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Openings available on county boards, commissions

Worcester County currently has openings on 27 boards and commissions. County residents interested in volunteering to fill these open seats are invited to contact the County Commissioners, identifying the boards or commissions that are of interest to them.

Vacancies are available on the Adult Public Guardianship Board, Commission on Aging Board, Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board, Agricultural Reconciliation Board, Building Code Appeals Board, Drug & Alcohol Abuse Council, Economic Development Advisory Board, Board of Electrical Examiners, Ethics Board, Housing Review Board, Local Management Board/Initiative to Preserve Families Board, and Board of Library Trustees. Vacancies are also available on the Local Development Council for the Ocean Downs Casino, Lower Shore Workforce Investment Board, Planning Commission, Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board, Recreation Advisory Board, Social Services Board, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Tourism Advisory Committee, Commission for Women, Wor-Wic Community College Local Advisory Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Water and Sewer Advisory Councils in Mystic Harbour, Ocean Pines, and West Ocean City.

Please send a letter of interest, along with a resume or cover letter outlining any pertinent experience, to the County Commissioners at admin@co.worcester.md.us or Worcester County Government Center, One West Market Street, Room 1103, Snow Hill, Maryland 21863.

Democrats to meet

The Democratic Club of Worcester County will meet in the Ocean Pines Community Center Asateague Room on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. After refreshments, Dr. Timothy Dunn, Sociology Professor at Salisbury University, will speak on the Federal DACA program (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), which allows individuals who come to the United States as children, and who meet certain qualifications, to request deferred action against removal for two years. The meeting will include the election of club officers for 2018. All Democrats are welcome.



Anniversary/Honoring Vets

To commemorate its 14th anniversary in business, Eastern Shore Physical Therapy last week teamed with the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation to thank veterans for their service to the country. Above: Marie Gilmore, president of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial with Kathleen and Martin Weinstein of Eastern Shore Physical Therapy. Photo by Chip Bertino.

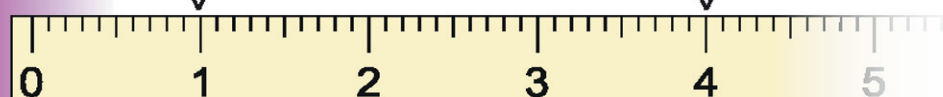
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Community Calendar

November



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

Service scheduled

A Thanksgiving eve service will be held Wednesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin. For more information contact 410-641-2186 or Bethany21811@gmail.com.

Meetings now available on the county website

On November 7, the first audio-visual recording of the Worcester County Commissioners' open-session meeting became available for viewing on the County website.



To view the meeting video, visit www.co.worcester.md.us, click the Meeting Files icon, and then click Watch. The high-definition video is fully indexed, allowing viewers to scroll

through to view discussions on specific agenda topics or to watch the meeting in its entirety.

Future Commissioners' meetings will be videotaped as well and will be available for public viewing on the County website following each meeting.

The Commissioners contracted with Swagit Productions, LLC of Dallas, Texas to record, catalogue, and broadcast the meetings. The inclusion of the new recording system reflects the Commissioners' commitment to transparency and accessibility, assuring that those who are unable to attend the Commissioners' bi-monthly meetings on the first and third Tuesdays may stay up-to-date on all Worcester County legislative and administrative issues.

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 Pinestepers 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

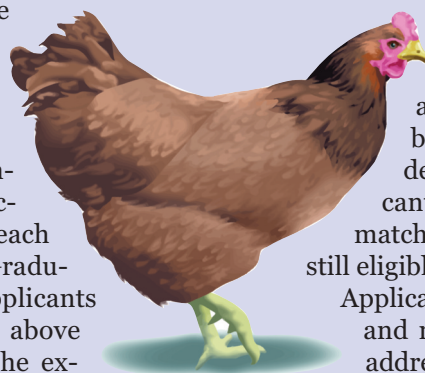
Creative Writing Forum
Every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Berlin Library. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, non-fiction, and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciation, market leads, and writing exercises.

College scholarship program underway

Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI) has announced the opening of the application period for the 2018 Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. College Scholarship Program. Applications are being accepted for undergraduate and graduate scholarships that are available in the amount of \$1,500 or more.

Undergraduate applicants must be a Delmarva resident and a student in good standing at any accredited, degree-granting institution in the United States or in the case of graduating high school seniors, accepted to

an accredited, degree-granting institution within the United States. Individuals must have an academic major in a subject area relevant to Delmarva's chicken industry and be planning a career in a segment of this industry. An academic transcript must accompany each application. Graduate student applicants must meet the above criteria, with the exception of Delmarva



residency. In addition, the individual must be engaged in research that could positively benefit Delmarva's chicken industry.

Although an applicant is not required to have a family member or a family business that is a member of DPI, membership in DPI could be a deciding factor when applicants are otherwise evenly matched. Previous recipients, if still eligible, may reapply.

Applications must be completed and received at the following address on or before 4:30 p.m. on April 2: DPI College Scholar-

ship Program, 16686 County Seat Highway, Georgetown, DE 19947-4881.

Application forms and additional scholarship information are available by calling 302-856-9037, from the DPI website at www.dpichicken.org at the 'Scholarships' link, or by sending inquiries to morrow@dpichicken.com.

Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. is the 1,800-member nonprofit trade association for the Delmarva Peninsula's meat chicken industry. For more information, visit dpichicken.org; like DPI on Facebook; and follow us on Twitter.

