

## **St. John Neumann to present Tenebrae Service**

Saint John Neumann Roman Catholic Church in Ocean Pines will hold a Tenebrae service on Sunday, March 25 at 5 p.m. This service provides an opportunity for the Christian community to meditate and reflect on the darkness of our Lord Jesus Christ's Passion. Traditionally, a Tenebrae service takes place in a darkened church lit only by candlelight. Each meditation revolves around Christ's suffering from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion. The Tenebrae service at Saint John Neumann will present periods of meditation and music to commemorate these events. After each period of meditation and music, a candle will be extinguished, representing Jesus' increasing sorrow and fading life, until only the Christ candle remains. When the Christ candle is extinguished the church will be left in near total darkness; attendants depart in contemplative silence.

This somber yet beautiful service recreates the emotions of despair, sorrow, agony, humiliation, and pain that Jesus experienced on the road to Calvary. The service, entitled "Lamentations of the Lamb: A Service for Tenebrae" written by Pamela Stewart and John Purifoy will be officiated by Rev. Joseph Cocucci, and music directed by Josephine Cover. The Saint John Neumann Adult Choir will perform alongside musicians Carole Lohmann on piano, Sally Hendon on flute, Kristi Friese on cello, and Kelly Johnson-Harvey on oboe. A goodwill offering will be accepted at the door.

## **Easter Service to be held**

An Outdoor Sunrise Service will be held Easter Sunday, April 1 at 6:30 a.m. at Assateague Island State Park located at 6915 Stephen Decatur Hwy, Berlin, MD. Follow the directional signs to the pavilion. Bring lawn chairs and dress warmly. Breakfast follows the service at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy. in Berlin. For more information, call 410-641-2186.



**Guest speaker** - (Pictured L-R) **Susann Palamara**, chair of Women's Club of Ocean Pines, and **John Bailey**, Ocean Pines general manager, are pictured during the club's most recent meeting at the Community Center. Bailey discussed the current state of Ocean Pines Association and answered questions.

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# Community Calendar MARCH



## Women's Club's to host fashion show

Celebrate Spring at a luncheon fashion show fundraiser to be held on Thursday, April 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Bayside Skillet located at 7701 Coastal Highway in Ocean City. For \$35.00 per person, attendees will enjoy a luncheon, fashions by Chico's of West Ocean City, and raffles. All proceeds will benefit the Women's Club scholarship and community donations program.

Call 410-600-0552 or send email to soonerkay@gmail.com. Checks are payable to WCOP and mailed to Kay Hickman, 82 Windjammer, Ocean Pines, MD 21811 no later than March 27. Indicate choice of entrée: (1) Salmon with vegetable medley, (2) Caesar salad with grilled chicken or (3) Tuna melt with side salad.

## Fallen soldiers to be honored

Vietnam Veterans Chapter #1091 located in Ocean City is dedicating a memorial bench to the eight Worcester County Veterans who gave their all during the Vietnam War. The dedication is scheduled for March 30, at 11 a.m. at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines. Family, friends and the public are especially invited to attend this dedication for these eight heroes.

Those who will be honored are PFC Barry H. Berger USA, LCPL Frederick W. Bivens USMC, SP4 Charles L. Briddle USA, SGT Michael E. Gordy USMC, PFC Alphonso L. Harmon USMC, PFC Lewis M. Haywood USA, SP4 Freddie Marshall Jr. USA and MAJ Nutter J. Wimbrow III USAF

Following the dedication, all are invited to attend a "Welcome Home" Vietnam Veterans celebration at American Legion Post #166, 24th St. in Ocean City. For further information contact Nelson Kelly 410-213-5228.

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## Arts Council seeks instructors

The Worcester County Arts Council is once again planning the annual Summer Arts Camp. This program is designed for children entering grades three through eight.

At this time the Council is looking for enthusiastic and creative teachers or art instructors who are interested in conducting art workshops during the week of the program.

Interested instructors should submit the Workshop Proposal, available on the Arts Council's website no later than March 31.

For more information please visit [www.worcestercountycouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountycouncil.org) or call Anna Mullis, Executive Director at 410-641-0809.

## 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.

## Arts Council offers development grants

The Worcester County Arts Council Grants Review Committee is seeking applicants for local art projects to be held in Worcester County between July 1 and December 31. Organizations holding art projects and activities year-around or in both of the six-month periods (July 1 – December 31 and January 1 – June 30) may request grants which cover the entire fiscal year of July 2018 through the following June of 2019.

Proposed project must be sponsored or presented by incorporated in Maryland not-for-profit, tax-exempt

organization and be open to the public. Grant amount requested must be matched one-for-one by organization funds. Last fiscal year the Arts Council awarded more than \$30,000 to local organizations through this program.

Funding will support a wide variety of creative and innovative projects that are of outstanding artistic quality and demonstrate community benefit enhancing the lives of everyone living and visiting the Worcester County.

Applications must be received no later than 2 p.m. on April 16, at the Arts Council's office located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. Application

forms and guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website: [www.worcestercountycouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountycouncil.org).

The Worcester County Arts Council's Community Arts Development Grants program is designed to assist local community based groups produce and present arts activities in Worcester County and is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council.

For further information or assistance, please call Anna Mullis, Executive Director of WCAC at: 410-641-0809 or e-mail: [anna@worcestercountycouncil.org](mailto:anna@worcestercountycouncil.org).

## School safety to be discussed

Worcester County NAACP will host a community forum, "Keeping Our Kids Safe," on Thursday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library. Steve Price, assistant superintendent of Worcester County Schools, and a Sheriff's Office representative will present information on safety procedures and answer attendees questions.

Please plan to attend the discussion. Call 443-944-6701 for more information.

