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Doggie Swim to raise funds for animal shelter

The Mumford's Landing Pool in Ocean Pines will be filled with dog-paddling pooches on Saturday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for its annual Doggie Swim.

"It's a cool event during the dog days of summer," said Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer. "The annual swim will give canines a chance to cool off and doggie paddle under the watchful eyes of their pet owners."

The event is a fundraiser for the Worcester County Humane Society, a non-profit, no-kill shelter that relies primarily on donations.

The annual fundraiser allows both small and large dogs to drool in the pool, as their human companions enjoy the pool party at Mumford's Landing Pool, located at 7351 Yacht Club Drive in Ocean Pines, before it closes for the season.



The cost of the Doggie Swim, which is open to the public, is \$6 per dog and free for dog handlers. All dog handlers must be at least 18 years of age and youth under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Dogs should have current vaccinations, including rabies.

Only dogs less than 20 pounds are allowed in the pool at the annual swim from 10 to 10:30 a.m. All dogs are then allowed in the pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Ocean Pines Aquatics Department hosts a variety of special events, aquatic fitness classes and swim lessons year-round. Upcoming events to be held at the indoor Sports Core Pool include Pirate Pool Party on September 30 at 5 p.m., Dive-In Movie Night on November 4 at 6 p.m. and the 10th Annual Swim with Santa on December 9 at 11 a.m.

More information about Ocean Pines aquatics programs is available at www.OceanPines.org or by calling the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department at 410-641-5255.



Support - The Art League of Ocean City, which operates the Ocean City Center for the Arts, depends on their corporate partners to support the Art League's mission of promoting the visual arts in the community through education, exhibits, scholarships, special events, and programs.

More than 40 local businesses partner with the Art League. Every year, the Art League presents their corporate partners with a framed piece of art to recognize their contribution. Their names are also placed on a wall of honor at the Arts Center.

Recently receiving their awards were **Jon Tremellen** and **Mike Foelber** of the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Flea market scheduled

There will be an outdoor flea market in Saturday, September 2, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy. in Berlin. Breakfast sandwiches; lunch: BBQ chicken leg quarters, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, plus two sides. There will be 40 plus vendors and baked goods. For information and table rental contact Sue Hart at skhart66@comcast.net or 410-207-7039.

Boating course offered

Ocean City Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will present America's Boating Course. The boating course will be given at the Ocean Pines Community Center, in the Marlin Room. The first class will begin on September 26.

This is an eight-hour course and will be given on three consecutive days starting on Tuesday September 26 and continuing on September 27 and 28. An exam will also be given on the last day. On the first day registration will be at 5:30 p.m., followed by the class starting at 6:00 p.m. the same evening. The course will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening. There is a minimal \$15 fee for the course and material. Middle School and High School students are free.

Anyone born after July 1, 1972 must satisfactorily complete a safe boating class to operate a recreational vessel or personal watercraft in the State of Maryland.

This course covers basic boat handling, navigation, federal and state regulations,

rules of the road, aids to navigation, required equipment and much more.

For more information and a recommended early registration call 410-641-6535 or 410-641-8040.

Bike blessing scheduled

A Blessing of the Bikes Event will take place Sunday, September 17 at 8:30 a.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy. (corner of Snug Harbor Rd. and Rte. 611) in Berlin. There will be an outdoor worship on the front lawn. Each biker and bike will be blessed. There will be a free breakfast and coffee. An offering will be designated for Diakonia's Veterans' Affairs. For more information, contact 410-641-2186 or bethany21811@gmail.com.



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.

First Saturday

Creative Writing Forum

Every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Berlin Library. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, non-fiction, and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciation, market leads, and writing exercises.



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Get together - Several of the "Drawbridge Divas" (ladies who live on Drawbridge Road in Ocean Pines) recently got together for lunch at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

Pines to host Super Sprint Triathlon

Ocean Pines Aquatics' popular Super Sprint Tri will return to the Sports Core Pool on Saturday, September 16 beginning at 7 a.m.

The fun triathlon event includes a half-mile swim, a 15-mile bike ride and a 5K run. Twelve three-person teams will compete; each team member will complete one portion of the race before the next team member begins.

Registration and check-in will begin at 7 a.m.; the event will start at 7:30 a.m. All portions of the race will take place at the Sports Core Pool and the surrounding area.

The cost is \$105 per team. A \$35 deposit is required to hold the team's spot with the balance due prior to the

event day. Registered team members may also train at the Sports Core Pool for a reduced rate of \$4 a visit through September 15.

The event is limited to 12 teams. Each team participant will receive a long-sleeved "finisher" shirt, and food and drinks will be provided.

Teams must be registered by Thursday, September 7. Registrations will be accepted in person at the Sports Core Pool or by calling 410-641-5255.

A team representative meeting will be held on Monday, September 11 at 6 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool. Instructions and a course description will be given at that time.

Casting call for musical

The Ocean Pines Children's Theater is holding auditions for the Broadway production of "Into the Woods Jr." All interested young people, between the ages of eight and 18, are invited to join us for try-outs at the Ocean Pines Community Church located on Rte. 589 on September 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All will need to be prepared with a one-minute monologue (memorized). For those interested in a singing role, also come prepared with 16 measures of a song from a Broadway musical. Beyond casting, rehearsals will be on Friday evenings between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.), and on Sunday evenings between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Community Church. The show will be performed in mid-January at the Ocean City Convention Center.

For additional information, contact Ms. Paulette at 410-251-1402.



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The student services office at Wor-Wic Community College is still accepting students for credit classes being offered this fall.

In addition to the regular 14-week fall term that begins September 6, Wor-Wic offers one 10-week session that also begins Sept. 6, as well as a three-week session that begins Sept. 7 and one seven-week session that begins Sept. 8. A second seven-week session begins October 27.