Chamber to hold installation banquet, recognize honorees

By **Gloria Dietz**

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual installation banquet on Thursday evening at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

This year three individuals and organizations will be honored by the organization for their contributions to the community. Those to be honored are Jennie Rice (Citizen of the Year), Kendall Home Furnishing (Business of the Year) and Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care (Non-profit Organization of the Year).

Jennie Rice is a loan officer at The Farmers Bank of Willards where she currently manages the White Marlin Mall location, as well as Talbot Street in downtown Ocean City. Jennie who is originally from Allentown, PA has worked diligently to meet her customer's needs at the bank since 2012. Paying attention to detail, good listening skills and empathy underscore the appreciation by her customers that led her to this honor. Jennie is supported by a staff of eight and loves to teach and shape those with whom she comes into contact.

Jennie is a proud recipient of The

Farmers Bank of Willards Customer Service award and has graduated from Maryland Banking School sponsored by the Maryland Bankers Association in College Park, MD. She is pursuing her degree in business from Wor-Wic Community College and hopes to continue at Salisbury University upon completion.

In addition to being very active in her church at SonRise in Berlin, Jennie volunteers at Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center. "It is the highlight of my week outside of business commitments," said Jennie. "The love of my faith has allowed me to cross many barriers and love many people in my community." Jennie also serves as the chair for the chamber ambassadors committee and is a member of the Ki-

wanis and The Blood Bank of Delmarva.

Jennie and her husband Marc have one son, Uriah. When she is away from business, Jennie enjoys singing, dancing, making people laugh and spending time with family and friends.

Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care opened in 1980 as a small non-profit. It now serves more than 170 patients in the Berlin area alone; nearly 400 patients and more than 1,200 across the Lower Shore.

What makes Coastal Hospice spe-



Marc, Jennie and Uriah Rice

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There is an emotional component of becoming a pet owner, but finances also need to be considered. Pet ownership may be impractical for those who are barely making ends meet. The ASPCA says that the first-year

cost of pet ownership can exceed \$1,000.

Annual pet expenses include food, medical exams, litter, a

license, toys, treats, and any unexpected medical costs resulting from illness. Flea and tick prevention, training, professional grooming, and boarding can drive up costs even further. The animal adoption site PetFinder suggests potential pet parents do their homework to determine the feasibility of getting a pet by examining potential costs and how such costs fit into their budgets.



Foultz overwhelmed by support

Editor:

How can I even begin to thank the media, the people of Delmarva and even those around the USA for the wonderful publicity given to me about my first-ever book called *Two Steps Forward – A Memoir*.

In October of this year, I accepted three book-signing events during my visit to Kentucky from October 23rd to the 30. Upon my return home to beautiful Ocean Pines, I was stunned and surprised to see all the publicity and pictures in the local newspapers about my book and me. I could barely read the articles through my tears of joy. I was overwhelmed with emotion and happiness by all the kindness and love generated by your informing the public, including my book signings here. My first successful book signing, here at home, was at the Sons of Italy meeting on November 2. I want to thank their Treasurer Vito Portenza and the members for the large turnout for me to speak about my book and do the book signing. I have two more local book signings to do. First on November 16 at the Republican Women of Worcester County meeting at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City at 5 p.m. and the second at the Kiwanis Club meeting on Wednesday November 29 in the Ocean Pines Community Center at 8 a.m. I would not have been successful and offered these book signings without your help. May God Bless You All. I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

*With Love and Gratitude,
 Anna Foultz*



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are not corrected for spelling or grammar and priority will be given to letters of 300 words or less. Letters must be received by Friday at 5 p.m. They can be e-mailed to:

thecourier@delmarvacourier.com



On the town - On Wednesday, November 8, the Ocean Pines Girls Night Out group, "The Flirty Dozen" enjoyed their monthly dinner at the new DeFebo's restaurant in downtown Berlin.



Opposition - Lower Shore District One constituents attended the Andy Harris town hall meeting at Wicomico High School on November 11. Carrying red placards, participants said, "No!" to the new tax plan. Above are various community members from the Lower Shore.



Pillowcase Ministry

The Pillowcase Ministry Program has reached thousands of impoverished children and their families since its inception in 2011. Local women, students and the elderly work on this "mission of love." The most recent donations went to Tom and Bev Brumley of Evangelistic World Outreach (EWO). EWO has served the people of Haiti since 1972, building schools, offering adult education programs, providing food and spiritual guidance. The donations included: 878 dresses, 664 shorts, 1,781 market bags, 74 sleep mats and 159 backpacks. Toothbrushes, tooth paste, flip flops, shower kits and female pads were also sent. As Bev says, "So many are blessed by Pillowcase Ministry's efforts!"

If anyone would like to join the group or make a donation, please call Barbara at 443-944-5868. Above: Students from an EWO school in Dufour, Haiti excited about their gifts.

What's up?

Have you ever been asked, "What have you been up to lately" and not been able to come up with an answer that doesn't sound too humdrum. As simple as the question is, it stymies at times. I guess because I want to respond with something that's out-of-the-park fantastic. Most of the times I tip the ball foul.

It happened to me not long ago



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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when I was talking with my mother. As is a mother's tendency, she's interested in what her son is doing. My response didn't do her proud. "Uh, uh, hmmm. What have I been up to," I stammered in response. That experience got me thinking that for the most part we go through our days routinely, not really giving thought to what we're doing because, well, we're involved in doing whatever it is we're doing. Whether we're going to the supermarket, folding laundry or making dinner, we just do it without much thought that, "Wow, this is really something! I can't wait to tell someone."

I mean really, do any of us really get so excited about cleaning the bathroom that we're excited to share the news with someone? Well, you may want to share the information with your significant other who hasn't attempted to clean the bathroom since, since never. Of course, I wouldn't know anything about that. [He wrote sardonically.]