## From concept to reality Ocean Pines makes its mark

By **June Freeman**

What was once a land of chicken farms, a pig farm, a trailer park, orchards, farmlands and woods is now a multimillion dollar resort community known as Ocean Pines. The late 1960s

*Times* newspaper published a statement hinting that the “Hog Skull” area had attracted the interest of a buyer.

In 1968, Boise Cascade entered the arena and purchased 3,500 acres of land for \$4 million, considered at the

time to be a bargain price. Boise Cascade proved to be innovative and adept at marketing strategies. Dozens of pretty girls strolled along the Ocean City beaches trying to recruit potential buyers to attend a seminar about buying property in Ocean Pines. Additionally, sales presentations included Hawaiian luaus on the beach, lavish dinners, free food, drinks. The



was ripe for building as the economy was thriving and a new interest in second homes and boating was brewing.

The first hint that a change was coming was when the *Eastern Shore*

hype did not stop there; paddle wheelers, motor boats, air-boats, double decker buses, limousines and discounted flights into Ocean City airport

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**Finale** - Ocean City Film Festival staff and judges gather at Squarz Pizza Pub on Sunday night to close out the festival and present awards. Left to right: judge **Dan O'Hare**; filmmaker **Rudy Childs**; **Joan Chak** who acted in the People's Choice Award film, "Sisters;" festival artistic director **William Strang-Moya**; co-director **Kristin Helf**; and **Rina Thaler**, executive director of the Art League of Ocean City.

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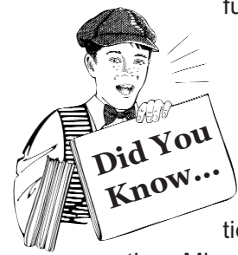
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## 2012 Business of the Year

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Leaf spot is a term used to describe various diseases that affect the foliage of ornamentals and shade trees. According to the Missouri Botanical Garden, the majority of instances of leaf spot are caused by



fungi, though some are the result of bacteria. While leaf spot can contribute to some defoliation in a plant,

the Missouri Botanical Garden notes that established plants can tolerate near-complete defoliation if it occurs late in the season or less frequently than every year. However, small trees or those that are newly planted are more vulnerable to damage resulting from defoliation than established trees. Damage from leaf spot tends to occur in the spring, when wet weather and wind splashes and blows spores from fungi onto newly emerging leaves. The spores then germinate in the wet leaves, ultimately infecting them.

## Aquatics to hold underwater egg hunt

Dozens of young divers and snorkelers age 11 and under are expected to wade into the indoor heated pool in Ocean Pines on Friday, March 23 in search of brightly colored “eggs-cellent” prizes during the community’s annual Easter Egg-stravaganza Dive and Pool Party.

“Who knew the Easter Bunny likes to swim? Well, he does,” said Ocean Pines Aquatics and Recreation Director Colby Phillips. “Splash on in and gather up as many Easter eggs as you can. This truly is a fun event for all. We will also have a DJ on hand spinning tunes, a jelly bean counting contest and Easter themed coloring pages.”

The Sports Core Pool will be filled with plastic Easter eggs for Ocean Pines residents and guests to enjoy.

Swimmers will be divided into different age groups to ensure everyone has a chance to collect eggs.

Children under age six must have an adult in the water with them. Life jackets are available at no charge.

“The team has so much fun putting on these types of events for the community and seeing all the smiling faces,” said Phillips.

The cost of the special event is \$6 per swimmer and \$3 for non-swimmers. Pre-registration is not required for the Easter Egg-stravaganza Dive and Pool Party. For more information, contact the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department at 410-641-5255.

## RWWC to host dinner meeting

The Republican Women of Worcester County will host a special March dinner meeting on Thursday, March 22, at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin. The speaker will be Nicolee Ambrose, a Republican grassroots activist, political commentator and statewide elected Republican National Committeewoman for Maryland. Nicolee represents Maryland to the Republican National Committee (RNC), where she is one of three votes from Maryland on issues deciding the future of the national Republican Party. The cost is \$40 per person and there is a choice of Crab Cake or Filet Mignon. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Limited seating. To make your reservation and/or for more information, contact Ann Lutz at annlutz60@gmail.com or at 410-208-9767.



**Recognition** - On March 6, the Worcester County Commissioners presented a proclamation recognizing March as Women’s History Month to Commission for Women co-chairs **Michelle Bankert** and **Liz Mumford** and Friends of the Commission for Women chair **Eloise Henry Gordy**.

## Deadline approaches for CO alarms in some rentals

The deadline for installation of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in some rental properties is April 1, and the Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) is reminding the public that alarms are only required in properties that contain a carbon monoxide source.

In 2016, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 849 and its companion Senate Bill 182. These bills require the installation of carbon monoxide alarms for any new and existing rental units that contain any fuel burning equipment or wood burning appliance, or has an enclosed attached garage. They are not required in rental dwelling units that are powered solely by an electric power supply, as confirmed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

“There is a misconception that carbon monoxide alarms are now required in absolutely all rental units in Maryland, and that’s just not true,” said CAR President Joel Maher. “Unless the unit is located within a municipality that requires alarms in all rentals, the law only applies if said unit contains a carbon monoxide source. We have confirmed this with Sen. Jim Mathias, who sponsored the Senate bill, as well as the Fire Marshal. If there is no source of carbon monoxide, there is no need for a carbon monoxide alarm.”

According to the State Fire Marshal, CO alarms must be installed outside of each sleeping area and on every level to include the basement in a building that contains a CO source. Alarms may be hardwired with a battery backup, or battery powered with a 10-year tamper

resistant battery.

“We urge our members and all rental management companies and landlords to abide by this new law and install the alarms,” Maher said. “The absence of an alarm in a rental containing a CO source can lead to serious illness or death. We know the safety of tenants is of the utmost concern to all of our members who manage rental properties.”

Visit [www.coastalrealtors.org](http://www.coastalrealtors.org) for more information.

## Sports Core Pool to close for maintenance

The indoor Sports Core Pool will be closed March 25 through 29 for a semi-annual full drain and cleaning as well as to address routine maintenance issues.