Students interested in taking classes offered during the 10-week and 14-week sessions can register through September 5. Registration for the three-week session ends September 6, while registration for the first seven-week session ends Sept. 7 and registration for the second seven-week session continues through October 26.

Admission, registration and financial aid services are available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information or a credit class schedule, visit the college website at www.worwic.edu or call the college at 410-334-2895.

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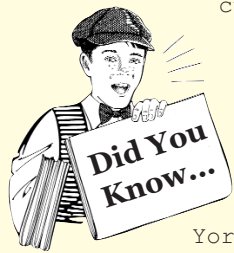
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2012 Business of the Year

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Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state



legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New

York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York, created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Watercolors on display at reception

The public is invited to a free First Friday opening reception at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on September 1 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



The First Friday reception will feature in the Thaler Gallery a group show by members of the Baltimore Watercolor Society. Established in 1885, the mission of the non-profit society is to encourage, educate, and promote professional excellence in the creation and development of original works of art, executed in aqueous media.

A pop-up exhibit of photographs

by the resort's J-1 students will also open on First Friday and continue through the weekend. The annual mini-show displays unique photographic views of the resort through the eyes of its international student workers, who come to Ocean City in the summer to experience life in the United States.

An artists' choice group show in all media by members of the Art League of Ocean City will line the walls of the Galleria in September. Three new studio shows open on First Friday.

Painter Rosemary Burns occupies Studio E in September. A multi-talented artist who also acts, sings, and dances, appearing in professional musical theater, ballet, and opera in Florida, Maryland, and

Washington, D.C., she graduated from the University of Maryland and continued her education at Daytona State College.

Painter Myrna McGrath displays her work in the Spotlight Gallery for the month. The Eastern Shore of Maryland is home and an inspiration to McGrath, who strives to recreate the quiet beauty in nature. Her paintings and prints are in collections throughout the United States and abroad.

Joy Davis of Ardentown, DE is the artisan in residence for September. A self-taught contemporary sterling silver jewelry artist, she often enhances her one-of-a-kind limited edition jewelry with copper, brass and gold-filled metals.

Dance club offers lessons

The Pinesteppers Square Dance Club of Ocean Pines will host an opportunity to learn basic square dance steps on September 6 and 13 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Caller Dennis O'Neal will introduce newcomers to the wonderful world of Modern Country Western Square Dancing. The group uses music from the 50s to contemporary of all styles, including country, pop, classic rock, classical and most anything with a good beat.

The Pinesteppers motto is "Fun, Food, and Fellowship." Admission is free and light refreshments will be provided. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. For more information call Louise at 410-430-0284 or Dennis at 970-389-3383.

Bingo scheduled

Knights of Columbus Bingo will be held each Friday evening from September 1 through October 6. There will be more than \$1,000 in prizes each week and the Big Jackpot



could also pay \$1000. The games will be held at Columbus Hall located at 9901 Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Refreshments will be on sale. Doors open at 5 p.m.; games start at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-524-7994.

After school programs available

Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) will once again host a variety of after school programs from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. this fall at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill. Transportation will be available for students attending Snow Hill Middle and Elementary Schools.

After School Tennis will take place on Mondays from September 18 through October 30 for grades K through eight. This program is perfect for children who have shown an interest in tennis and want to learn the skills of the game. The registration deadline is September 14.

After School Artist is a new program for the creative at heart. Participants will learn the basics of watercolor painting, the differences between contrasting and complementary colors, how to mix paints, brush strokes, and basic painting techniques. Open to grades 4 – 8, this program will run on Wednesdays from September 20 through October 25. The registration deadline is September 4.

After School Field Hockey will take place on Thursdays from September 14 through October 19 and is great for children in grades K – 8 who have shown an interest in field hockey or who wants to try a new sport. The registration deadline is September 4.

WCRP staff look forward to helping students after school this year to learn new skills and stay active. Program costs are \$30 per child, and \$25 for each additional child. A \$5 late fee is

applied to all late registrations.

All payments should be made out to Worcester County. To register, contact the WCRP at 410-632-2144. Visit our website at www.WorcesterRecAndParks.org for more information. While you're there, be sure to click the links to follow us on social media.

Dance to be held

On Saturday, September 23, an Ocean City Dance will be held at the Elks Lodge 2645 banquet Hall located at 138th Street Coastal Hwy (behind the Fenwick Inn) in Ocean City. The event is open to the public. There will be Swing, Latin, disco, ballroom and country dancing to the music of DJ Mike T. A Cha Cha lesson will be given by Randy Morrison of Dancing at the Shore between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Open dancing will be from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$14 per person and includes the dance lesson. For information call 443-474-0015 or go to www.DancingAtTheBeach.com.

County offices to close

Worcester County Government (WCG) offices, including all five branch libraries, the Central Landfill in Newark, homeowner convenience centers, and recreation and parks, will be closed Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day holiday.

WCG offices will resume standard operating hours on Tuesday, September 5.

An underground waterfall

My wife and I enjoyed a recent cross-country road trip that took us through nine states and three time zones. The primary objective of the trip was to transport our grandchildren home to Texas. Our ulterior mo-



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

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tive, once the kids were returned safely to their parents, was to go wherever our interests took us.

There were many stops along the way home. But one of the more interesting and most unplanned was our visit to Ruby Falls in Chattanooga, TN. Located more than 1,100 feet beneath Lookout Mountain, the 145-foot waterfall is a wonder.

It wasn't until we saw a billboard along Route 20 in Mississippi that we first became aware of something called Ruby Falls. The more we saw signs for this attraction, the more our interest was piqued. The sight of so many signs reminded me of Pedro beckoning travelers to stop at South of the Border along Interstate 95 heading to Florida.