What are the sorts of things we've done that would rise to the top of the list of answers when we're asked, "What have you been up to lately?" Let's see.

A number of years ago I went sky-diving and for months thereafter whenever I was asked what I had been up to, I told them about me jumping from an airplane, eleven thousand five hundred feet in the air. With each retelling the story became more colorful and fantastic. It was a great story and one I relished regaling enthralled listeners for a long time. In time my wife and children grew weary of hearing about my ex-

ploits high above the earth and held an intervention in the living one evening making clear to me that if I told the story again I could find myself falling from the sky without benefit of a parachute. I don't think they meant it, but given my wife's Scottish temper and the fact my children are part Sicilian, I felt it best not to press the issue. If you'd like me to recount my story, please get permission first from my wife, in writing.

Let's see, what else is a good, "What have you been up to," response material? Probably a recent big purchase like a house or car or boat would be good. The announcement of a pregnancy would rank high. Sharing the details of your latest proctologist visit should be left at the bottom of the list. No pun intended.

Just over five years ago I achieved platinum status when it comes to answering this particular question. I joined the ranks of grandparent. And there's nothing better than that. Having grandchildren alleviates me from having to respond about myself. All I have to do is start talking about my grandchildren and I'm home free. Talking about the antics of grandchildren is a universal conversation. And their antics don't even have to be too terribly interesting.

"My granddaughter learned to sit up." "My grandson is sleeping through the night." "My granddaughter just started Kindergarten." See what I mean. I throw out a response like that and whoever I'm talking with is immediately impressed, and I didn't have to do anything. However, I've learned to be careful because when talking with another grandparent, the conversation can easily become a competition of whose grandchild is doing more, better and faster. In reality such conversations end in a draw because let's face it, no grandparent is ever going to give ground that someone else's grandchild is doing more, is better or faster. Just as true is the fact that each grandparent will take away from the conversation that indeed that their grandchild is tops.

So, the next time we meet, ask me about my grandchildren. We'll have a wonderful conversation.

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AGH welcomes new board of trustees chair

At its annual corporation meeting, Atlantic General Hospital's Board of Trustees voted in a new board chairman, Hugh T. Cropper, IV, who is the former Treasurer of the Board.

Cropper is a graduate of Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin, the College of William and Mary, and the University of Maryland Law School. Hugh practices as an attorney, and he is a partner in the law firm of Booth, Booth, Cropper & Marriner, PC. Cropper has represented local clients in and around Worcester County for nearly 29 years, including numerous charitable and pro bono clients. Most recently, Cropper represented Diakonia in connection with their new facility in

West Ocean City. Cropper is the chairman of the board of directors for Bank of Ocean City. He is the chairman of the board of directors for the Lower Shore Land Trust. He was formerly a member of the board of governors of the Maryland State Bar Association, and he is a member of the Judicial Nominating Committee for the First Circuit. Hugh has been a member of the board of trustees of Atlantic General Hospital since 2007, and he is currently the chairman of the Quality Committee. He was formerly secretary of the board of trustees, and most recently served as treasurer. Cropper lives in the Berlin area with his wife, Jennifer, and his twins, Myra and Hugh Thomas. Cropper was born and raised in Worcester County and his grandfather, Hugh T. Cropper, was the former mayor of Ocean City. He is an active commercial fisherman, and he enjoys the outdoors, hunting, and fishing with his family. He is excited to serve Atlantic General Hospital and the needs of the community. He will begin his term as board chair in November, 2017.

"We acknowledge Hugh's dedication and hard work for Atlantic General," commented Michael Franklin, FACHE, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital. "We are thrilled to welcome Hugh as the board chair. We are likewise especially grateful for the three years Lou Taylor served as our board chair, and the positive impact that he has made."

Lou Taylor, the outgoing board chair, served in this position from November, 2014 to October, 2017. He started serving on the board in 2006,

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Change of watch

The Ocean Pines Boat Club concluded its 27th year with the annual meeting and Change of Watch dinner-dance that took place on Sunday, November 5 at Adolfo's Restaurant in Ocean City. Commodore Richard Marchesiello turned the helm over to the Boat Club's new Commodore, Patricia Marchesiello.

The 2018 Officers are Commodore Patricia Marchesiello, Vice Commodore Joseph DiMartino, Rear Commodore Thomas Southwell, Fleet Captain David Landis, Treasurer Fred Heinlen and Secretary Janet O'Brien. Directors are Nancy Engelke, Doris Lloyd, Timothy Collins, Stuart Glassman, Richard Marchesiello, Steven Stein, and Lawrence Walton.

The winner of the Outstanding Member Award was Elsie MacMullin. To join the Ocean Pines Boat Club or obtain information may contact Pat Marchesiello at 410-208-6933.

Above: Steven Stein, Richard Marchesiello, Patricia Marchesiello (2018 Commodore), Joseph DiMartino, Thomas Southwell, Stuart Glassman, Nancy Engelke, Fred Heinlen, Lawrence Walton, and Doris Lloyd.

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 ac-

cepted, 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.

Ocean Pines residents may also bring leaves and yard debris in bulk or paper bags to the Public Works yard,

please see schedule on page 15



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

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Service — Members of Girl Scout Troop 812 of Berlin attend a regular meeting in the Ray Room of the Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services in Berlin. Above are **Evelyn Walsh, Summer Brenner, Stephanie Sampson, Julia Kozma, Emery Busko, Paula Magathan and Summer Banks.**

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 Manager 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 Ten-

nis, an Ohio-based platform tennis court construction company.