The closure, which occurs every spring and fall, was originally scheduled to occur March 26 to 28, according to Ocean Pines Aquatics Director Colby Phillips. She said that the facility will be closed two additional days to allow for a recoating of the rubber safety surfacing that surrounds the pool to dry.

The Sports Core Pool will reopen on Friday, March 30 at its regularly scheduled time: at 6 a.m. for Ocean Pines swim members and classes and at 10 a.m. for the public. Aquatic classes and programs are not scheduled to take place during the closure.

For more information, contact Ocean Pines Aquatics at 410-641-5255.

# Subtle heritage

Saturday is St. Patrick's Day, a day of Irish pride enjoyed by those of Celtic descent and those who want to be, at least for the day.

Although I have an Italian last name I grew up in an American fam-

sandwiches were mainstays. The music of Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, Perry Como, Rosemary Clooney and Frank Sinatra, especially Sinatra, was the soundtrack of my youth.

The first time I was aware that ancestral differences was a thing, I was about eight or nine when I overheard an older kid who didn't have a vowel-ending surname at the bus stop tell a joke, or at least what he thought was a joke. "What happens when an

Eye-talian turns around? A day go." I had no idea why he and the person he told were laughing. It made no sense to me. When I got home from school I retold the joke to my mother who understood it but didn't find it funny.

There were a couple of vowel-ending Philadelphians who rose to fame during the 1970s. In politics it was Frank Rizzo, the mayor often referred to as "paisan" and even Uncle Frank. I believe he got the votes of many if not all his Vowel-Crowd constituents each time he ran. The other was "Rocky Balboa" an underdog Italian fighter portrayed by Sylvester Stallone.

During the noon broadcast of Action News, there was a regular segment by the Green Grocer, Joe Carcione who talked about produce. When his face appeared on the screen, all talking stopped so that Gramps could

hear what fruit or vegetable wisdom old Joe had to impart. It usually wasn't very long after that Joe's suggestions appeared on our dinner table.

Although it's fun to swell with pride about my heritage from time to time, I consider myself first and always an American ... who happens to be Italian who loves pasta and watching The Godfather movies.

So, even though this Saturday I can't wear a shirt emblazoned with the proposition, "Kiss Me, I'm Irish" I'm satisfied to kiss my wife who is.



## It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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ily where the traditions of the "Old Country" were never a visible part of daily life. Aside from the vowel at the end of my last name, I didn't have an obvious connection with my European ancestors. If I've counted correctly, I am a third generation American; my parents and grandparents were born in the United States. It was my great-grandparents who emigrated from Italy and France, traveling steerage to come to the New World.

English was always spoken in our home and the homes of my grandparents and friends. Ethnicity was never an issue growing up. Looking back there could be a not-so-subtle reason for this, having grown up with friends who had last names such as Curcillo, Fardone, Armellini, Falcone, DeMarco, Buonomo, Covone and Mas-tracco? And although there were a sprinkling of McDermotts, McDades and Webers they were a definite minority.

We ate a lot of spaghetti and meatballs in my house as well as chicken cacciatore and eggplant parmesan, a dish made routinely by my grandmother and disliked intensely by my brother and me. Cannolis from Termini Brothers Bakery were a special treat sometimes brought to the house by my grandfather who lived in South Philly. Ravioli (not the Chef Boyardee kind) was a favorite as was Italian cream cake. Italian hoagies and pepper and egg



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# Homeowners should check tree contractors' credentials

After the recent late winter storms and high winds, property owners across Maryland are learning the extent of damage to their property.

In cases where the cleanup requires a professional to handle the work, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources has a few important suggestions homeowners should follow before bringing in a contractor to clear tree branches, limbs and other debris.

Only Maryland Licensed Tree Experts should be hired to trim branches and remove damaged and downed trees, they are the only tree care professionals who lawfully can perform this work in Maryland.

Before a contractor begins work, homeowners can verify the company has a licensed tree expert on staff by asking to see their license. The department's website also allows anyone to check for the license number.

Licensed Tree Experts are required to carry insurance that covers tree care work. A company that states it is "bonded and insured" but isn't licensed is not only violating the law, it



may not have the proper coverage.

Other important recommendations include:

- Obtain more than one estimate for the proposed work.

- Get a written contract that states the work to be performed and the cost.

- Never pay the full amount before all the work is completed as per the written and signed contract.

Anyone who believes they've been approached by an unlicensed business advertising or practicing tree care services in Maryland can contact the Maryland Forest Service at 410-260-8511 or file a complaint online.



**Jill Ferrante**, JAG president (center) presented the check along with members of the JAG Executive Committee to **Michael Franklin**, FACHE, AGH president and CEO; **Jack Burbage**, Campaign for the Future co-chair; **Toni Keiser**, AGH vice president of Public Relations and **Tammy Patrick**, AGH development officer.

## Auxiliary presents donation

The Hospital's Junior Auxiliary Group presented a check to Atlantic General Hospital President and CEO Michael Franklin at their recent Bourbon and Bubbles fundraising event as a pledge toward the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's Campaign for the Future. More than 80 members of the Junior Auxiliary Group, along with family and friends, joined together at restaurant Rare and Rye to recognize the group's significant contribution to the hospital's \$10 million philanthropic community support initiative. This was the group's second installment towards their \$25,000 pledge.

The Campaign for the Future will allow Atlantic General Hospital to complete \$35 million in capital projects planned under the organization's 2020 Vision five-year strategic

plan. Among them is construction of the new 18,000-square-foot full service John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, which is set to be completed late spring of 2018, the completion of the women's health center in West Ocean City, renovation of existing surgical facilities and expansion of emergency services within Atlantic General Hospital as well as improvements to in-patient care areas.