What the heck," we thought, "let's see what this is." So, we spent the night in Chattanooga and early the next morning found our way up Lookout Mountain to Cavern Castle, the visitors center for the falls. We arrived about 8:30 a.m. We had no expectations other than wanting to see the falls. The entry fee was \$22 per person which in full disclosure gave me a little pause. But, we were on vacation. There was a line of about forty or fifty people ahead of us waiting to get on the elevator that descends into the mountain, coming to a stop at 1120 feet below surface. In about a half hour wait we stepped onto the elevator and were lowered in to the bowels of the mountain.

The elevator doors slid open to reveal a dimly lit cavern. The guide, a college student, was waiting for us. We joined roughly 20 people who made up our group and headed into the dark crevices of the Earth toward the falls. Our destination was a about a half mile way. The walkways in some areas were very narrow and low. The air was cool. Stalagmites. Stalactites. Lime-

stone. They were all on display. After walking for about 25 minutes we reached a dark open area. The falls could be heard but not seen. And then, the lights came on to reveal the breathtaking site of water falling into a crystal clear pool. The "ooohs" and "aaahs" were immediate from everyone. The sight was remarkable. We were below ground farther than the length of the Titanic and there before us was a water fall. Our guide warned us several times not

to drink the falls' water because of its high concentration of magnesium from the strata of the mountain which makes it a natural laxative. When you're nearly a quarter mile underground, in a cramped cavern, a half mile away from the only elevator, the warnings against consuming a laxative are quickly heeded.

The discovery of this wonder starts in with Leo Lambert, a cave enthusiast, who during the 1920s sought to rediscover caverns he played in as a child. The natural opening to the caverns had been sealed when a railroad tunnel was constructed in 1905. Lambert wanted to open the caverns as a tourist attraction. His company purchased land on the mountain and Lambert proceeded with creating a shaft for an eventual elevator that would transport tourists. In doing so, a small passageway about 18 inches high and four feet wide was discovered. Lambert explored the opening, crawling for about seven hours. He eventually came upon the formerly hidden cave and its waterfall. On his next trip to visit the cave, Lambert invited his wife Ruby who crawled through the narrow passages in a dress. Because of her perseverance and tenacity Lambert named the falls after his wife.

For the rest of the day as we continued on our journey, my wife and I talked often about the falls. My wife asked if I would have named the falls after her. "Certainly," I told her.

Truth be told, there's no way I would have gone down a narrow shaft to crawl-explore for hours in an unknown cavern. In all likelihood it would have been wife who would have done this and then named the falls after me, if I had donned a dress and followed behind her.

Hmm.



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When I was very young baby boomer in the nineteen fifties, about eight or nine years old, I had a favorite uncle who always told my sister and me a bed time story whenever he visited. They were great stories about Peter Pan or Tom Swift or a paraphrased Louis L'Amour character but one story was very different and has stuck with me all these years.

One night, Uncle Tom's story was about his experience with the Ninety-eighth Infantry Division who was training in Hawaii for the potentially horrific invasion of the Japanese mainland at Kyushu. Fortunately, that dreaded amphibious assault was not necessary and the Ninety-eighth went ashore peacefully as part of MacArthur's occupation force. On this

night, ten years later, my uncle was describing for us the Boy Scout camp like conditions and some of the funny training experiences that every World War II returning GI wanted to remember rather than the savage horrors and feelings of something totally out of his control.

I have forgotten all but one piece of that story; but, at one point, Uncle Tom slipped from his usual whimsical storytelling tone into one slightly more serious, implying the next part was important. He said, "When we went to chow, a hundred and fifty of us would stand in line. We'd all be there with our mess kits in a typical army hurry-up-and-wait line. The officers stood in the front of the line and all us noncoms and privates stood behind them; but, Dan, do you know who was at the end of the line?"

I thought it was a trick question since there are only two kinds of soldiers in the army, officers and non-officers so I said I didn't know. He answered, very slowly and with deliberate emphasis, "the West Point graduates." Then he explained, "They knew that the success of our artillery battery depended on us guys who manned the guns. They made sure we were fed before they were."

It took me years to figure out the true meaning of what Uncle Tom said that night because there were no food shortages in the bivouac areas of Hawaii in 1944. The West Pointers were going to get fed so what was the big deal that impressed my uncle so much that he used it as a bed time story to his (hopefully) favorite nephew ten years later? I think he was trying to teach me about respect.

Tech Corporal Thomas S. McConnell was just one of millions of

*please see **respect** on page 11*



Divot Day cleanup

Over 30 Ocean Pines Golf Club members spent the morning as the ad hoc maintenance crew at "Divot Day" on Monday, August 21.

The members, organized by Ocean Pines Men's Golf Association President Don McMullen, helped to fill divots on the course's tee boxes and fairways.

After the event, they enjoyed pizza and beer on the clubhouse patio.

Above: Ocean Pines Golf Club PGA Director of Golf **John Malinowski** (standing) chats with golf members enjoying lunch after their course maintenance work.

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 September 13 to apply.

The course will be offered Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning October 9 and ending November 3, at the college campus 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. Aviation regulations, 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 <<http://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 <<http://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.



Monday

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Youth basketball league offered

Registration is open for the Worcester County Recreation and Parks Youth Basketball Instructional League. This program is open to grades K – 5 and will take place at the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) in Snow Hill.

Participants will learn game fundamentals through drills and practice and get to experience competition through modified game play.

This league will run from September 9 through November 11 on Saturdays. Grades K – 1 will play from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., grades two to three from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and grades

four to five 11 a.m. to noon.

The cost to participate is \$30 per child, and \$25 for each additional child. The registration deadline is September 7. Registrations received after the deadline will incur a \$5 late fee. Checks should be made payable to Worcester County.

For more information or to register, please contact Program Manager Myro Small at 410-632-2144, ext. 2512 or msmall@co.worcester.md.us or visit www.WorcesterRecAndParks.org. While you're there, be sure to click the links to follow us on social media.