Platform tennis is an American 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 ele-

*please see **courts** on page 15*

Prepare to come about!

By **Dan Collins**

How do you enjoy the thrill of sailboat racing without muscling halyards and sheets or grinding sail sets on every shift in the wind? Remote control (RC) models.

The Ocean Pines Remote Control Sailing Association is a relatively new organization that conducts friendly races every Monday and Thursday morning during the summer while gaggles of Canadian geese and other locals watch. Racing these models is competitive and just as satisfying to the victors as winning the America’s Cup, only about eighty million dollars cheaper per entry, and the bragging rights are just as rewarding.

As the weather turns cold, boaters, large and small, have to put their dreams in winter storage. Ed Ryan, Clive Walker and J. David Lee of the Ocean Pines Remote Control Sailing Association are no exception. Their race course buoys have been pulled from the South Gate Pond and their model yachts are sitting on workshop benches awaiting the winter tinkering of their skippers. The dreams of victory know no off season.

RC sailboat racing is a great opportunity to enjoy the challenge of capturing the wind in a competitive environment and tacking and jibing to the finish line without having to yell at the crew or spending months in Newport or Fremantle.



Ocean Pines residents **Clive Walker, J. David Lee and Ed Ryan.**

The club is a member of the American Model Yachting Association. For more information on the club and remote control sail boating, visit their web site: www.oprcsa.org.

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Hometown Christmas celebration scheduled

Ocean Pines will hold its annual Holiday Tree Lighting at the “Hometown Christmas” event on Saturday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. at White Horse Park.

The event will feature Santa and his helpers from the North Pole and entertainment by Delmarva Chorus, a 23-member a capella ensemble that is led by choral director Carol Ludwig.

Trees, which range in size from eight to 10 feet, are sponsored and decorated by area businesses, clubs, families and individuals. The sponsored holiday trees will be on display from November to January and illuminated at the November 25 event.

Those interested in sponsoring a holiday tree can now do so by visiting



the Ocean Pines Community Center to pay \$50. The sponsors’ names will be on prominent display at the frequently visited park. Trees will be in place and ready for decorating by Nov. 20.

This event is open to the public. For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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.

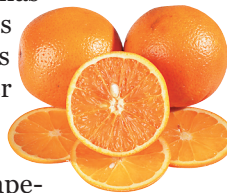
Staff members from Coastal Hospice, including spiritual and bereavement counselors, will be present to offer comfort and support.

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.

Kiwanis taking fruit orders

Considering a healthy holiday gift or maybe something healthy just for you? Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City has the answer and is taking orders through December 1 for navel oranges (20 Lb. Box) \$24, red grapefruit (20 Lb. Box) \$24, 50/50 oranges and grapefruit combination (20 Lb. Box) \$30 and Mandarin oranges (5 lb. bag) \$9. Call 410-208-6719 or 410-973-1233 to place an order. Delivery and pick up will be between December 14 and 17.



Hospice volunteer receives service award

Coastal Hospice volunteer David Duitscher received the award for volunteerism in the veteran category during the 34th Governor’s Service Awards ceremony on November 2 at the Children’s Theater in Annapolis.

Duitscher, who has been volunteering with Coastal Hospice for 17 years, is a veteran himself and an active volunteer in Coastal Hospice’s “We Honor Veterans” program that honors veterans in hospice care. Duitscher personally makes visits to homes where he presents the veterans in hospice care with a personalized award certificate and an American flag blanket and offers the final military salute.

Shown left to right at the awards ceremony are **Steven McAdams**, executive director of the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives; **Robert L. Flynn**, deputy secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs; **David Duitscher**; and **Van Brooks**, director of the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism.



NHS members maintain Berlin Park

While it may be typical for high school students to sleep in on Saturday mornings, this was not the case for a motivated group of Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society students on October 28 as it raked leaves, pulled weeds, trimmed bushes, and provided some landscaping improvements at the Berlin park. For several years, the group has adopted several beds in the park.

Back row: **Hayden Zaiser, Conor Boyle, Brandon Yusuf, Parker Wheeler, Shane Cioccio, Kyle Jarmon, Preston Whittaker.** Front row: **Diamond Rounds, Alexis Abrams, Montajha Bowen, Justin Hammond, Zachary Pilarski and Allyson Possident.**

Commissioners extend gratitude to those who foster adoption

This month is National Adoption Month. To raise awareness of the young people in our community who need stable homes, to highlight the joy of adoption, and to honor those who have dedicated their lives serving these children, on November 7, the Commissioners extended their gratitude to Worcester County Department of Social Services (DSS) Assistant Director of Services Jamie Manning and DSS staff members Lillian Wilkinson, Jamie Truitt, Trina Townsend, Jody Hurley, and Terry Edwards, along with Lisa Jackson, the 2017 Adoptive Parent of the Year.



The Commissioners extended their gratitude to Worcester County Department of Social Services (DSS) Assistant Director of Services Jamie Manning, and DSS staff members Lillian Wilkinson, Jamie Truitt, Trina Townsend, Jody Hurley, and Terry Edwards, along with Lisa Jackson, the 2017 Adoptive Parent of the Year.

Shore, who cannot remain in their families of origin, are finding the love, nurturing, and support that they need to feel valued and to thrive in permanent homes. From FY10 to FY18, 39 children, ages one to 17, have been adopted in Worcester County. Two of

children in foster care on the Eastern

please see **adoption** page 15



SDHS literary scholars inducted

In a language rich and scholarly ceremony, 15 Stephen Decatur High School students were inducted into the National English Honor Society (NEHS) this fall. The SDHS NEHS has many service campaigns including holding an annual book drive, managing the school's writing center, and partnering up with local elementary schools for reading projects.

