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## AGH to conduct phone survey

Atlantic General Hospital and Health System has secured the assistance of market research firm, RKM, Inc. to conduct a public perception survey during the month of November.

Through this survey, area residents will have the opportunity to voice their opinions about local health care needs, concerns and strengths. The phone survey will be conducted with approximately 600 households. Households will be randomly selected to participate to most accurately represent public opinion in the region. All responses to the survey will be confidential.

Residents selected for the survey are encouraged to take the time to respond to the survey. Results will only be representative if there is a high rate of participation. This survey will not try to sell anything to those who participate. Every comment, suggestion, and opinion is valued.

This feedback helps the hospital better plan to meet its community members' healthcare needs in their future. Atlantic General conducts the survey every three to four years to gauge the success of on-going efforts to provide high quality care and access to the services most needed in the area.

## Chamber names award recipients

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and staff announced the 2017 award recipients that will be recognized at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards and Installation banquet being held on November 16 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

The 2017 Ocean Pines Chamber award recipients are: Business of the Year, Kendall Home Furnishing, Citizen of the Year, Jennie Rice of Farmers Bank of Willards and Non-Profit Organization of the Year, Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care.

The banquet is open to the public. Tickets are \$55 per person and can be purchased on-line at [www.OceanPinesChamber.org](http://www.OceanPinesChamber.org) or by calling the Ocean Pines Office at 410-641-5306.



## SDHS celebrates pep rally

Stephen Decatur High School seniors **Brandon Yusuf, Neah Purnell, Chloe Sass, and Shane Cioccio** served as the emcees during the annual pep rally celebrating the fall season. For the traditional senior walk-out, the seniors dressed in Disney themed costumes. During the event there were performances by cheerleaders, powderpuff cheerleaders, band and band front, and fall athletes and club participants were recognized.



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Community Calendar

# November



## Anglers to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, November 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. Tim Mullin, chairman of the Ocean Pines Marine Activities Committee, comprised of Ocean Pines people who have expertise on boating, fishing and related activities, will discuss current and future projects of the Committee and answer any questions. Updates will also be given on fishing regulations and the boat sharing program. All are welcome.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 <small>Halloween (Obs.)</small>	6	7 <small>Halloween Day</small>	8	9	10	11 <small>Veterans Day (Obs.)</small>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <small>Thanksgiving</small>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## Sea shell memorial gathering scheduled

In recognition of November as National Hospice Month, Coastal Hospice will host a “Sea Shell Memorial Gathering” on the Ocean City Fishing Pier on Thursday, November 16, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free and open to everyone in the community, the purpose of this gathering is to provide a personal moment to remember, reflect, and offer gratitude to those who have died.

“It is a chance to be surrounded by the love, understanding, and support of others - even strangers who are experiencing many of the same feelings and emotions,” Howard Travers, bereavement services manager for Coastal Hospice, said. “We are strengthened as a community as we reach out to support others and build understanding of our common human values and experiences.”

Those who attend will write the names of loved ones or special personal messages on sea shells and then return the shells to the

sea. Guests may bring their own special shells, or Coastal Hospice will have shells available. At 3:30 p.m., a brief memorial service will be held with singing, inspirational readings, ideas on how to cope with grief over the upcoming holidays, and quiet reflection.

Staff members from Coastal Hospice, including spiritual and bereavement counselors, will be present to offer comfort and support.

Free parking is available at the Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot near the ramp to the Ocean City Fishing Pier, which is handicapped accessible.

More information is available by calling bereavement services at 410-742-8732 or at CoastalHospice.org.

## Veterans Day program set

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation invites all to attend the annual ceremony to honor those who have selflessly served their country. The ceremony will be held Saturday, November 11, at 11 a.m. at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial, located between Cathell Road and Manklin Creek Road off Route 589.

The keynote speaker will be MG James Adkins USA (ret). A native of Maryland’s Eastern Shore with a military career spanning nearly 40

years of service in both the enlisted and officer ranks. Major General Adkins served as Maryland’s Adjutant General and Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Limited seating will be provided at a first come basis.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move to the Community Church of Ocean Pines with parking provided across the street at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

## Musical salute scheduled

“Discovery Canteen: A Veteran’s Musical Salute” is a musical celebration of the country’s veterans. Singers will include members of Lower Shore Performing Arts Company. The event will be held at Delmarva Discovery Center in Pocomoke City. The historic building houses an interactive museum and offers tours and various programs. Lower Shore Performing Arts Company’s members include many familiar faces of local theater and has expanded greatly over the past two years. Their mission is to

promote and develop a community that values the arts through theatrical productions, community outreach, economic development, sound stewardship, and providing educational opportunities to strengthen appreciation of the arts. “Discovery Canteen: A Veteran’s Musical Salute” will be held on Saturday, November 11 at 7 p.m. at the Delmarva Discovery Center. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at Delmarva Discovery Center or from members of Lower Shore Performing Arts Company. Visit [www.lowershorepac.org](http://www.lowershorepac.org) or Facebook for more information or to contact the group.