## Club to hold fling

The public is invited to attend the annual Ocean Pines Boat Club's Spring Fling dinner and dance on Sunday, April 29, at BJ's On the Water (75th St. in Ocean City) at 6 p.m. Please contact Nancy Engelke at 410/208-0314 for information. The cost is \$39 per person for club members and \$42 per person for non-members.

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## Italian festival scheduled

If you are a local resident or visiting the area on Saturday, March 24, you are invited to stop by St. Andrews Catholic Church located at 144th St. in Ocean City for Italian food, music and fun. The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

The Sons and Daughters of Italy Ocean City Lodge 2474 created the annual festival to raise money for local charities and for scholarships to local high school students.

In the past, the lodge has donated monies to G.O.L.D. of Worcester

County, The Justin House in Bethany Beach, Diakonia, Home of the Brave and St Luke's Catholic Church. Also, each year three students of Italian descent receive \$1,500 scholarships each.

Attendees can purchase authentic Italian specialties of ravioli with meatballs or sausage, meatball and sausage subs, homemade minestrone soup, zeppole, cannoli, and homemade desserts.

While dining, attendees will be treated to the music of the "Mario Monaldi Band."



**Annapolis visit** - Nine members of the Republican Women of Worcester County attended "Red Scarf Day" in Annapolis on February 20. They were greeted by Delegate **Mary Beth Carozza** (pictured, center) and were given a tour of the State House.

## Future panel to highlight historic African American community

Those traveling through the Flower Street area will soon be greeted by a new interpretive sign mapping the development of the Briddletown community east of the Town of Berlin.

After receiving a request from a Briddell family descendant, Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger enlisted the aid of Paul Touart, local architectural historian and author of "Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County," to develop the sign. This panel will be part of a series of markers that identify African American people and places significant to Eastern Shore history. The Briddletown panel will be installed near two existing panels erected east of Berlin that recount the Germantown School Community Heritage Center and the home of Isaiah

"Uncle Zear" Fassett, a freed slave who became the second to last living Civil War soldier in Maryland.

Sandra Briddell Dublin and Sharon Bridell Fowlis, descendants of George and Martha Briddell, initially proposed the land marker in a June 2017 letter in which she recounted, "There were numerous land purchases in the area of Berlin post slavery by Briddell descendants. The slave owners spelled their name Bredell. The slave descendants, however, spelled and continue to spell their surname as Briddell."

Land records indicate that the history of Briddletown dates back to 1866, following the close of the Civil War. Thirteen individual property titles - for parcels ranging in size from one to four acres lined the main road

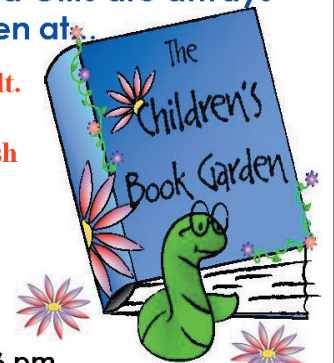
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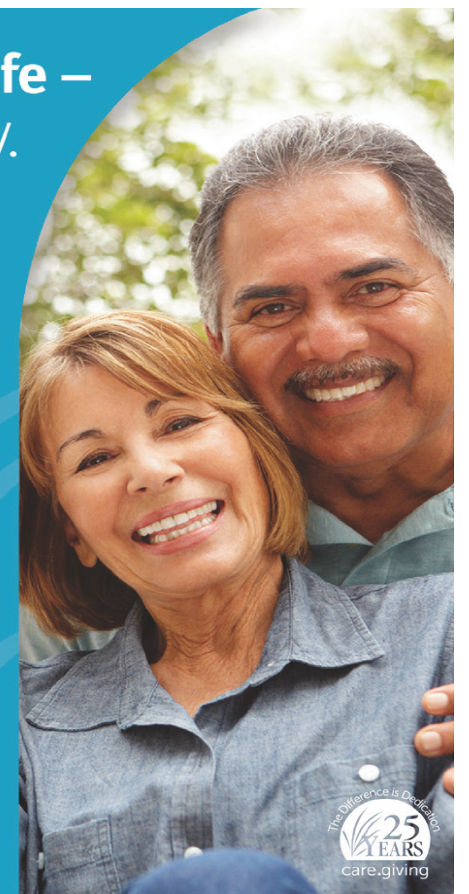
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## Hospice asks community to make 'twiddle muffs' for their patients

Coastal Hospice is asking the community to pitch in and make "twiddle muffs" to comfort hospice patients with Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

A twiddle muff is a knitted, crocheted, or fabric tube decorated with accessories such as ribbons and buttons. Many people with dementia experience changes to their personalities, one of which is to become increasingly agitated. By keeping patients' hands and minds busy, the muffs have a positive, calming effect and also encourage movement and brain stimulation.

A woman whose grandmother was becoming increasingly frustrated when she could no longer work with her hands initially developed twiddle muffs more than 20 years ago. Today, twiddle muffs are being used effectively in nursing homes, hospices, and hospitals to soothe agitation and keep dementia patients entertained.

"Not only are twiddle muffs good for patients with dementia, they are also fun to make," Sally Rankin, Manager of Volunteer Services for Coastal

Hospice, said. "As a crafter myself, I always have bits of leftover yarn around, and making a muff is a great way to use up those bits and pieces. And you can get so creative decorating them with buttons, bows, strings, small bells, and other objects that can be twiddled."

Patterns for twiddle muffs are available online at several sites including [www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/twiddle-muff](http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/twiddle-muff) or [www.theyarnlo.com/article/knit-for-dementia-patients-free-twiddlemuff-pattern](http://www.theyarnlo.com/article/knit-for-dementia-patients-free-twiddlemuff-pattern).

Rankin points out there are specific ways that twiddle muffs should be made so they are useable for dementia and Alzheimer's patients.