Back row: Mia Dill, Madilyn Ortega, Jeff Helvig, Zain Brady, Jake Rider, Casey Dent, Kaitlyn Peters Middle row: Sarah Beesley, Kate Carpenter, Rachel Gillin, Lily Rakow, Anna Kiesewetter. Front row: Corinne Krasner, Tara Fischer, Haley Vest.



SDHS Key Club holds annual blood drive

The Stephen Decatur High School Key Club held its annual blood drive with the Blood Bank of Delmarva on November 3 where nearly 100 donors showed up to donate blood. Each year, the school is in the running to be the largest blood donation facility on the Lower Eastern Shore.

Above: Stephen Decatur High School senior **Brandon Yusuf** is all smiles after donating blood at the annual Key Club blood drive on November 3.

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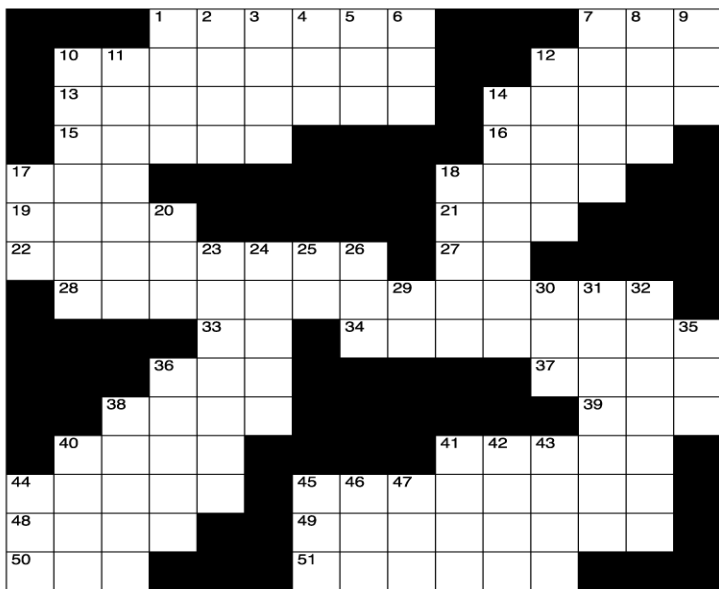
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- 1. Holds candles
- 7. In possession of
- 10. Rodents
- 12. Type of cofactor (Brit. sp.)
- 13. Hard candy on a stick
- 14. Animal of the weasel family
- 15. Things that should not be overlooked
- 16. "Silence" author
- 17. Dried, split lentils
- 18. People native to Ghana
- 19. Barros and Gasteyer are two
- 21. British thermal unit
- 22. Large oblong hall
- 27. Ethnic group in Asia
- 28. Holiday decoration
- 33. Milliliter
- 34. Open
- 36. Health physics concept (abbr.)
- 37. Tantric meditation
- 38. Where golf games begin
- 39. Birth swine
- 40. Rip
- 41. Remove
- 44. Puts together in time
- 45. Rotary engines
- 48. Skeletal structure
- 49. Member of a labor organization
- 50. Japanese classical theater
- 51. Undergarments

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "Snake Tales" cartoonist
- 2. Religious group
- 3. Singer Redding
- 4. ___ and tuck
- 5. Head honcho
- 6. Second sight
- 7. Composer
- 8. About aviation
- 9. Senior officer
- 10. Forecasts weather
- 11. Seasoned Hungarian soup
- 12. Town in Hesse, Germany
- 14. Thought to derive from meteorites
- 17. Hit lightly
- 18. Seemingly bottomless chasm
- 20. Title of respect
- 23. Warms up
- 24. Man and Wight are two
- 25. Type of scan
- 26. Atomic mass unit
- 29. Article
- 30. Incriminate
- 31. Passes by
- 32. Most nerve-inducing
- 35. David Alan Grier sitcom
- 36. Achieve
- 38. Freshwater fish
- 40. Beginner
- 41. Dark brown or black
- 42. A newlywed wears one
- 43. DiFranco and Vardanyan are two
- 44. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 45. Ancient Egyptian King
- 46. Old name (abbr.)
- 47. Brazilian city (slang)



Answers for Nov. 8



Catching tautog and 'tis the season

Fishing Report: Flounder fishing is starting to wind down although I have had some reports of nice catches in the East Channel, the inlet and Harbor Island. Pearl White Swimming Mullet Gulp and strip bait seem to continue to be the hot baits or live spot or bunker if you can find them. Off shore the Head Boats reported some good fishing when the weather permits. Many have limited out on Sea Bass with a recent good catch of flounder being caught at the wrecks. Striper action is slowly picking up with Delaware being the hot spot however many shorts are being caught around the Rte. 90 bridge. Tog fishing is picking up as the water cools.

Catching Tautog: I continue to enforce how important it is for you to understand the fish before you can really be good at catching them. The Tautog or (Tog) also known as a Blackfish is an ugly fish with large teeth which it uses to crush the shells of crabs, barnacles and other shell fish that it normally feeds on. At times the Tog will also bite on squid when available but it is not my bait of choice. It is pretty much a bottom feeder, and likes to hang around rock piles, wrecks and piers making it a difficult fish to catch since it also likes to dart into the rock piles after grabbing the bait and snagging the fishing line unless you set the hook and pull them out quickly avoiding the snag. They pursue their prey a great deal by scent unlike flounder who are site feeders.