PRMC cancer center to open

Peninsula Regional Health System will cut the ribbon on its new Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute Ocean Pines on August 30 from 7-9 p.m. The event will feature free food, facility tours, live entertainment and more. Parking for the event, with free shuttle service, will be available at St. John Neumann Church, 11211 Beauchamp Road, Berlin.

The 20,000-square-foot building is located at 11105 Cathage Road Berlin, outside the Ocean Pines North Gate off Route 589. It is home to comprehensive cancer services, including a team of physician specialists and advanced cancer technology.

The Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute Ocean Pines will offer radiation

therapy with the TrueBeam image-guided radiotherapy and radiosurgery system, accurate to within less than a millimeter to help spare healthy tissue while killing cancer cells.

The new cancer institute will also be home to a modern, comfortable infusion therapy center, designed to make chemotherapy easier for patients. People with cancer treated at the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute will also find cancer support services, nutritional consultants and a healing garden. Patients will be able to access clinical trials thanks to Peninsula Regional's participation in the Johns Hopkins Clinical Research Network, National Cancer Institute studies and more.

Gillis named to Wor-Wic board

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan recently appointed Kim Gillis of Salisbury to the board of trustees of Wor-Wic Community College.

Gillis is a senior associate and business development manager at the Becker Morgan Group in Salisbury, where she has been employed since 1999.

She serves on the board of directors of the Salisbury University Alumni Association and the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, where she is also past chairperson. In addition, Gillis is vice chair for the College, Career and Life Readiness subcommittee of the City of Salisbury's Youth Development Advisory Council.

Gillis is also a member of the

Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association and the Education Awards Committee of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

She holds a bachelor of science degree from Salisbury University. Gillis and her husband, Brad, have two sons, Jackson, 3, and Beau, 1.

Other members of Wor-Wic's board of trustees are Martin T. Neat of Salisbury, chairperson, Russell W. Blake of Pocomoke City, vice chairperson, Andrew W. Booth and Morgan Hazel of Salisbury, William H. Kerbin of Pocomoke City and Lorraine Purnell-Ayers of Snow Hill.



Donation - The Marlin Club Crew of Ocean City recently presented a check for \$500 to the Assateague Island Education Program to assist with their fund for education internships and transportation for field trips with area youth. Assateague Island National Seashore offers free, fun, standards-based activities and programs for all grade levels. The Marlin Club Crew of OC is dedicated to promoting the recreation of fishing and safe boating and the encouragement of responsible conservation. Accepting the donation (left) is **Liz Davis**, Chief of Interpretation and Education. Representing the Marlin Club Crew and presenting the check are: (left to right) Treasurer **Michelle Hrebik**, **Cyndy Spicknall** and **Sharon Cooper**.

For more information on MCC of OC, contact Cathy Donovan at 410-726-6117. For more information about Assateague Education programs, call 410-629-6077.

Blood donations sought

The Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) is asking local residents to help it meet an urgent request for over 2,000 units of blood from blood banks in Texas and across the Gulf coast to deal with tragedy from Hurricane Harvey. Hurricane Harvey has impacted blood collection in Texas but patients still need blood and blood products to survive.

In high demand are donors with O

Positive, O Negative, A Negative and B Negative blood types to make a blood donation this week. Also sought are Platelet donors.

Please call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 or visit <https://donate.bbd.org/> to book an appointment. BBD officials would like to meet Texas' request. Please refer a friend if you are unable to donate.

In addition, BBD's ongoing Summer Blood Challenge lasts until September 23.



Ravens Roost to hold AGH benefit

The Ocean City Ravens Roost #44 is holding a Bar-Hop Cruise on September 6, from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. to benefit the Atlantic General Hospital 2018 Penguin Swim. The cost is \$35 and includes five raffle tickets. Participants will board the Explorer at M.R. Ducks at 5:45 p.m. and stop at Fish Tales, Ocean City Fish Company and Sunset Grille, before returning to M.R. Ducks. There will be a cash bar onboard

offering happy hour prices on drinks and food at each stop. To reserve your space and support the fundraiser email garywm@mchsi.com.



Our bucket list trip to Asia

■ Part one of a two part series

By **Jean Marx**

As you may know from my daughter Kelly's *For the Love of Travel* column, she has been bitten hard by the travel bug. She chronicles her various adventures each month, and I will do my best not to step on her toes with this article. She took a six-month job in Xiamen, China in early May to teach English to pre-school children, and it presented a chance to visit her that my husband and I could not resist. We figured this was a one-shot deal, and so we also toured spots in nearby Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau. We were so glad we did.

Aside from some jet lag, another big adjustment was the intense heat and humidity for the entire duration of our trip. Gone was the notion of wearing anything cotton or styling my hair each day. Thin athletic shirts and a ponytail became the norm, as was the slathering on of 50-SPF sunblock each day. We found Taipei to be a great introduction to Asia. The people were friendly, many spoke English, it was clean, and we always felt safe. Kelly reunited with her friend Amy who is from Taiwan; Kelly met her while doing her semester abroad in Sweden in 2015. Amy became a terrific tour guide on our two days there. Our favorite stop the first day was visiting the Chiang-Kai Shek Memorial. It was ornate with a white and blue entrance way with several arches. Inside was the building that housed his statue flanked by two beautiful buildings and a garden. We got to see the changing of the guard. The process was a slow, meticulous march to Chiang-Kai Shek's statue, where two guards replaced the two that were there for the previous hour. It was moving to witness the reverence paid to this former leader and to see the soldiers in full uniform in a building with no air-conditioning.

Other fun aspects to Day 1 in Taipei were walking up to the top of Elephant Mountain to see an overlook of the city. With the long, steep climb up at least 600 steps and the oppressive heat, I have to admit I wasn't sure I was going to make it. We were thrilled when we did, and the view of the city including that of the Taipei 101 building (one of the tallest in the world) was breathtaking. Another was visiting a beautiful Buddhist Temple. An elderly

Taiwanese woman was shocked to see that Kelly and I had freckles. She must have never seen anyone with freckles before, because she asked us if our freckles hurt.