### 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.

**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 or Kate at 410-524-0649 for more activities. BeachSingles.org.

**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.

# Pines hires new finance director, to start after new year

Ocean Pines, Worcester County's largest residential community, has named its new director of finance.



Steve Phillips

Steve Phillips, a 19-year finance and accounting veteran, will be responsible for Ocean Pines Association's budgeting, forecasting and accounting practices, maintenance of its fiscal records and the preparation and interpretation of financial reports, effective Monday, January 8.

Phillips most recently served as senior associate vice president for Finance and Operations for Harford Community College in Churchville, Md.

For the past eight years, Phillips had the responsibilities of controller for Harford Community College, which operates a \$50 million budget. He also has had the responsibility for Operations, Procurement and Public Safety at the community college. Campus operations included capital proj-

ects, facilities maintenance, grounds maintenance, events management and housekeeping.

While with the community college, he helped with the development of Screech (a financial web-based portal), the implementation of control/performance audits, oversaw the annual financial audit, and created a new cancellation process for nonpayment. He is a member of the Maryland Association of Community College Business Officers and his involvement in the aforementioned projects speaks to his abilities as a thinker and tactician.

His previous work experience included managing and improving headquarters and staff financial planning and analysis processes for a chief administrative officer's group, including

monthly updates, quarterly operation reviews, five-year business plans, quarterly forecasts and ad-hoc requests. Mr. Phillips also brings with him knowledge of preparing financial statements in accordance with the Government Accounting Standards Board, developing models and performing analytics on pricing and mar-

keting programs, and making investment decisions in an effort to maximize profits.

Phillips is a certified public accountant and received his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Loyola University and Master's Degree in Finance from Johns Hopkins University.

## County offices close for holiday

Worcester County Government (WCG) offices, including Recreation and Parks, will be closed November 10 in observance of Veterans Day.

All five Branch Libraries, Central Landfill, and Homeowner Convenience Centers, will be open during standard hours of operation on November 10.

The Worcester County Recreation Center will be open Saturday, November 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be closed November 12 to the public, with the exception of the co-ed volleyball league which will take place that day as scheduled.

## DNR recertifies Pines Marina

Ocean Pines Marina is officially recertified as a Maryland Clean Marina. The statewide recognition illustrates Ocean Pines Association's continued commitment to clean marina practices and its dedication to the health of Delmarva's waterways.

"It is very rewarding to exercise environmentally conscious practices at our recreational marina in Ocean Pines," said Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association. "Marina Manager Ron Fisher and his team work tirelessly to demonstrate a willingness to meet the rigorous pollution prevention standards established by the Maryland Clean Marina Committee and the Department of Natural Resources."

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources' exciting Clean Marina Initiative recognizes and promotes marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs of any size that meet legal requirements and voluntarily adopt pollution prevention practices.

Ocean Pines Marina implements an

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## 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines



**NOVEMBER 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.**

*In the event of inclement weather the ceremony will be held at Community Church at Ocean Pines*

**We will honor all who have served  
in our nation's military.**

*All are welcome - please bring your lawn chairs.*

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## 2012 Business of the Year

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Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress,

which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971,

but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date. Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and World War II on or near November 11: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

-History.com



## Ocean Pines leaf collection scheduled

The Ocean Pines Association has announced leaf collection procedures for its residents this fall. Ocean Pines Public Works and Republic Services will both aid in the collection.

Leaves and other yard debris bagged in paper bags will be collected by Ocean Pines Public Works November 20 through December 21. Bags will be picked up on days opposite from Republic Services' collection days. Only paper bags will be accepted, and there is no limit to the number of bags that residents may place curbside. Thirty-gallon paper bags may be purchased at Public Works in bundles of five for \$5.

Additionally, Public Works will vacuum ditch leaves that have been raked to the street beginning November 20 until completed. Yard leaves that have been raked to the street will not be picked up. These leaves must be placed in paper bags for collection.

Residents may also bring leaves and yard debris in bulk or paper bags to the Public Works yard, located at 1 Firehouse Lane near the south station fire department. The yard will be open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., November 20 through December 22. No contractor dumping or plastic bags will be permitted. There will be no collection or drop-off on Thursday, November 23 or Friday, November 24.

Current Republic Services customers may place up to four bags of leaves curbside for each scheduled pickup. This is in addition to regular trash pickup. Trash collection days for residents south of Route 90 are Tuesdays and Fridays. For residents north of Route 90, the collection days are Mondays and Thursdays. Republic will also pick up branches if they are tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet.



**Meeting** - The Democratic Club of Worcester County met recently at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Princess Anne educator and activist Kirkland Hall shared his experiences and initiatives which will benefit constituents of District 38A. Dr. Hall is a candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates, Worcester County. As a native of the Lower Shore, Dr. Hall is committed to working for an improved quality of life. The Democratic club meets the fourth Thursday of each month.