Fishing Equipment: I recommend a 6' to 7' stiff rod as you will need this to set the hook and pull the fish out of the rocks quickly. The gear can be spinning or level wind which ever you prefer. Use at least a minimum of 20lb test line of your choice. I prefer monofilament. Also, the bite of a Tog is light so you must pay attention.

What type rig should I use? Use a length of mono or fluorocarbon usually 40-50lb. test with a dropper loop in the middle and a perfection loop at the end for the sinker. A hook usually a J-hook from 1/0 - 4/0, is attached to the dropper loop. The finished rig is usually 20-24" long. This is attached to the main line via a barrel swivel.

What about bait? The popular baits

are green crab quartered, sand crabs which I prefer, or clams. Keep in mind that your bait when fishing for Tog should always be fresh as frozen baits do not provide the scent necessary to attract Tog. I would also recommend that if you are new to Tog fishing that you ask the salesperson at the tackle shop where you purchase the bait to demonstrate how the bait is to be hooked. This is very important as the hook must be hidden for Tog fishing.

Where should I fish for Tog? If you are in a boat seek out rocky structure such as the inlet jetties or tie up to some pilings and fish right down along the piling. This is done best at slack tide. If you are bank fishing there is some great fishing along the inlet jetties but I prefer the bulkhead from 2nd to 4th street in Ocean City. Charter boat fishing is also great as the Tog bite is hot at the wrecks as the water cools.

'Tis the season: If you are not a cold weather fisherman 'Tis the Season to begin thinking about getting your gear ready for winter storage as follows:

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

For reel maintenance strip all monofilament line, braid is o.k. to leave on. Don't replace the mono line until spring or it will curl off your reel. Clean your reels of all old grease and replace with new grease then spray the entire reel with Reel Magic which can be purchased at most tackle shops or retail stores that sell fishing gear.

Check your rod guides for wear, rust and corrosion and replace if necessary. Also be certain they do not have line grooves worn into them. If they do have grooves replace the guides. Then spray all guides with Real Magic to prevent moisture and corrosion.

Finally, check all of your used lures and hooks for sharpness and sharpen if necessary. Don't lose that first fish next season because of a dull hook.

NOTE: Don't forget to winterize your boat!

Remember to take a kid fishing.

MCBP to host Discover Your Watershed

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) will host this year's final series of the 'Discover Your Watershed' program on Saturday, November 18 at their Showell Property from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

This property is not open to the public, so this event is a unique opportunity to see a hidden restoration property firsthand.

Discover Your Watershed program is a combination of an educational and volunteering experience. The day will begin searching for a hidden geocache, then follow clues to find hidden treasures while hiking through a forest. After the hike, volunteers will be asked to help with trail maintenance. The program will end with lunch provided by the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

This is the perfect opportunity for school groups, church groups, families, and individuals to explore a MCBP management property that is typically closed to the public.

Turkey shoot scheduled

The Synepuxent Rod & Gun Club will host a Turkey Shoot on Saturday, November 18 to benefit Ocean City/Berlin Boy Scout Troop 225. Event hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Bring your own 12 or 20-gauge shotgun and ammo will be provided. Rounds start at \$2 per target. Win gift



certificates from area restaurants, hotel accommodations, sporting goods, tools, hunting supplies, turkeys, jewelry, etc. Buy raffle tickets to win a 22 Marlin Rifle! Breakfast, lunch and bake sale will be available. Event will be held at Synepuxent Rod & Gun Club, 7909 Purnell Crossing Rd. in Berlin. For more information contact Matt Norman at 443-366-5882 or scoutmaster@octroop225.org.

Long pants, old shoes or boots are encouraged. This event is free and open to the public. You must sign up in advance for this event. Directions will be provided when you RSVP; the location is in Showell, Maryland.

Please RSVP by contacting Amanda at amandap@mdcoastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297 ext. 103.

Discover Your Watershed series is a program dedicated to providing residents and visitors the opportunity to explore and learn about area restoration properties in the coastal bays watershed.

MCBP is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit dedicated to protecting the five coastal bays located behind Ocean City and Assateague Island.

Christmas show to be presented

The Ocean Pines Players present an entertaining dramatic reading of *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and Then Some)*, a good hearted spoof of the secular holiday stories, movies, characters, and traditions we all enjoy, along with Christmas songs and caroling. The event will take place December 1 through 3 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Life Center located at 10301 Coastal Hwy in Ocean City. Admission is \$15 payable at the door and includes beverages and dessert at intermission. The Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7 p.m.; Sunday matinee starts at 3 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes before showtime. For information call 410-600-0462.

SDMS to host health fair

Stephen Decatur Middle School will host a Health Fair on Thursday, November 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to students and staff, parents and community members are encouraged to attend. Many community partners will be available to present information on physical and mental health, recreational programs and physical fitness, drugs and drug prevention, safety and more.

Stephen Decatur Middle School is located at 9815 Seahawk Road, just behind the high school.



The scholarship recipients, seated from left, are **Jessica Collins, Kaitlyn Custer, Dana Heath, Brooke Knight, Mitchell Krystofiak, Noah Lawson, Bethany Peterson, Nicholas Price and Kayla Shiderly** In the back, from left, are **Dr. Ray Hoy**, president of Wor-Wic, **Martin T. Neat**, chairperson of Wor-Wic's board of trustees, **Russell W. Blake**, vice chairperson of Wor-Wic's board of trustees, and **Andrew W. Booth, Kimberly C. Gillis, William H. Kerbin and Lorraine Purnell-Ayers**, members of the board of trustees, **Chip Bertino**, Worcester County Commissioner, and **Bob Culver**, Wicomico County Executive.

Wor-Wic board awards scholarships

The board of trustees at Wor-Wic Community College recently awarded scholarships to 10 local high school graduates.