Our second day in Taipei was even better, as we took a train to see two waterfalls. The first was in a town called Shinfen. Amy teased me when I remarked, "Wow, this was worth the hike over to see it!" She set me straight by saying, "It was just a walk." We also launched a paper lantern in Shinfen. All the lanterns in the air were a beautiful sight. The second waterfall was called Golden Falls, and it was a series of waterfalls over rocks that were golden in color. If that wasn't beautiful enough, we then took a cab through the nearby Jiufen village and enjoyed one of the most beautiful sunsets we've ever seen.

The next stop on our journey was the city of Xiamen, China where Kelly teaches. We spent 6 days there so that Kelly could teach that week. The language barrier was huge, so we spent a lot of time smiling, pointing, and say-

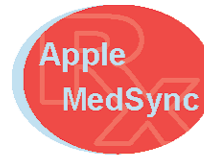
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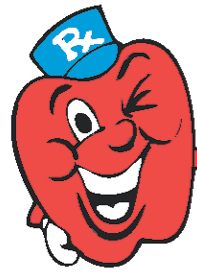
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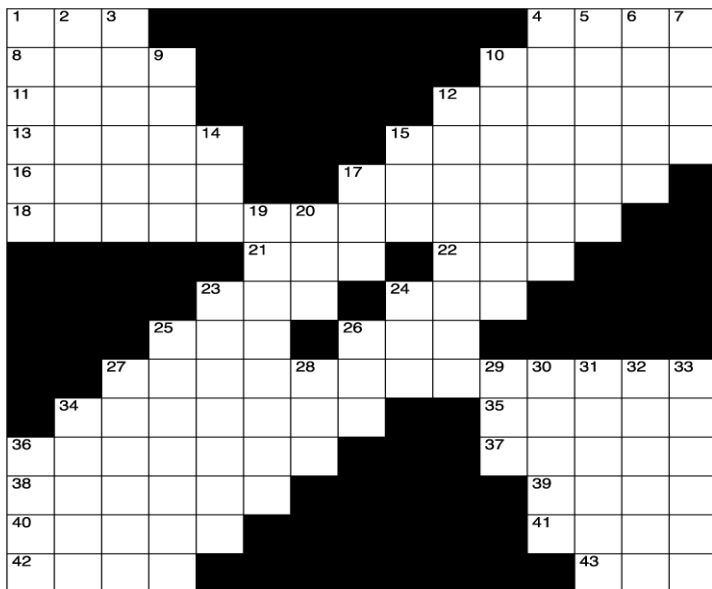
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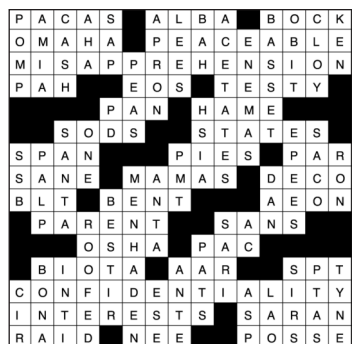


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One-time Moroccan kingdom
- 4. One who entertains
- 8. Not in favor of
- 10. Couture
- 11. Nonflowering plant
- 12. Of Christian fasting season
- 13. Of birds
- 15. Dealt with
- 16. Duplicate
- 17. More liquid
- 18. Inconsequential
- 21. Doctor of Education
- 22. Electroencephalograph
- 23. Partner to the carrot
- 24. Not young
- 25. Discontinued Apple advertising platform
- 26. Car mechanics group
- 27. Treats allergies
- 34. Rather
- 35. African nation (alt. sp.)
- 36. Suffering
- 37. A way to raise
- 38. Hairstyle
- 39. Vehicle part
- 40. Subject matters
- 41. One who can see the future
- 42. German courtesy title
- 43. Female sibling

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Jungle vacation
- 2. Off-kilter
- 3. Takes off
- 4. Passing
- 5. Where to plug in devices
- 6. Drive
- 7. Take care of
- 9. City in Finland
- 10. Dyed
- 12. Small invertebrate
- 14. Holiday beverage egg ___
- 15. Hawaiian club
- 17. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- 19. Most impoverished
- 20. British romance novelist Pollock
- 23. Burgers
- 24. Organization of American States
- 25. Lacking contact with other people
- 26. Sex Pistols bassist Vicious
- 27. One who uses a rod and line to fish
- 28. Expression of surprise
- 29. Get older
- 30. Rooney and Kate are two
- 31. Wild goats
- 32. Cores
- 33. Walks into
- 34. A way to accustom
- 36. Wet nurse



Answers for August 23

Animal shelter seeks volunteers

Worcester County Humane Society is currently seeking volunteers to serve in a variety of roles to help the cats and dogs at the no kill shelter. Volunteer opportunities include adoption events and fundraising, in-shelter volunteers, fostering shelter cats and dogs, and helping to take care of cats being housed at Petco in West Ocean City.

Worcester County Humane Society is a private, non-profit that depends on donations and fundraisers to care for the many cats and dogs that find their way to the shelter. Volunteers are needed to take part in the shelter's Ways and Means Committee. This committee is in charge of all of the shelter's fundraisers and adoption events which are held



mostly on weekends. There are various ways to help on this committee including chairing an event, working at an event, collecting donations for raffles and auctions, baking sweets for bake sales and making dog biscuits to sell at events. Those interested in joining the Ways and Means Committee can call Sandy Summers at 443-235-5647.

In-shelter volunteer opportunities are very much needed for care of the shelter animals. It is preferred that volunteers who are interested in being an in-shelter volunteer be able to commit to a set weekly schedule. Volunteers are needed 7 days a week. Some in-house volunteer duties include cleaning kennels and cages, cleaning cat areas, walking dogs, doing dishes and laundry, and office help. Volunteers who apply for this position must be 18 years old and must be able to work independently.