"If anyone has any questions about how to properly make twiddle muffs, we encourage them to talk to us before they start the project," Rankin said. "We will be happy to help or even meet to show examples of what we need and what works best for our patients. We also have a Berlin crafters group that is experienced in making twiddle

*please see muffs on page 15*



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## AGH Aux. holds event

On February 6, the Atlantic General Hospital Junior Auxiliary Group held a new member recruitment social and installation of officers at Touch of Italy in Ocean City.

During the event, the group's executive committee was recognized in front of the potential new members and former members for their hard work and dedication to JAG and its mission. The mission of JAG is to increase community awareness of Atlantic General Hospital and its associates through fun, fellowship, family-oriented activities and

fundraising. The group was formed in 1998 as a sub-group of the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about JAG, please visit our website at <http://www.atlantic-general.org/Volunteer/Junior-Auxiliary-Group.aspx> or contact Toni Keiser, Vice President of Public Relations at AGH, at [tkeiser@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:tkeiser@atlanticgeneral.org) or call 410-641-9678.

## Safe boating course offered

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

This is a nine-hour course and will be given on four consecutive days starting on Monday, March 26 and continuing on March 27, 28 and 29. This includes a review and exam on the last day. On the first day registration will be at 6 p.m., followed by the class starting at 6:30 p.m. the same evening. The course will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9p.m. each evening. There is a minimal \$15 fee for the course and material. Middle School and High School students are free.

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The public invited to join members of the Ocean Pines Boat Club on their Thursday, April 19 bus trip to the Harrington Casino. The cost is \$20 per person which includes \$15 Slot Play and a \$7 food voucher good towards the lunch buffet. The luxury bus will leave from the Ocean Pines Yacht Club parking lot at 10 a.m. and return at about 5 p.m. Seating is limited to the first 56 reservations.

If interested, please contact Tom or Barbara Southwell at 410 / 641-5456.

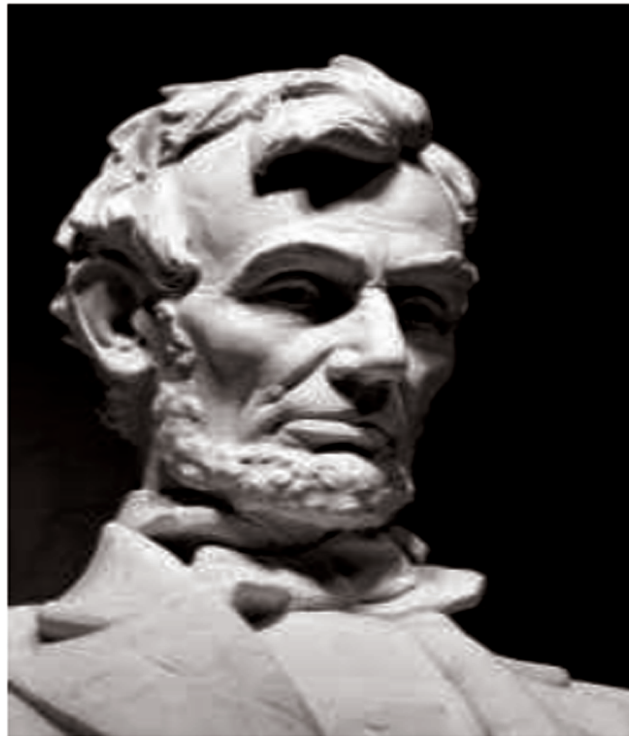
## Craft club to meet

The next meeting of the Pine'er Craft Club is Thursday, March 15 at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. The craft for the month is Eastern treat baskets for Meals on Wheels. Guests are welcome. For more information call Barb at 410-208-2944.



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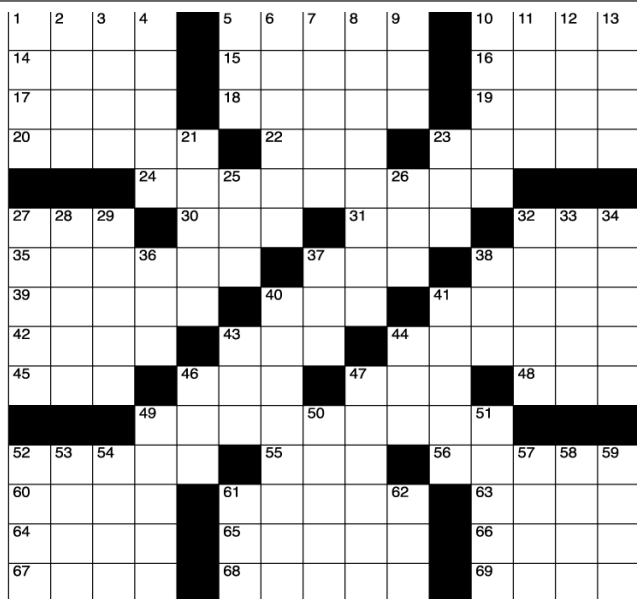
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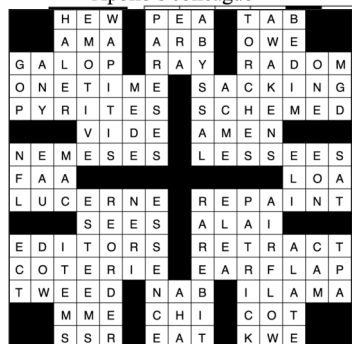


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Unpleasant substance
- 5. Oil group
- 10. One-time Yankees rookie sensation
- 14. Ireland
- 15. Less easily found
- 16. Southeast Nigeria people
- 17. Bridgeline Digital stock designation
- 18. Play loudly
- 19. Elegantly fashionable
- 20. Open sore
- 22. Frozen water
- 23. Sacred Islamic site
- 24. "Kokomo" rockers
- 27. Follows sigma
- 30. Cease to exist
- 31. Cool
- 32. Doctors' group
- 35. Less attractive
- 37. Swiss river
- 38. Greek sophist
- 39. Grandmothers
- 40. Afflict
- 41. Russian pancake of buckwheat flour and yeast
- 42. Actress \_\_ Rachel Wood
- 43. Not bright
- 44. Western Asia peninsula
- 45. Baseball speedster Gordon
- 46. Golf score
- 47. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- 48. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- 49. Songs to one's lover
- 52. Cattle's mammary gland
- 55. Having ten
- 56. Fencing sword
- 60. Scarlett's home
- 61. Hold valuables
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Cain and \_\_
- 65. Bad places to live
- 66. Large, wading bird
- 67. Witches
- 68. Cover with drops
- 69. Props up the head