This year's scholarship recipients include Jessica Collins of Mardela Middle and High School, Kaitlyn Custer of Stephen Decatur High School, Dana Heath of Delmar Middle and Senior High School, Brooke Knight of Snow Hill High School, Mitchell Krystofiak of Pocomoke High School, Noah Lawson of Wicomico High School, Bethany Peterson of Parkside High School, Nicholas Price of Washington High School, Kayla Shiderly of Salisbury Christian School, and Maria Vieyra-Becerril of Crisfield High School and Academy.

The board of trustees provides a two-year full-tuition scholarship for the most academically-talented high school senior applicant from each of

the 10 public high schools and two of the four private high schools in Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, applicants must have at least a 3.25 GPA on an unweighted 4.0 scale. They must also apply for admission to Wor-Wic before April 10 of their senior year in high school, as well as complete a board of trustees scholarship application form.

The scholarships are awarded to the applicant with the highest GPA from each school, followed by the highest total number of credits earned and the earliest admission application. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

High school students interested in more information about the scholarship should call the college's financial aid office at 410-334-2905.

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., Nov. 16	5:41 a.m. 5:55 p.m.	12:06 a.m.	6:43 a.m.	4:47 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 17	6:21 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	12:07 a.m. 12:47 p.m.	6:44 a.m.	4:46 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 18	7:00 a.m. 7:16 p.m.	12:44 a.m. 1:27 p.m.	6:45 a.m.	4:46 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 19	7:40 a.m. 7:56 p.m.	1:21 a.m. 2:05 p.m.	6:47 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 20	8:20 a.m. 8:37 p.m.	1:58 a.m. 2:44 p.m.	6:48 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 21	9:00 a.m. 9:18 p.m.	2:36 a.m. 3:24 p.m.	6:49 a.m.	4:44 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 22	9:42 a.m. 10:01 p.m.	3:16 a.m. 4:07 p.m.	6:50 a.m.	4:43 p.m.

'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 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.



Ocean Pines platform tennis honors their veterans

By **June Freeman**

Ocean Pines platform tennis honored their veterans on Saturday, November 11 with an afternoon lunch and play. Over forty people attended this special event. The sunshine and fifty-degree weather made for a perfect day to spend outdoors. Before the luncheon, the platform tennis community gathered together to recognize the many veterans. Sue Walter in her tribute to veterans stated, "All military, active or retired, should have thanks and respect. A veteran, whether active duty, discharged, retired or reserve, is

someone who at one time in his or her life wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for the amount of up to and including his or her life."

Loud applause followed her recognition of the sacrifices which all veterans make for our country. Platform tennis players have a long history of military service. Of the current members, Don Anders enlisted first in 1952.

The platform tennis community was proud to be able to show veterans their appreciation.

Flag retirement ceremony is Saturday

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines will be the site of a flag retirement ceremony at 9 a.m., November 18. The brief ceremony will be followed by the respectful burning of US flags by members of Boy Scout Troop # 261, under the leadership of Scout Master Ken Nichols and Cub Scout Pack # 261, under the leadership of Cub Master, Nick Busko. The flag burning will continue until all flags have been consumed, approxi-

mately till noon.

Worn US Flags may be brought to the Ocean Pines Community Center or the American Legion Post 123 in Berlin, American Legion Post 231 in Berlin and American Legion Post 166 in Ocean City. Flags will be retired and burned following US Flag Code.

The Veterans Memorial Foundation is grateful for the assistance of Ocean Pines Public Works and the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Co.

Host a turkey-free Thanksgiving

Low in fat, high in protein and an inexpensive source of iron, zinc, potassium and B vitamins, turkey makes a healthy addition to a person's diet. Turkey also tends to be the star of the show on Thanksgiving and other holidays. Even though turkey can be a delicious addition to any holiday table, some people prefer to buck Thanksgiving tradition from time to time and divert focus from the golden gobbler.

Even though turkey may be synonymous with Thanksgiving, hosts and hostesses should not shy away from serving something different. In fact, turkey may not even have been on the menu for the first Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving dates back to New England in November 1621, when newly arrived Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians gathered for an

autumn harvest celebration. It is reported that pilgrims went on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the three-day feast. Although wild turkey was plentiful in the region, ducks, geese, passenger pigeons, and swans were commonly consumed. Historians at Smithsonian say documents refer to wildfowl and venison as foods appearing at the first Thanksgiving, but turkey was not mentioned.

Home chefs can take a cue from those first pilgrims and choose less traditional offerings this Thanksgiving. The following are some ideas that are reminiscent of the first Thanksgiving.

If the flavor is more palatable, do not hesitate to select another bird to grace the Thanksgiving table, such as a goose or even a chicken. Some people find turkey meat to be too dry, despite all of the different preparation methods. Chicken or goose may be

more well-received and just as versatile.

Don not overlook the possibility of serving fish and other seafood. Colonists and the Wampanoag probably ate eel, lobster, clams, and mussels. Fish can be dried, smoked and preserved.

Replace wheat-based recipes with those made from cornmeal, as maize was more likely available during colonial time than wheat.

Forests provided chestnuts, beechnuts and walnuts, so a platter of nuts paired with cheese or fruit also can make a welcome addition to the table. Nuts also can be ground and used in baked goods or flavoring for Thanksgiving desserts.

Pumpkin and squash were plentiful in colonial times, and this is why these gourds are often included in Thanksgiving meals and decor. The flesh of a pumpkin or squash can be



turned into casseroles or used to make quiche.