Above: **Kirkland Hall** and **Tom Butler**, president of the club.



**Welcome-** At a recent Sons of Italy meeting new members were welcomed. (L-R) Charity Chair **Mary Castorina**, Past President **Sal Castorina**, **Donna Portenza**, new members **Dot Todaro**, **Rich** and **Pat Marchesiello**. Photo by Anna Fultz.

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## Chili cook-off planned

The Democratic Women's Club will host a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, November 11 between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. For \$15 you can vote for your favorite chili. For more information contact Joy Braun at jbraunva@aol.com or 410-973-1021.

# What is a Veteran?

*Veterans Day is Saturday and I was having a devil of a time conveying in words the high esteem in which I hold members of the Armed Forces. While doing some research I came across the following that most succinctly captures what I feel. -CB*

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye.

Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg - or perhaps another sort of inner steel: the soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity.



***It's All About. . .***

By **Chip Bertino**

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Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem.

You can't tell a vet just by looking.

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel.

She - or he - is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He is the POW who went away one person and came back another - or didn't come back AT ALL.

He is the Quantico drill instructor who has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account rednecks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs.

He is the parade - riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

He is the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep.

He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket - palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being - a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

He is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say Thank You. That's all most people need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.

Two little words that mean a lot, **"THANK YOU"**.

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, Who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, Who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, Who salutes the flag, Who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protestor to burn the flag."

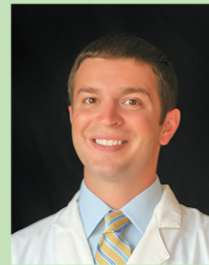
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## 'SantaCon' race dashes in to Ocean Pines

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department invites area residents and visitors for a jolly holiday run through the community at its first "SantaCon" 5K fun run on Saturday, December 16 at noon at Veterans Memorial Park.

The family-friendly race benefits Achilles International, an organization that works to enable people with all types of disabilities to participate in running events.

The course will loop around the Veterans Memorial, cross over into The Parke community, funnel back out onto Ocean Parkway and finish at the memorial.

Participants are encouraged to

dress up as Santa or another Christmas character; the best best-dressed runner will receive an award.

The pre-registration fee is \$25. Registration may be completed online at [raceentry.com/races/ocean-pines-santa-con-5k-fun-run/2017/register](http://raceentry.com/races/ocean-pines-santa-con-5k-fun-run/2017/register) or at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 235 Ocean Parkway. In-person registration on the day of the event is \$35. The first 100 registered runners are guaranteed an event t-shirt.

Additional information about this event is available by contacting the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

## WYFCS honors Sun award recipients

On October 27, Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services (WYFCS) held their Annual Celebration to celebrate 42 years of serving the community and recognize community partners for their support and dedication to the agency. The Annual "Sun Awards" are presented to recognize individuals and organizations in the community that have made a significant contribution to WYFCS through volunteerism or financial contribution.

Reese Cropper of Insurance Management Group was named Outstanding Contributor for his ongoing support of the WYFCS Pirate Party Fundraiser since its inception in 2008. Joe and Alyson Kendall of Kendall Furniture were named Volunteers of the Year for their outstanding support of this year's Pirate Party Fundraiser that helped the agency raise \$10,000

*please see awards on page 15*



## SDHS Key Club donates to UNICEF

The Stephen Decatur High School Key Club donated \$500 to UNICEF after conducting a cake pop fundraiser during Homecoming Week.

Pictured are Key Club Advisor **Sabra McIntosh**, President **Dana Kim**, **Gabrielle Izzett**, **Jamey Gannon**, **Erin Trask**, **Elizabeth Pivec**, Key Club Advisor **Stella Malone**, **Kyla Scherlag** and **Julissa Astudillo** (in the UNICEF box).

## New platform tennis courts ribbon cutting scheduled

The Ocean Pines Association will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newest addition to the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex.

The ceremony on Tuesday, November 28 at 11 a.m. will mark the grand opening of two new platform tennis courts, located at 11443 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines.

"This project will have an extraordinary and permanent impact on Worcester County and our community by promoting and enhancing the quality of area athletic programming," said Aquatics and Recreation Director

Colby Phillips. "Our residents and guests deserve to have top-notch sports facilities and that is what Ocean Pines will continue to deliver."

Ocean Pines will offer free platform tennis play from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in conjunction with the ribbon cutting ceremony on Nov. 28. Instructors will offer beginner courses starting at 9 a.m. Free registration for the beginner courses will be available at the welcome table at the entrance of the sports complex.