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Philippine province
- 2. Shallow channel
- 3. Type of acid
- 4. Cygnus' brightest star
- 5. One who buys and sells securities (abbr.)
- 6. Ill will
- 7. Plant of the goosefoot family
- 8. Intellectual
- 9. Mineral
- 10. Shiny silicate minerals
- 11. Ottoman civilian title
- 12. What you wear when eating BBQ (2 words)
- 13. Soul and calypso song
- 21. Advises
- 23. "The Spanish Tragedy" author
- 25. Surrounds the earth
- 26. Paddle
- 27. Adjusted
- 28. Succulent plant
- 29. Forearm bones
- 32. Belonging to Egyptian ascetic Apollo's colleague
- 33. Type of mental illness
- 34. One from Asia
- 36. 007's creator
- 37. Direct toward
- 38. Pie \_\_ mode
- 40. Large terrier
- 41. Hillsides
- 43. Patriotic women (abbr.)
- 44. Connects words
- 46. For each
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Closes a deal
- 50. Arabian desert
- 51. Vaccine against poliomyelitis
- 52. American state
- 53. Religion practiced in China
- 54. Type of sediment
- 57. Hall of Famer Ruth
- 58. "Layla" singer Clapton
- 59. Gamble
- 61. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 62. Midway between south and southwest



Answers for Mar. 7

# Events that helped shape Ireland

Ireland is a small island nation, but its diminutive size does not mean it does not have a storied history. Celtic influences and Christianity have played a strong role in helping Ireland become what it is today.

Prior to the arrival of Christianity, there was not much written history of Ireland, as much information was passed through rich but spoken tales. It is believed the Celtic culture began to evolve in Ireland between 800 and 400 BC. The ancient Celts were various tribes living in several parts of Europe north of the Mediterranean. Although it is easy to imagine Celtic warriors invading Ireland like the Vikings and Normans did many years later, historians believe the Celts integrated their customs more gradually through trade and travel. The last of the Celts to arrive in Ireland, the Goidelic and Gaelic, are perhaps best known for their influences on the country.

St. Patrick is revered and celebrated for bringing Christianity to Ireland, but in his book, "The Story of Ireland," Irish author Neil Hegarty states that early Christians were most likely Britons who were brought to Ireland as slaves. In 431 AD, Bishop Palladius arrived from Rome to minister to any "Irish believing in Christ." However, St. Patrick is more widely credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.

Proximity to Britain put Ireland in the eyes of the monarchy. In 1167, Anglo-Normans under the direction of England's King Henry II were able to

take possession of the island. When Henry VIII became king in 1541, Ireland became formally united under the British crown.

The area that would eventually be called Northern Ireland has seen its share of conflict. In 1601, Scottish farmers, craftsmen and other settlers arrived at the port of Donaghadee to create the Plantation of Ulster, a



British (Protestant) settlement. Gaelic landowners were expelled, and this area would be in turmoil for a century to come.

An effort to regain an Irish-controlled country and one that supported Catholicism became a common theme in Irish history. The Irish Catholic Confederation was one attempt to do just that, as was the Irish Rebellion of 1798. In 1829, Daniel O'Connell's Catholic Association frightened the

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## New Maryland business express website unveiled

Inspired by Governor Larry Hogan's Regulatory Reform Commission recommendations, the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) has unveiled Maryland Business Express, a new website that will make it easier for Maryland's small business owners and entrepreneurs to plan, start, manage, and grow their business. Accessible at [businessexpress.maryland.gov](http://businessexpress.maryland.gov), the new site combines information previously spread across many state agencies into one, easy-to-navigate site, while also providing a clear outline of the steps involved in starting a business.

Maryland Business Express also features a digital assistant designed to communicate with and deliver guidance to Marylanders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This "Chatbot" is the first of its kind to be used by any state government specifically for business purposes.

"Since taking office, our administration has been committed to ensuring Maryland is Open for Business, and since that time, we have become one of the top states in the country for entrepreneurial business growth," said Governor Larry Hogan. "Now, Maryland Business Express will make it easier than ever to start a business, and will provide quick access to the many tools and resources that Maryland agencies have to offer to support our small business job creators."

The site's layout is based on the questions most commonly asked by existing business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs, and contains four main sections: Plan, Start, Manage, and Grow. The Plan and Start sections list orderly steps that guide entrepreneurs through the process of developing a business plan, registering a business, and applying for tax accounts and licenses. The Manage and

Grow sections help business owners remain in good standing, make legal changes to their business, and find additional programs that best fit their needs.

"Our Department's goal is to allow Marylanders to interact with the state any time it's convenient for them, and the new Maryland Business Express will move us closer to that goal than ever before," said SDAT Director Michael Higgs. "This new website will be a tremendous benefit to Maryland's business community, and the feedback we receive will allow us to continually update content to better suit their needs."

The new site was officially unveiled today at the Hogan administration's public cabinet meeting in Calvert County.

Over the past few years, SDAT has focused on making government services more accessible to the hundreds of thousands of Maryland businesses that interact with the Department annually. Recent efforts to provide more services online have resulted in dramatic improvements in processing times, including a reduction from 10 to four weeks to start a business. Today, more than 50 percent of all documents are filed online, 40 percent of which occur outside of normal business hours and 20 percent of which are done through a mobile device. SDAT's online services process more than 250,000 transactions annually.