A traditional Thanksgiving meal for the early settlers would not have included potatoes. White potatoes originated in South America and sweet potatoes in the Caribbean. At the time of the first Thanksgiving, these would not yet have been introduced, as white potato patches in North America were not established in the region until 1719, according to the potato resource Potato Goodness.

Because colonists did not have wheat flour and butter to make flaky tart crusts, pumpkin pie was not on the first Thanksgiving menu. In lieu of pumpkin pie, hosts can experiment with moist loaf breads or muffins made with pumpkin.

The average Thanksgiving dinner table today looks quite different from the one the Wampanoag Indians and Pilgrims gathered around centuries ago. Families can stick closer to history and tailor their meals for a touch of something different this year.

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these adoptions occurred this year. A third is scheduled to occur on December 4.

“Children who are adopted are equally as successful as biological children raised in families that do not foster or adopt,” Manning said. “It’s family and permanency that gives children a sense of belonging and stability. When a foster or adopted child feels a family’s love and commitment to them, we see improvement in their schooling and academics.”

Manning states that when these young people know where they will lay their heads at night, and where their next meals will come from, they are freed from worrying about the abuse or neglect occurring in a safe home.

“When children feel that stability in their lives, they can be successful in whatever they choose in life,” Manning said. “When a family chooses to adopt, it really does open the door to opportunities for a child that desires permanency in their life.”

DSS has seen the young people adopted through their office go on to college, master trades, become business owners, and become parents who instill within their own children their value and worth.

Worcester County has a special heart for youth in foster care, and the DSS program is a foster to adopt program. Children who are removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect are placed temporarily into foster/adoptive homes. DSS staff work hard to reunify the children with their families. Unfortunately, sometimes children are unable to be reunified with their biological family due to unsafe situations. When these children become legally free for adoption, DSS strives to match them with forever families.

“We need families that are committed to helping children grow, thrive, and heal from the trauma,” Manning said. “We need families that will accept the children for who they are and be nonjudgmental of their background because it is a part of their life story. We need families for all ages to foster, adopt, and provide respite services.”

Maybe your family offers just the right mix of personalities to provide a child with a permanent home. If so, we urge you to take the next step by contacting DSS. Disability, low income or unmarried status does not preclude the right to adopt.

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ill patients and their families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Many of the volunteers and staff members live in or nearby Ocean Pines. Currently, the team of nurses, aides, social workers, chaplains, volunteers and therapists are housed at the office on Racetrack Road. Hospice care is also provided at The Woodlands and Catered Living.

“We had a dream and strived to serve everyone who needs us,” said Alane Capen, president of Coastal Hospice.

Construction will begin before the end of this year at The Mackey and Pam Stansell House which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2018. It will be home to 12 hospice patients who will have private rooms that feel like home with a magnificent waterfront view. “I am excited about becoming even more involved in the Ocean Pines community with construction of our hospice house, and humbled by the award,” added Capen.

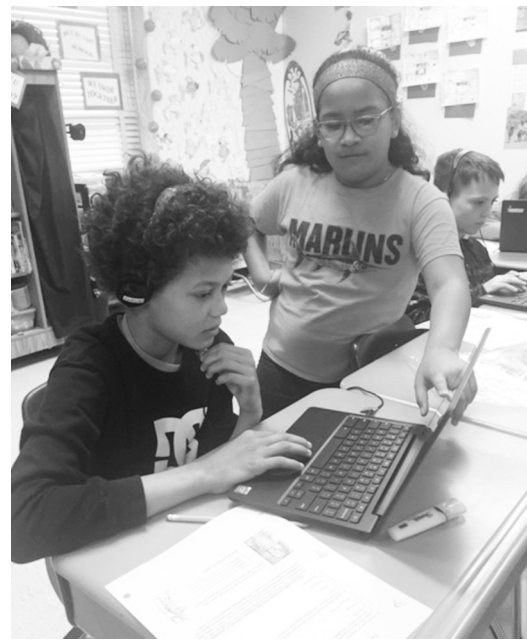
This hospice home gives new life to a long abandoned building that has sat idle at The Point for nearly 10 years. It will also be a community center offering grief support to anyone who is suffering from the loss of a loved one, palliative care to those dealing with the effects of cancer treatments, and a home base for the dedicated volunteers. The home care team will also relocate to this facility, bringing care and comfort even closer to Ocean Pines.

Capen will not be on hand to accept the award due to a prior commitment. Vice President David Hanlin, will accept on her behalf.

Unfortunately, *The Courier* was unable to reach Joe Kendall of Kendall Furnishings for comment.



Alane Capen



Helping hand

Berlin Intermediate sixth grade student **Yami Portela**, turned in sand dollars as part of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support program incentive. She spent time in Melissa Vit's class assisting students during a fifth grade social studies webquest about the Jamestown Colony. In this photo she is helping fifth grader, **Judah Ponds**, navigate through the webquest.

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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 Services will also pick up branches if they are tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet.

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ments 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 tennis. 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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with his board term ending in 2017. Taylor is the superintendent of the Worcester County Public Schools. Taylor is a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, sits on the board of directors of Calvin B. Taylor Bank and Hudson Health Services, and is a lifetime member of the Friendship United Methodist Church in Berlin. He formerly served the community on the Worcester County Board of Zoning Appeals and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. He is a graduate of Salisbury University, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education. “I have a deep concern for good healthcare in Worcester County,” he said. “I am extremely honored to have been asked to serve on the Board of Trustees of Atlantic General Hospital and give back to a community that I am proud of and that has given so much to me during my lifetime.” Taylor's passion for giving back to Worcester County and for staying active in the community helped him to make a successful and positive impact as Board chair.



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