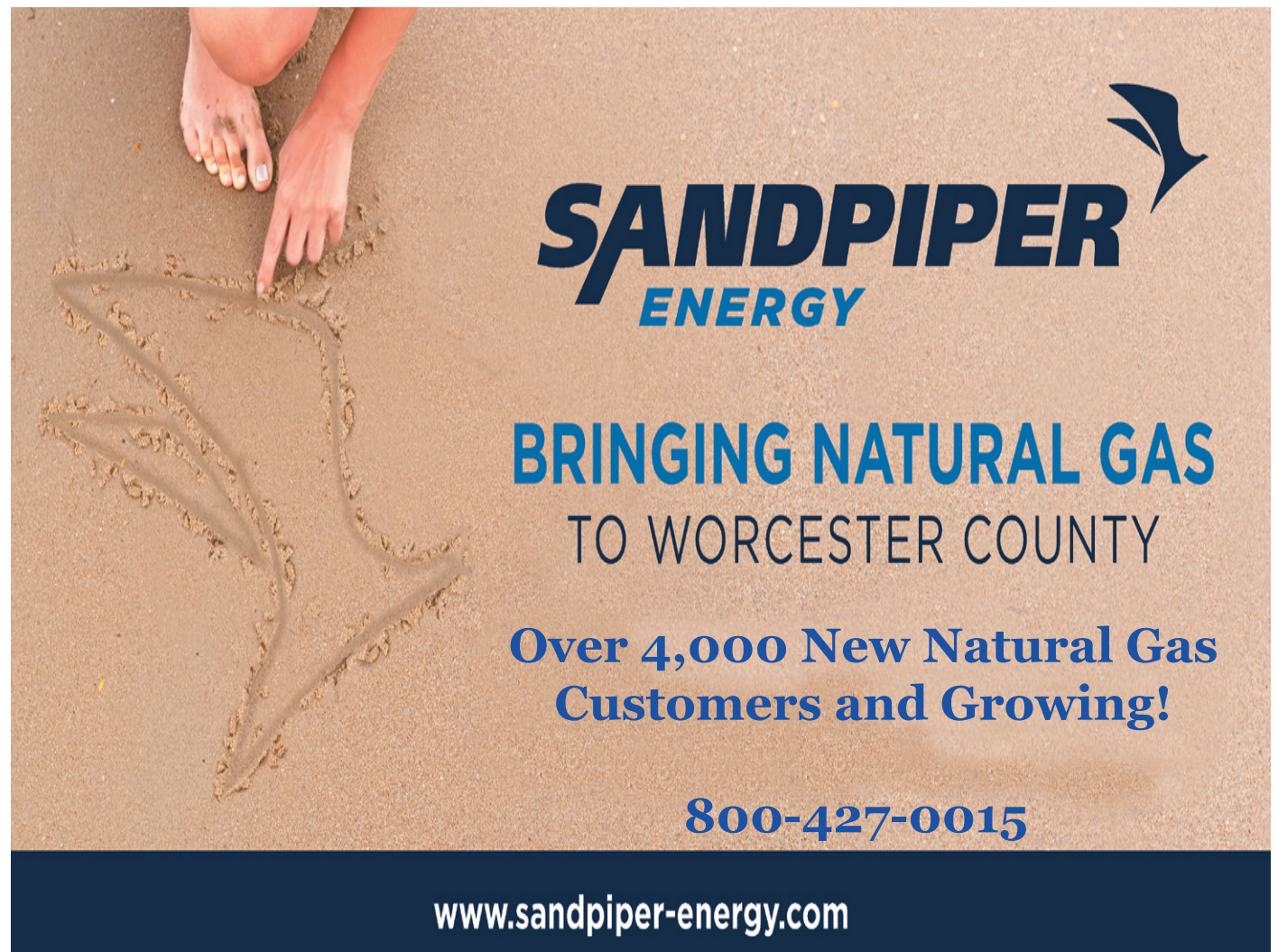
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