The new Maryland Business Express is another step toward allowing customers to interact with the state any time it's convenient for them. The site and Chatbot are currently in beta mode, and as users type in questions and submit feedback through the customer experience survey, Maryland agencies will continue to improve the content.



**Getting into character** - The second grade students in Abby Harrison's class at Ocean City Elementary researched a famous American on which to write a biography report. They dressed as their famous American during their class biography presentations.

## Hill named Crafter of the Month

The Pine'eer Craft Club has recognized Kathy Hill as its Crafter of the Month for March. Kathy currently lives in Sykesville, MD. with her husband. They are part time residents of Ocean Pines. She is a high school Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Winters Mill High School in Westminster, MD.

As a hobby Kathy started a business called "Kathy's Creations," where she has created a wide variety of artistic designs including painting interior home pieces, mosaic mirrors, floral arrangements, jewelry, and her personal creation the "Twirley," for her infinity scarves. Kathy says design-

ing jewelry for wedding parties, personalized "Thank You" cards, as well as personalized home interior design is also something she enjoys. Another hobby she enjoys is teaching fitness classes and golf.



**Kathy Hill**

A wide variety of Kathy's creations may be found on display in the gift shop opposite the Community Center.

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# Countries with the largest **Irish** populations

Irish roots grow strong and wide beyond the Emerald Isle. Emigration has been a key component of Irish history, not only shaping the homeland itself, but impacting the development of the countries in which the Irish have settled.

St. Patrick's Day is such a global affair thanks to the millions of people of Irish descent who have brought their culture to various areas around the world.

Outside of Ireland, there are many countries that boast large percentages of their population who can trace their lineage back to Ireland. Since 1800, it is estimated some 10 million Irish emigrated from Ireland. The Irish government says that 70 million people across the globe can claim Irish heritage or ancestry, a mighty accomplishment for an island that boasts only six million people.

This Irish diaspora has interested historians for decades. Perhaps one of

the largest emigrations of Irish people occurred during The Great Hunger, also known as The Great Potato Famine, when disease and starvation decimated the Irish population. Many left Ireland between 1845 and 1849 as a result of this famine. During this time, it is believed that Ireland's population decreased by 20 to 25 percent due to mortality and emigration.

The Department of Foreign Affairs as well as individual countries' census bureaus have tracked fluctuations in populations, including Irish immigrants. Here is a look at the countries that boast the largest Irish populations as of 2015, courtesy of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. These figures account for Irish citizens and foreign-born of Irish ancestry.

1. United Kingdom: With around 500,000 people of Irish descent, the UK, Ireland's closest neighbor, is home to more people of Irish heritage than any country other than Ireland itself. Most live in Northern Ireland and surrounding British Isles.

2. United States: The United States

has long been and remains a popular destination for Irish immigrants.

Around 130,000 people claim Irish heritage across the United States. The U.S. Census Bureau's 2014 American Community Survey reveals details on where the Irish tend to congregate in America, with the largest pockets in the Northeast. Massachusetts is by far the most Irish state in the nation. However, the community of Breezy Point/Rockaways in Queens, NY, is the neighborhood with the highest percentage of Irish Americans.

3. Australia: Australia is home to the third largest population of people of Irish descent not living in Ireland, with roughly 10 percent of the population tracing their heritage back to the Emerald Isle. The Sydney Opera House becomes illuminated in green each year in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

4. Canada: This North American country also has its fair share of peo-



ple with Irish ancestry. Canada boasts 33,530 people who trace their heritage back to Ireland.

5. Spain: Rounding out the top five, Spain has a considerable Irish population, with around 14,000 people claiming Irish heritage. In fact, a region of Spain that became modern day Galicia is considered the seventh of the original Celtic nations.

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## The sights of Ireland: The monastic city of Clonmacnoise

Ireland is home to many breathtaking sights and places of historical import. Visitors to the country often lament upon leaving that they simply did not have enough time to see all that Ireland has to offer.

One place of historical significance and stunning beauty that first-time visitors to the Emerald Isle may overlook is the monastic city of Clonmacnoise. Located in the Midlands region of Ireland, and therefore lacking the coastal views of popular tourist attractions such as the Cliffs of Moher and the Ring of Kerry, Clonmacnoise nonetheless attracts visitors impressed by its stone ruins and rich history.

Clonmacnoise was founded by St. Ciaran in the mid-sixth century. Though Ciaran would succumb to a plague within five years of founding the Clonmacnoise, the site would become renowned as a place of culture and learning. Situated along the River Shannon, Clonmacnoise was ideally located and drew visiting scholars from all over the world.

Clonmacnoise was attacked frequently between the 8th and 12th centuries. In addition, the growth of nearby Athlone as a center of commerce contributed to the decline of the once-prominent city of Clonmacnoise.

But travelers who visit Clonmacnoise today will no doubt be impressed by the ruins, which included well-preserved structures of Clonmacnoise Cathedral, Temple Doolin, Temple Hurpan, and Temple Melaghlin.



## Volunteers needed for local nonprofit

Are you interested in volunteering at a local non-profit that conserves the Lower Eastern Shore's open spaces, natural heritage, and economy? Do you love being outside and exploring the beautiful landscapes? Join the Lower Shore Land Trust on March 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center to learn about the volunteer stewardship program and how Best Management Practices (BMPs) help to protect our waterways and natural wildlife.

This information and training session will provide you with information on our organization, beneficial land management practices, our monitoring program and how you can be involved. The day will be split up between a presentation in the morning followed by field training in the afternoon. The training will teach you how

to be a volunteer monitor and what to expect when you are in the field. This training will also teach you about BMPs used on our lands here on the Eastern Shore and how they help keep our waterways clean.