The event will include a live radio broadcast, food and remarks from several community leaders, including Ocean Pines Association General Man-

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**Monday**  
Chicken Parmesan over Pasta \$9.95  
Lg. Cheese Pizza \$8.50 (carry-out only)

**Tuesday**  
Burger and French Fries \$6  
Lg. Cheese Pizza \$8.50 (carry-out only)

**Wednesday - Pasta Night**

**Thursday - Steak Night!**

**Friday- Fried Shrimp with French fries & cole slaw \$14.75**

**Saturday - Crabcake Platter with 2 sides and a choice of a soup or salad \$17**

**Drink Specials**  
Drink of the Month \$7.50  
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## Students perform 'The Fairy Tale Network'

Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) sixth grade students presented the play **The Fairy Tale Network** by John Woodard in the Athletic and Performing Arts Center on November 1. Directed by WPS Middle School teachers Mrs. Linda Smith and Mrs. Susan Godwin, **The Fairy Tale Network** was performed in front of parents and friends of the Class of 2024 and fellow Lower and Middle School students.

In addition to the talented group of Sixth Grade Players, the performance would not have been possible without the behind-the-scenes crew. A special thank you to the following: Set Construction by Teachers/Directors Linda Smith and Susan Godwin; Music/Sound by Middle and Upper School Music Teacher Christopher Buzby; Hair and Makeup by Marie Mehilli, Christie Phillips, Dima Yakhour, and student volunteers; Reception Coordinator Kim Nechay; Photographers Diane Brown and Tara Becker; Stage help and maintenance by WPS Building and Grounds Staff Jim Riley, Corey Carrigan and Moe Deshields; Head of Middle School Megan Wallace; and especially all the parents.

**Front (L-R) Moorea Phillips, Natalie Chadwell, Madelyn Nechay, Hunter Simons, Esi Mehilli, Lebby Becker.**

**Middle (L-R) Teacher Linda Smith, Elaina Elrick, Emma Crivella, Izzy Huber, Sara Freih, Vanessa Hall, teacher Susan Godwin.**

**Back (L-R) Max Halle, Carson Rayne, Jonathan Antonov, Sam Menendez, Arnav Sehgal.**

## Last beam installed

On October 26, the last beam to be installed in the new John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center was signed. On-site to sign the beam was CEO and President of At-

In Maryland and Delaware, the cancer rate is higher than the U.S. average. Additionally, Community Needs surveys conducted in our region demonstrates that cancer treatment is

considered one of the most critically important health needs today. This new dedicated cancer care facility conveniently located on Atlantic General hospital's campus, right here in our community, will allow patients and their families easy, local access to a broader range of services than ever before.



From left **Michael Franklin, Hugh Cropper, IV, Jack Burbage, Jr., Roopa Gupta, M.D. and Rabindra Paul, M.D.**

lantic General Hospital Michael Franklin, Board Chair, Hugh Cropper, IV, Campaign for the Future Co-Chair and campaign Life Visionary, Jack Burbage, Jr., providers Dr. Rabindra Paul and Dr. Roopa Gupta, and staff from AGH's Regional Cancer Care Center.

The Regional Cancer Care Center will combine personalized care and advanced technology, enabling patients to move smoothly through the various steps of their cancer diagnosis and treatment.

The center will offer comprehen-

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**Delegate Mary Beth Carozza**  
**District 38C Worcester/Wicomico**

By Authority: Friends of Mary Beth Carozza, Pat Schrawder, Treasurer

***On Veterans Day and every day, may we always remember to thank the men and women of our armed forces for their selfless dedication to military service and for keeping our country the home of the free and the brave. \*\*\*\*\****

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## How to reach emergency services if your cellphone fails

Imagine one of the following emergency scenarios occurs. You smell smoke while relaxing on your living room couch. You witness someone being mugged while you are out walking in your neighborhood, or you spot a motor vehicle accident while you are sitting in your car waiting for your kids to get out of school. You grab your cell phone, punch in 911, and discover that your wireless device lacks service. Now what?

Don't panic. Worcester County Emergency Services (WCES) officials remind residents and visitors that if they are not able to access 9-1-1 from their wireless devices there are steps they can take to get the help they need, such as using a landline telephone or wireless phone from another carrier.

"We've all become accustomed to instant communication on our cell phones," WCES Director Fred Webster said. "But like any other mode of communication, there are flaws in the system. So, if you reach for your cellphone to call 911 and realize it doesn't work, don't panic. There are steps you can

take to assure you reach a public safety official quickly."

Several common issues can interrupt cellphone service. If any of these issues arise, take the following steps. Heavy cellphone traffic, the number of individuals talking or texting, will affect cellphone reliability. Based on the number of cells on the tower closest to you, the number of users that those cells can accommodate may have reached capacity, leaving you without access until someone else drops off.

Trees, particularly forested areas heavily populated with pine trees, can interfere and weaken wireless signals. Move to the closest available clearing and try placing the call again.

Buildings, particularly those constructed of cinderblock building or steel, may block wireless signals. In particular, buildings made of newer "green" technology have a tendency to limit the amount of cell service strength.

**Cable Cuts:** Although your cell phone travels wirelessly to a cell tower, the call still goes through either copper

or fiber optic cables from the tower to the local telephone company office. If a cable gets cut or electronic switches and routers at a tower site or the phone company's central office, service may go out in select areas. For example, last week AT&T cellphone outages could have inhibited the ability of the company's wireless customers on the Lower Eastern Shore to contact 911.