With kitten season in full swing and an influx of senior cats and dogs being surrendered, the shelter is in great need for foster families. The shelter provides all food, medical care, and training for foster families. Any personal pets in the foster home must be spay/neutered, current on vaccines, and FeLV negative (cats). No matter the situation or lifestyle, there is a foster animal suitable for almost every-

one. Foster animals could include nursing cats with litters of kittens, abandoned kittens with no mother at all, animals who need to be socialized, senior animals who would fair much better in the comforts of a home or animals recovering from surgery or illness. Foster parenting can be more flexible than other volunteer jobs that require people to show up for a specific shift during limited times of the day and for a committed length of time. When an animal goes into a foster home, it frees up a spot in the shelter for another animal. At the same time, foster animals are able to live in a comfortable, safe environment, which makes them much happier and more likely to be adopted.

"Fostering shelter animals is very fulfilling," says Debbie Sass who is a permanent foster mom for senior dog, "Flynn". "The most rewarding part is seeing the look of gratitude in the eyes of the animals. They know they are safe and loved and you can tell they are grateful."

For those interested in volunteering for the shelter but don't necessarily want to physically go to the shelter, there is a wonderful opportunity to help care for shelter cats while they are being housed in the West OC Petco kitty condos. This opportunity requires the volunteer to commit to a set weekly schedule one or two mornings or evenings a week. The duties include cleaning the kitty condos, scooping litter pans, feeding and giving fresh water. These duties take about 30 minutes to complete. Please call Tina Walas at 443-664-2085 if interested in this volunteer opportunity.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer can fill out a volunteer application on the shelter website www.worcestercountyhumesociety.org or stop in at the shelter during regular hours Tuesday thru Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on events or available pets visit the shelter's website. Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram.

Free carpentry training offered

The continuing education and workforce development division at Wor-Wic Community College is offering a free carpentry training course called “Basic Construction Techniques I” on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m., beginning Sept. 7 and ending Dec. 7, at Parkside High School.

This course is designed to prepare students with the basic skills required to enter the construction industry. Proper and safe use of hand and power tools, as well as basic safety standards for construction, will be covered. Basic math and measurement related to construction will be reviewed. Other topics covered include work ethic, career paths, teamwork, floor systems, wall systems, basic stair layout, doors, drywall, ceilings, trim and cabinet installation.

The job outlook for this field is favorable. Data from Economic Modeling Specialists Inc. indicate a growth rate of 2.2 percent in the construction of buildings on the Lower Eastern Shore over the next five years. Sixty percent of workers in the construction industry are 45 years old or older, suggesting that, in addition to growth in the industry, there will be replacement openings in the near future. As a whole, the average salary for construction workers on the Lower Eastern Shore is \$40,989.

Tuition for the course 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

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soldiers wearing green fatigues, including the officers. To an outsider, they all looked the same but amongst the ranks, there were officers who the GIs had to follow because Congress made them officers and there were officers that the GIs would follow into hell.

General Schwarzkopf, another West Pointer, demonstrated a similar attitude towards his troops counselling his junior officers to show respect to the individuals whose collective labor yielded victory.

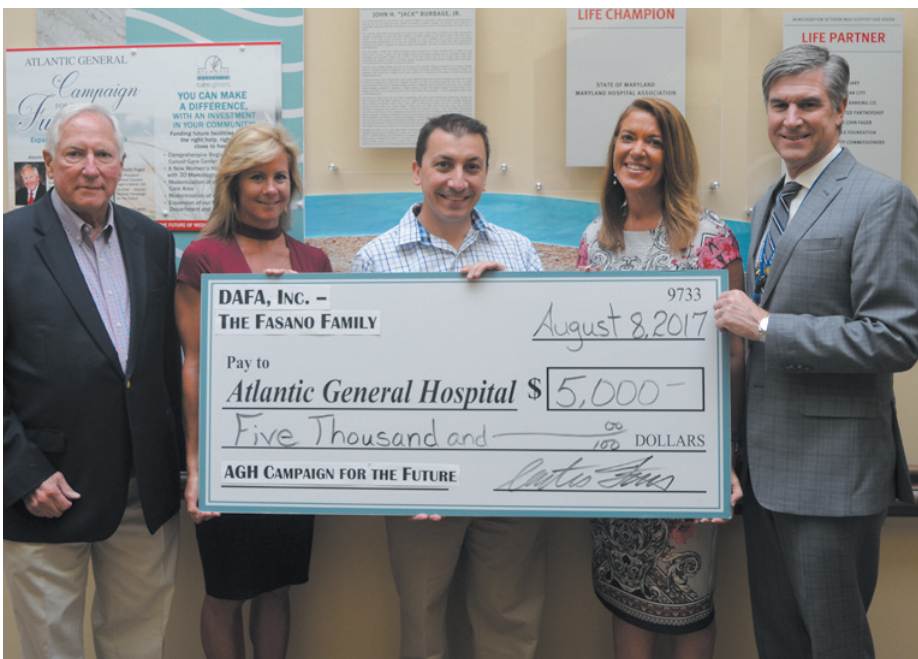
Uncle Tom passed through life with the calm distinction of middle class success like most of that ‘Greatest Generation.’ He and Aunt Kathy raised two wonderful kids. Uncle Tom worked in a factory that made Flexible Flier sleighs in North Philly and then in construction where he worked on the Delaware Memorial Bridge’s second span and Penn’s Landing. He ended up a toll collector (a corporal coincidentally) on a bridge between Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He was just a regular guy with a gift for storytelling but this regular guy never forgot the respect that the West Point graduates showed him and the other GIs.