The Lower Shore Land Trust has conserved over 20,000 acres of working farms, wildlife habitat and scenic landscapes. As a small non-profit, the organization relies on dedicated volunteers and is looking for people to help

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Sign up is required and you can do so by calling the Lower Shore Land Trust at (443) 234-5587 or by emailing [emmailling@lowershorelandtrust.org](mailto:emmailling@lowershorelandtrust.org).

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British with the threat of anarchy in Ireland.

The Easter Rising in 1916, which seized key government buildings in Dublin, would help set the course for the Irish War of Independence. In this uprising, the Irish Republican Army fought against British security forces. As a result of this uprising, Northern Ireland, a small area of the island, was partitioned to become a British-controlled area.

From 1916 to 1937, Ireland held the status of a dominion. In 1937, a new constitution was adopted and Ireland became a republic, though Northern Ireland remained under

British control. Northern Ireland continued to be a conflict-driven portion of the island, and tensions boiled over when British soldiers shot 28 unarmed civilians during a peaceful protest on January 30, 1972, in Derry. Known as "Bloody Sunday," or the "Bogside Massacre," this incident was just one of many significant events that were ultimately referred to as "The Troubles."

More peaceful interactions have occurred in recent years thanks in part to the Good Friday Agreement signed in 1998. Today, Ireland ranks among the 25 wealthiest countries in the world. Though Irish history has its fair share of turmoil, the country has endured and is today among the most influential nations in the world.

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along Flower Street in and around the Kitts Branch tributary of Trappe Creek – make it possible to track the community's development.

"Typically folks in the tourism industry are considered storytellers, and we think this is a chance to tell an important story and also make some connections between the existing historic sites in the vicinity," Challenger said. "I asked Paul Touart to help us research the history and develop a marker that will identify this historic development."

Both oral and written histories make it possible to develop a factual narrative for the panel.

"This is very important work in our community because all too often the history of African Americans on the shore is lost," Commissioner President Diana

Purnell said. The new Briddletown marker should be completed and ready for installation near the community center on Flower Street by summer 2018.

"Historic markers identify heritage sites of significance, such as the birthplace of Reverend Dr. Charles Albert Tindley, who penned 'Stand By Me,' which Ben E. King later made famous, and 'We Shall Overcome,' which became the civil rights anthem," Challenger said. "Worcester County is home to courageous individuals. Their contributions are part of the fabric of our community. These panels document segments of Worcester County history that might have gone untold and make that history readily available to us today."

On February 20, the Commissioners approved the use of Tourism dollars of up to \$2,000 to fund the project. Learn more about heritage sites in Worcester County at <http://visitworcester.org>.



**Donation** - The Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) have donated \$300 to the Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women in support of the Commission's McGuffey Bookworm Project. Each year, as part of the RWWC's focus on literacy programs in Worcester County, an annual donation is made to support the McGuffey program for younger readers in the county. L-R **Liz Mumford**, RWWC Literacy chair; **Eloise Henry-Gordy**, Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women Chair; and **Michelle Bankert**, Worcester County Commission for Women Chair.

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this class also satisfies the requirements for Delaware, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

This course covers basic boat handling, navigation, Federal and State regulations, rules of the road, aids to navigation, required equipment and much more.

The importance of safe boating education is emphasized by the U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics, which reveal that nationwide between 2015 to 2016 deaths have increased by 12% to 701 and the number of accidents increased by 7.3% to 4,463.

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

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muffs, and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend."

Coastal Hospice's knitting and crochet group meets every other Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the upstairs room at A Little Bit Sheepish, 2 S. Main St. in Berlin. The next meetings are March 21 and April 4.

Information is also available by phone from Coastal Hospice Volunteer Services at 410-742-8732.

Twiddle muffs may be dropped off during regular business hours at the Coastal Hospice main office at 2604 Old Ocean City Road in Salisbury or at Coastal Hospice at the Ocean at 10441 Racetrack Road, Taylorville Center, in Berlin.

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transported potential clients from Ocean City to the emerging community of Ocean Pines.

Boise Cascade circulated a newsletter with the logo of a sailboat and a slogan describing Ocean Pines as "A New Private Ocean World of Fun near Ocean City."

The 1970s proved to be a lucrative and busy time in the Pines. By 1971, four thousand two hundred lots had been sold to eager buyers from twenty-four states. New buildings, amenities and social clubs made it an attractive place to live. During the span of the ten years, the Beach Club, Swim and Racquet

Club, Equestrian Center, an eighteen-hole golf course, a community hall, the Yacht Club and Marina, the Sports Core Pool and tennis courts were constructed.

Ocean Pines' growing pains escalated as the population mushroomed. In 1984, Chase Bank purchased 800 acres of undeveloped land in Ocean Pines. Ed Moran who was hired by Chase Bank as an independent contractor, and worked with Ocean Pines for ten years, described this time period as a very complicated one.

According to Moran, builders had to overcome many hurdles including doubling the size of the water treatment facilities, modifying the pumping stations, contending with

the spiraling cost and complexities associated with wetlands. Continual negotiations, turnover agreements, amended agreements, and pressure from people who did not want change made for a difficult process.

Moran explains that the positive outcome from this turmoil was that Ocean Pines expanded naturally and found its own level of growth.

Then in 1985 building in Ocean Pines came to a screeching halt. A moratorium was put in place on all new building. It took three years and four months before building could resume.

At the turn of the century, growth within the community continued with the construction of a new playground, the Worcester

County Veterans Memorial Park, a skate park, a farmers market, a dog park, a new Yacht Club, new pickleball and platform tennis courts.

Ocean Pines' journey has been a long and exciting one. It has grown from being little more than a handful of houses in 1968 to being a community with approximately 8,450 houses as of this year. Today Ocean Pines is the largest residential community in Worcester County. Having received countless awards and recognitions, it has earned the title of "a premier resort community."

*Editor's Note: Some material for this article was gleaned from Bud Rogner's book, "History of Ocean Pines 30th Anniversary Edition."*

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