"There are a number of steps you can take to get through to emergency officials if service issues occur," Webster said. "If you're near someone else, ask if they've called 911 or if you may use their phone to report the incident. Be sure to tell them you've tried calling from your phone and find out if they are on another cell company, as there may be no interruption in service from their provider."

Because many businesses still retain landline phones, another option is to enter a nearby business and ask them to call 911. Finally, if you can find the nearest police station go there and report what you saw or flag down a police officer on patrol.

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# Veterans Day honors war survivors

Veterans Day, once known as Armistice Day, was first celebrated on November 11, 1919, the anniversary of the end of World War I. In 1928, the United States Congress passed a resolution for Armistice Day to be an annual observation, and by 1938, the day became a national holiday.

Differing from Memorial Day in May, Armistice Day, which would be renamed Veterans Day in 1954 under President Dwight Eisenhower, pays tribute to veterans who survived various wars. Memorial Day commemorates those veterans who lost their lives.

Americans celebrate Veterans Day, while residents of Great Britain, Canada and Australia celebrate Remembrance Day. Those who want to learn more about Veterans Day can consider the following facts.

According to the American Community Survey, there were 19.3 million military veterans in the United States in 2014. Of those, 1.6 million were female.

California, Texas and Florida comprise the states with the largest number of veterans with one million or

more.

Veterans consist of people who served in the military. This includes the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Merchant Marines and Coast Guard. Veterans serve in times of war and peace.

The word "veteran" comes from the Old English language and means "old, experienced soldier." The first use of the word was documented in 1789.

Although many veterans are working, and the average annual income of male veterans is \$37,000, some veterans continue to be unemployed. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the overall unemployment rate for veterans rose to 7.6 percent in January 2013. The unemployment rate of post-9/11 veterans or those who participated in the Gulf War reached 6.2 percent.

Upon retiring or being discharged, veterans may need help acclimating to life outside the military. The Department of Veterans Affairs says about 30

percent of Vietnam War veterans have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD.

Between 1971 and 1977, Veterans Day was celebrated on the fourth Monday in October. It was changed back to its original date, November 11, in 1975 when President Gerald Ford signed bill S.331 into law. The change went into effect beginning in 1978.

An American soldier was buried at the national cemetery in Arlington on November 11, 1921. His identity was unknown, and the gravesite is known as the "Tomb of the Unknowns." A guard from the Society of the Honor Guard stands watch everyday, regardless of weather, over the grave. Each year on Veterans Day the president or another high-ranking member of the government places a wreath on the grave.

Veterans Day occurs each year on November 11, marking the end of World War I. The day has evolved into a celebration and remembrance of the heroism of America's brave soldiers.



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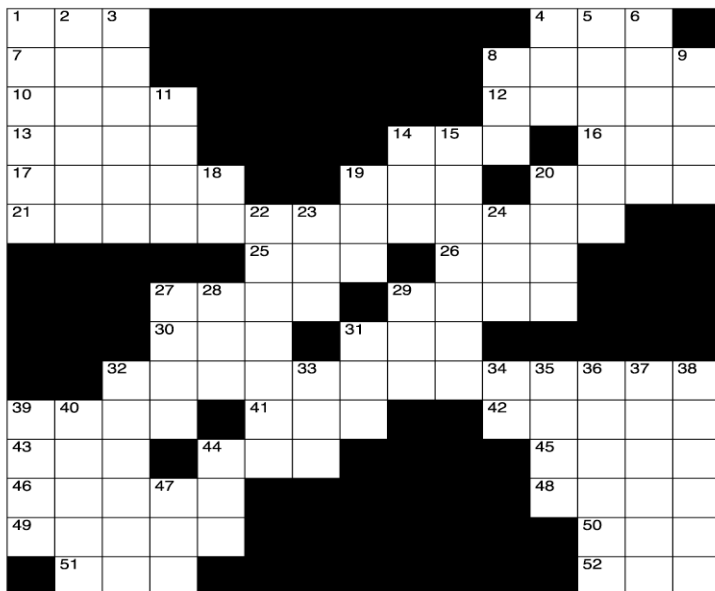
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12. Ivory Coast village
13. Caffeinated beverage
14. Without armies
16. Intention
17. Sulfuric and citric are two
19. Supplement with difficulty
20. & &
21. George and Weezie
25. Liquefied petroleum gas
26. Immortal act
27. Ancient Greek sophist
29. Aids digestion
30. Comedy routine
31. Actress Thurman
32. Adult beverage
39. Amounts of time
41. An awkward stupid person
42. \_\_\_ Walker, "The Color Purple"
43. Covers babies' chests
44. Parts per billion (abbr.)
45. Ottoman military title
46. More skilled
48. Natives to New Mexico
49. Indigent
50. Illuminated
51. Very fast airplane
52. Devoid of cordiality