We all appreciate being respected and respond positively to the acknowledgement of our contributions. It cost those West Point graduates a couple extra minutes in line at each meal. Apparently, the other officers never figured it out but Corporal Tom McConnell and the other nondescript GIs never forgot it. Neither will I.

Happy Labor Day.

Dan Collins resides in Ocean Pines.

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., Aug. 31	3:23 a.m. 4:02 p.m.	9:28 a.m. 10:28 p.m.	6:29 a.m.	7:31 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 1	4:20 a.m. 4:55 p.m.	10:22 a.m. 11:20 p.m.	6:29 a.m.	7:31 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 2	5:11 a.m. 5:42 p.m.	11:14 a.m.	6:31 a.m.	7:28 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 3	5:58 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	12:06 a.m. 12:03 p.m.	6:32 a.m.	7:27 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 4	6:42 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	12:48 a.m. 12:50 a.m.	6:33 a.m.	7:25 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 5	7:26 a.m. 7:50 p.m.	1:28 a.m. 1:34 p.m.	6:34 a.m.	7:24 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 6	8:09 a.m. 8:32 p.m.	2:07 a.m. 2:18 p.m.	6:35 a.m.	7:22 p.m.



Above: **Jack Burbage, Jr.**, co-chair Campaign for the Future; **Toni Keiser**, vice president public relations Atlantic General Hospital; **Sal Fasano**, member AGH Foundation Board of Directors; **Tammy Patrick**, development officer Atlantic General Hospital Foundation; and **Michael Franklin**, president and CEO Atlantic General Hospital.

Fasanos donate to AGH

The Atlantic General Hospital Campaign for the Future recently received a donation of \$5,000 from the Fasano family for upcoming projects, including the new John H. “Jack” Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center.

DAFA, Inc. and the Fasano family operate the La Quinta Inn and Suites on 32nd Street in Ocean City, Maryland. Sal Fasano, Jr. is a member of the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation Board of Directors and past co-chair of the AGH Penguin Swim, successfully leading the event for three years.

“Our family is honored to support the efforts of the Campaign for the Future and the growth of the hospital and health system. We recognize the need for a comprehensive cancer care cen-

ter right here in Worcester County and believe the residents and visitors benefit greatly from the caregivers at Atlantic General Hospital each and every day. To have a facility that affords residents the ability to get the cancer care they need in their hometown, and stay close to home is priceless,” said Sal Fasano, Jr.

“We’re extremely grateful for the commitment shown to our not-for-profit community hospital and the generous support of local businesses like DAFA, Inc. and the Fasano family. With the support of our community, we can help AGH meet the challenges of providing the very best healthcare services right here – close to home,” said Campaign for the Future Co-Chair Jack Burbage.

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ing the few Chinese words we knew. We visited Kelly’s classroom on one of the days and got to see her adorable children. We managed to take the right bus, but we hadn’t realized we’d missed our stop until the driver kicked us off when we’d reached the end of the line. We were at a complete loss, and our attempts to call Kelly or ask for directions were fruitless. We followed Kelly’s last resort advice of taking a cab back to the bus stop where we started, and we did it all over again. Thankfully, it worked the next time and we all enjoyed a good laugh over it. Another funny moment occurred on a different day when we tried to see a movie. For a good five minutes, we smiled and repeated the word for “English” in Chinese to the workers. Finally, one showed us a screenshot for “Despicable Me 3” on his phone, and we all smiled with our achievement. It turned out we were the only ones in the theater.

Stay tuned for Part 2 where I finish describing more adventures from our trip.

Labor Day holiday evolved over many years

By Linda Stinson

The Labor Day holiday is interesting because it evolved over a period of years. In 19th century America, there was already a tradition of having parades, picnics and various other celebrations in support of labor issues, such as shorter hours or to rally strik-

pointed to find a park for the celebration. They chose Wendel's Elm Park at 92nd Street and 9th Avenue, the largest park in New York City at that time; the date was set for Tuesday, September 5. By June, they had sold 20,000 tickets with the proceeds going to each local union selling them. In August, the Central Labor Union passed a resolution "that the 5th of September be proclaimed a general holiday for the workingmen in this city."

At first, they were afraid that the celebration was going to be a failure. Many of the workers in the parade had to lose a day's pay in order to participate. When the parade began only a handful of workers were in it, while hundreds of people stood on the sidewalk jeering at them. But then slowly they

came, 200 workers and a band from the Jewelers' Union showed up and joined the parade. Then came a group of bricklayers with another band. By the time they reached the park, it was estimated that there were 10,000 marchers in the parade in support of workers.

The park was decorated with flags of many nations. Everyone picnicked, drank beer and listened to speeches from the union leadership. In the evening, even more people came to the park to watch fireworks and dance. The newspapers of the day declared it a huge success and "a day of the people."

After that major event in New York City, other localities began to pick up the idea for a fall festival of parades and picnics celebrating workers.

When studying the history of Labor Day, two names stand out, and the funny thing is that they sound just alike. One is Peter J. McGuire, a leading official in the American Federation of Labor and organizer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. The other is Matthew Maguire, a machinist from the Knights of Labor. The problem with declaring a single "founder" of Labor Day is that, at the time, no one realized that a new national holiday was being born. It was only after the fact that people tried to pinpoint a single founding father.

Seven years after that first New York Labor Day parade, the union journal for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters published an article claiming that their union brother, McGuire, made the original proposal to have the Labor Day event in New York and called for one day a year to be set aside as Labor Day. This article was reprinted yearly, and it became the common assumption that these were the facts.

However, in 1967, a retired machinist from Maguire's union stepped up and claimed that his union brother was, in fact, the true originator of the movement for a national Labor Day. He pointed to an old newspaper article written nine years after the New York Labor Day parade titled "Labor Day: Its History and Development in the Land." This article claimed that the first Secretary of the Central Labor Union, Maguire, was the one who arranged the parade. This claim was supported six years later when the grand marshal of the New York parade of 1882 himself reminisced about how Maguire from the Knights of Labor had first suggested that the Central Labor Union call upon the unions of New York City to join together in a

labor parade.

So, the historical conundrum seems to hinge on the fact that the two names sound alike and were probably mixed up in the common consciousness. Toss in the years of bitter rivalry between the American Federation of Labor and the Knights of Labor and, of course, you are going to have multiple heroes emerging in the legend of Labor Day.

When former Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz spoke at the convention of the International Association of Machinists in 1968, he said: "My decision...is that there is no question as to who is the father of Labor Day in this country. Officially, as of this moment,



ers. But most historians emphasize one specific event in the development of today's modern Labor Day. That pivotal event was the parade of unions and a massive picnic that took place in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882.

At that time, the labor movement was growing stronger. Many of the unions in New York prospered by joining together into one Central Labor Union made up of members from many local unions. On May 14, 1882, a proposal was made at the Central Labor Union meeting that all workers should join together for a "monster labor festival" in early September. A committee of five people was ap-



insofar as the Department of Labor is concerned, it is Matt Maguire, machinist!"

Linda Stinson is a former U.S. Department of Labor's historian. Source: US Department of Labor

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of Labor, Licensing and Regulation in partnership with industry representatives, Quality Staffing Services and the Lower Shore Workforce Alliance in Salisbury.

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.



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OPA seeks volunteers for events, programs

The Ocean Pines Association (OPA) is looking for volunteers for a variety of upcoming events and programs.

"Volunteers are not only a valuable resource, they are the most important resource Ocean Pines has," said Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer. "Residents and non-residents are given the opportunity to gain experience, acquire new skills, meet new people and make a meaningful contribution to the Ocean Pines community."

Recreation and Parks

Volunteers are critical to the success of many of the upcoming events and programs that are offered by the Recreation and Parks Department. Help is needed with a number of

events, including the Big Truck Day event on September 16, the Fall Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market on September 30, the Halloween festival in the fall, Breakfast with Santa and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in the winter.

Many athletic programs in September will call for volunteer coaches, referees, umpires and assistants. Volunteers would assist with various sports, clinics and classes in Ocean Pines.

If you are interested in assisting, please contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 or rec@oceanpines.org.

Farmers Market

Volunteer needs for the Association also include help at our ever-

growing Farmers Market. Open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Ocean Pines Farmers Market needs volunteers in every aspect of its operation, from greeters to ambassadors.

"Whether you sign up for a one-time opportunity or choose to take on a regular volunteer role, you will enjoy being part of the market," said Sawyer. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Volunteer Coordinator Tracey Hofman at TraceyHofman@aol.com.

Advisory Committee

Help support the community by serving on an advisory committee. These volunteer-led committees provide guidance and input for many areas in Ocean Pines. The association has current advisory committee openings in the By-Laws and Resolutions Advisory Committee, Aquatics Advisory Committee, Budget and Finance Advisory Committee, Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, Environment and Natural Assets Advisory Committee and Marine Activities Advisory Committee.

Salisbury University/OPA Partnership

The Association is teaming up with

Salisbury University to offer a new series of programs and lectures at the Ocean Pines Community Center. A lecture series and writing seminars will take place throughout the fall, and would need the help of volunteers.

Those who are interested and want to learn more can contact Center for Extended and Lifelong Learning Director Mary Angela Baker at mbaker@salisbury.edu.

Ocean Pines Administration

Administrative volunteer opportunities are often available in the Ocean Pines Association. If you enjoy customer service and like working in a vibrant office environment, then volunteering with the association may be a good fit for you. As an administrative volunteer you would assist with operational responsibilities in offices and the Marketing and Public Relations Department.

"The Association is seeking volunteers to support the marketing staff with a number of tasks, including photography and videography," said Sawyer. "Volunteers are the backbone of the association."

'Tis the season for school and lice

As the school year begins anew, lice often becomes a subject of conversation among concerned parents. In certain areas, such as in classrooms and locker rooms, lice easily can be transferred from person to person. Understanding this common foe can help students avoid it and parents recognize it when it is present.

A louse is an ectoparasite, meaning it feeds on its host while living on the surface of the host's body. Although lice can affect various parts of the body, they are most notably present on the scalp.

Research indicates that head lice have been spreading among humans for millenia. Ancient Egyptian and Greek books of medicine make reference to lice, and they have even been found on prehistoric mummies. No one is quite sure just how lice originated, though it is suspected they once targeted another host species, but then adapted to living among humans.

Unlike lice that congregate on other parts of the body, head lice are not a vector for disease transmission. They are relatively innocuous, but can be quite a nuisance. The insects are adept at clinging to human hair and feeding on blood from the scalp.

Anyone can get lice, regardless of their personal hygiene or lack thereof. School-aged children between the ages

of four and 14 catch lice more frequently than adults. Although firm data on lice infestations is difficult to come by, estimates suggest that as many as 12 million infestations occur each year in the United States among children between the ages of three and

11. Head-to-head contact with an already-infested person is the most common way to get head lice, offers the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Head lice can be spread when people sit closely to one another, such as in a classroom or theater. It is very rare that lice are spread through

shared belongings such as hats, combs or on furniture. Pets do not play a role in the spread of head lice.

Lice tend to congregate behind the ears and at the neckline at the back of the head. Sometimes, they can be found on the eyelashes or eyebrows. Lice can be difficult to detect, and they may not produce symptoms. In some instances, itching and irritation may be so mild that it goes unnoticed. Plus, because eggs (nits) and even adult lice are so small, they can be difficult to identify.

Treating lice typically involves using specialized combs to remove nits and lice. Pesticide shampoos and lotions or nonpesticide treatments may be used to eradicate the lice. Limiting head-to-head exposure is the best way to avoid a lice outbreak.



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