## CLUES DOWN

1. Comedian Goldthwait
2. Worn by women
3. "Naked Gun" actor Nielsen
4. Processes fatty acids
5. Mortals
6. Not invited
8. Show\_\_: entertainment
9. Darkens
11. Pilgrimage
14. Danish krone
15. Savior
18. Midway between south and east
19. Electroencephalograph
20. Henry's wife Boleyn
22. Hairstyle
23. Frames per second
24. Sinclair novel
27. Basics
28. A person's life story
29. Luxury automaker
31. Ultrahigh frequency
32. Island and antelope are two
33. Taxi
34. Farm state
35. Fence part
36. Rwandan capital
37. Onomatopoeic
38. In a state of turbulence
39. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
40. Flowering plants
44. Inquire too closely
47. Sun up in New York



## Answers for Nov. 1



## Two more wineries from Ocean City's wine on the beach

In my last column, I described two Maryland wineries that had booths at Ocean City's Wine on the Beach festival on September 30. Today I'll describe two more wineries that had several tasty wines featured that day that I would also recommend. Fortunately, both wineries I'll be describing in this column are located on the Eastern Shore. Therefore, a short excursion to visit one or both of these wineries should be both fun and convenient.

The first winery is St. Michaels Winery, located at 609 South Talbot Street. The town of St. Michaels offers charm, beautiful seaside views at every turn, and stunning sunsets. In addition to taking in a winery tour, other top things to do in St. Michaels are to visit the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum or Hooper Strait Lighthouse, take a narrated cruise tour, and stroll through the town to see its boutique shops, spas, and many quaint galleries. There is also the Oxford Bellevue Ferry that runs from Bellevue, Maryland (about 7 miles from St. Michaels) over to Oxford, Maryland. It is a privately-operated ferry service touted as the oldest of its kind in the country. It runs daily during the summer months through the end of October, and it runs on weekends through mid-November.

As posted on the St. Michaels Winery website at [www.st-michaels-winery.com](http://www.st-michaels-winery.com), the tasting room hours from October through December are Mondays-Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 5 pm, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Of their 20 wines, the wines we sampled at the Wine on the Beach festival were the Pinot Gris, a crisp white wine with hints of pear, the Maryland Merlot, a dry red that had a nice black cherry finish, the Gollywobbler Sangria, a sweet and delicious pomegranate and blueberry sangria, and the Gollywobbler White, a sweet white wine that tastes like fresh grapes. The Gollywobbler Sangria is the winery's newest wine and is a solid hit in our estimation.

As with the two wineries featured in last month's column, the St. Michaels Winery also sources its wines; however,

it does so only from places along the East Coast. As you peruse the winery's website, you will see a few of these locations. The St. Michaels White is a semi-sweet wine made from Vidal Blanc grapes obtained from Sudlersville, Maryland, the Sauvignon Blanc is made grapes grown in Centerville, Maryland, and the Pinot Gris that we tried is made with grapes grown in Queenstown, Maryland.

The final winery we sampled wines from at the Wine on the Beach festival was the Far Eastern Shore Winery based in Easton, Maryland. The Far Eastern Shore Winery also sources its wines, but it does so from a variety of locations. Its location is along Rte. 50 at 8370 Ocean Gateway. All of the wines have a similar Asian-inspired label comprised of a white swan surrounded by a lush landscape and beautiful flowers. The Asian inspiration comes from the owners, Tien-Seng Chiu and Tara Chiu. Their Lotus wine is a white wine with hints of strawberries and the exotic lychee fruit from China. Their website at [www.feswinery.com](http://www.feswinery.com) lists their 12 wines available and offers food pairing suggestions.

Of the Far Eastern Shore wines we tried at the Wine on the Beach festival, our favorites were the Summer, a Chardonnay with peach and apricot flavors, the Autumn, made with white cranberry juice and Pinot Gris grapes, the Ruby, a red pomegranate Zinfandel wine, the Wild, a Shiraz red with a delicious blend of blackberries, blueberries, and strawberries, and the Black, a Cabernet Sauvignon with a sweet and tart blackberry flavor.

As you can infer from this article and the article from last month, we have some tasty wines made in our own vicinity that are certainly worth sampling. If you visit the websites of these wineries, you can either order wines to be shipped to you directly, or you can attend any number of events during the year that the wineries take part in. For its relatively small size, Maryland offers a bit of everything that is encapsulated in its geography and the ingenuity and uniqueness of the towns that dot its landscape.

# How to help veterans in need

Millions of men and women serve in the military and make the sacrifices that such service requires. Risking their lives to serve their countries, veterans sometimes endure mental and physical trauma, returning home to face uphill battles as they deal with their injuries.

Many veterans in need are not just in need of medical attention. Learning that their efforts and sacrifices are recognized and appreciated by the ordi-

and aid in their recoveries. In addition, veterans' hospitals may have volunteer opportunities that make it easier for hospitals to operate at optimal capacity

Help a neighbor. Unfortunately, many veterans return home with injuries that affect their ability to make it through a typical day without assistance. Disabled veterans may be unable to do their own grocery shopping or maintain their homes. If a neighbor or nearby veteran is facing such hurdles, offer to do his or her shopping or mow his or her lawn. Such tasks will not take much time but can make a world of difference to veterans.

Offer professional services free of charge. Professionals who want to help veterans can offer their services free of charge. Accountants can offer to prepare veterans' tax returns for free, while attorneys can provide legal advice to veterans who need it. Contractors can help disabled veterans by offering to make alterations to their homes for free or at cost.

Employ social media to help local veterans. Many people who want to help local veterans might not be able to do so more than one day per week. But some veterans may require daily assistance. Men and women can start a locally-based Facebook group for fellow members of their community who want to pitch in to help local veterans. Such a group can make it easier to share information and arrange help for veterans in need.

Many veterans return home from serving overseas in need of help. Offering such help can improve veterans' lives while letting them know their efforts and sacrifices are appreciated.



nary citizens they protect can make a world of difference to veterans as they recover from their injuries. Men, women and children who want to help veterans in need can do so in various ways.

Visit a veterans hospital. Contact a local veterans' hospital to inquire about their volunteer programs. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs notes that each year more than 75,000 volunteers spend more than 11 million hours in service to America's veterans. Visiting veterans at the hospital to hear their stories can lift their spirits



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# PRMC recognized for bariatric surgery

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) has recognized Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) with a Blue Distinction Center designation in the area of bariatric surgery as part of the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program. Blue Distinction Centers are nationally designated healthcare facilities shown to deliver quality specialty care based on objective measures that were developed with input from the medical community for patient safety and better health outcomes.

To receive a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery designation, a healthcare facility must demonstrate success in meeting patient safety as well as bariatric-specific quality measures, including complications and readmissions, for gastric stapling and/or gastric banding procedures. A healthcare facility must also have earned national accreditations at both the facility level and the bariatric care-specific level.

“Peninsula Regional Medical Center

is proud to be recognized by CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield for meeting the rigorous selection criteria for bariatric surgery set by the Blue Distinction Specialty Care program,” said PRMC President/CEO, Dr. Peggy Naleppa.

Bariatric surgeries are among the most common elective surgeries in the U.S., which provides a significant opportunity to improve quality within the healthcare system. There were 179,000 bariatric surgeries performed in 2013, according to the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Sur-

gery, and the average cost is more than \$28,000 per episode, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association. Furthermore, it is estimated that 72 million Americans are obese and 24 million suffer from morbid obesity, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The estimated annual healthcare costs of obesity-related illnesses are \$190.2 billion, or nearly 21 percent of annual medical spending in the U.S., according to the Journal of Health Economics.

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sive, wide-ranging services on one campus including medical oncology/chemotherapy, radiation oncology, advanced laparoscopic surgery, interventional radiology and advanced minimally-invasive surgery such as cystoscopy services, advanced laparoscopic surgery and advanced women's GYN surgery. Diagnostic services such as PET scans, CT, MRI, mammography, ultrasound, and nuclear medicine

along with lab and pathology services and an advanced breast diagnostic center including stereotactic needle biopsy, along with colonoscopies and stomach/esophageal endoscopies are available as well. Also provided will be cancer prevention, education and support for patients and caregivers such as palliative care, pastoral care, patient navigation, pharmacy / medical counseling, rehabilitation services health screenings, education and outreach support groups and services for the entire community.

In addition to those many services, the new center will enhance the direct telemedicine relationship the hospital currently has with the University of Maryland Medical Center. Through this relationship residents of the lower Eastern Shore who may require advanced lung surgery, including those with diagnosed or suspected cancers, are now able to meet with leading experts in thoracic surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) in Baltimore without leaving the Shore. By video teleconferencing, UMMC thoracic surgeons virtually consult with a patient at AGH and review scans and other tests to determine if he or she is a surgical candidate. The entire work-up and pre-operative consultation is done here at AGH's campus. If a surgical procedure is needed, it will be performed at UMMC, home to the University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCCC), a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center with post-surgical care conveniently provided back at AGH.

The new 18,000 sq. ft. center began undergoing construction in June, 2017. The center is expected to reach completion in the spring of 2018.



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## Hurray for grandparents

On October 27, Worcester Prep Lower School students hosted Grandparents' Day, showing their loved ones with activities, handmade gifts, and heritage presentations.

Above: Fourth grader **Hailey Bushnell** hugs her lookalike grandmother **Stephanie Talbott**.

## Fundraiser set to aid humane society

Worcester County Humane Society is holding their 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Dinner "A Night to Celebrate Paws and Whiskers" on Friday, November 10, 2017 at Ocean City Fish Company in West OC.

Cost for tickets is \$60 per person or \$480 per table of eight. Ticket price includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, beverages (non-alcoholic), taxes, gratuity, and \$24 from every ticket goes directly to benefit the no-kill animal shelter. The dinner choices are prime rib, crab cakes, crab imperial, vegetable Alfredo, or broiled flounder and include baked potato, veggie, assorted cheesecake for dessert, and soda, ice tea and coffee. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with appetizers, and cocktails (cash bar) at 6:30. Dinner will be served at 7:30. There will be music throughout the evening and silent auctions and 50/50 tickets. Dinner tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, November 7, 2017. To make a reservation email [savinganimals@worcestercounty-humane.org](mailto:savinganimals@worcestercounty-humane.org) or call 443-235-5647. Reservations forms can also be downloaded on the shelter's website [www.worcestercountyhumane.org](http://www.worcestercountyhumane.org).

Since the spring, the shelter has been selling cash raffle tickets with six cash prizes (1<sup>st</sup>-\$2000, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$1000 and 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> \$500). The drawing for the raffle will be held on Saturday, November 11 at the shelter. Follow the shelter's Facebook page to view the drawing live. Those interested in purchasing raffle tickets can continue to do so at the shelter located at 12330 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin, Paws &

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ager John Bailey, Ocean Pines Director of Aquatics and Recreation Colby Phillips, Ocean Pines Director of Marketing and Public Relations Denise Sawyer and members of the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association.

The \$93,800 project was approved by the Ocean Pines Board of Directors at a July 28 Regular Board meeting. Board Director Doug Parks moved to accept the recommendation of Total Platform Tennis, an Ohio-based platform tennis court construction company.

Platform tennis is an American

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oil recycling and oil spill response plan; participates in oyster gardening; executes proper staff training for fire, hurricane, oil and fuel emergencies; maintains a pump-out station and manages waste containment and proper disposal.

DNR has certified nearly 25 percent of Maryland's estimated 600 marinas as Clean Marinas or Clean Marina Partners and aims to continue increasing this number moving forward.

The certification demonstrates a high level of clean environmental achievement through knowledge, practice and active participation of the marina's staff, customers and subcontractors.

Boaters can expect an elevated level of environmental awareness and responsibility when visiting a certified Maryland Clean Marina. Maryland Clean Marinas act to improve and maintain Maryland's waterways by reducing and eliminating releases and discharges of harmful pollutants, sediments, nutrients, general refuse and anything else that can damage aquatic environments.

Ocean Pines Marina continues to take actions to reduce pollution and improve water quality in the bay, protect both fish and wildlife habitat and provide continued boating enjoyment for future generations. Ocean Pines Marina is open to the public daily from May through October.

racquet sport enjoyed by thousands of people of all ages. It is the only racquet sport that players can enjoy outdoors in cold weather. The game, which combines elements of tennis and racquetball, is played on a court about one-third the size of a tennis court surrounded by 12-foot fencing that allows play off the screens.

Another benefit of a platform tennis membership in Ocean Pines is the option of playing timeless ten-

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more than previous year's. Rudy Magnone was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer for his eight years dedicated to CASA and his time spent volunteering for the agency. Rudy advocated for seven children while volunteering for the CASA program.

Janet Balbo, Carole Spurrier, and Ellen Dyer were each honored a WYFCS Sun to recognize their respective 10 years of distinguished volunteer service with CASA. Over the 10 years, Janet and Carole each advocated for seven children and Ellen advocated for four children including one that was for six years.

Dedicated WYFCS Sun Awards are displayed in "The Ray", a community resource room located in WYFCS's office in Berlin. The room is made available to civic organizations for public meetings and attendees are able to view the Sun Awards and observe the abundance of community support for WYFCS programs.

nis. Those who are no longer comfortable playing on a regular-size tennis court are invited to try the sport, which is new to Ocean Pines and has already attracted a number of players. The game is played on the racquet complex's platform tennis courts using tennis racquets and low-compression balls. The screens surrounding each of the courts help

keep the balls within reach.

For Ocean Pines, the new platform tennis courts are already a source of pride and a great asset to the community.

"It is exciting to think of the potential of programs to come to the new courts as well as more opportunity for member and resident-use," said Phillips.

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## REMEMBER ME ?

*Author Unknown*

Hello, Remember Me? Some people call me Old Glory; others call me The Star Spangled Banner. Whatever name you call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you; because it's about you and me.

I remember some time ago, people would line up on both sides of the street to watch the parades. Naturally I was leading everyone, proudly waving in the breeze.

When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart. Remember?

And you, I remember, were standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat on but you were giving the right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her hand over her heart. Remember?

What happened? I'm still the same Old Flag. Oh, I've added a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago. By now, somehow, I don't feel as proud as I used to feel. When I come down the street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. You may give me a small glance, then you look away. I see children running around you shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take his hat off, and when he didn't see anyone else take off his or her hat, he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic today? Have you forgotten what I stand for, and where I've been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm!

Take a look at the memorial honor roll and see the names of those patriotic Americans who gave their lives to keep this republic free. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down the street again. When you see me, please stand straight and place your hand over your heart, and I'll know that you remembered.

I'll salute you by waving back.

*-Submitted by Barbara Benz  
Ocean Pines*



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