

Company takes over OPA food operations

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors voted unanimously on Thursday, March 29 to approve a negotiated agreement with Matt Ortt Companies, a restaurant development and management company. The board tapped Matt Ortt Companies to manage operations at its Yacht Club in Ocean Pines and Beach Club in Ocean City.

The official vote took place during a Regular Board Meeting at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Matt Ortt Companies, which brings more than 25 years of experience to the Association, has been granted a two-year contract.

The contract objectives were to create an arrangement that empowers and economically incentivizes Matt Ortt Companies to perform well, institute financial and reporting controls, shift liability to Matt Ortt Companies and create a mechanism to address poor financial performance.

According to the agreement, Matt Ortt Companies shall manage, control and operate the Yacht and Beach clubs, including all food and beverage operations, janitorial services, banquet functions (weddings, anniversaries, etc.) and special functions, and any other food and beverage function assigned by the Association, subject to the Association's right to establish reasonable regulations with regard to the use of the facilities.

Co-founders and managing partners Matthew Ortt and Ralph DeAngelus will be responsible for all day-to-day management and required to provide Ocean Pines Association with a detailed monthly report that includes real-time access to the operating expenses. Expenditures over certain dollar thresholds, depending on the expense, will require the Association's approval.

In addition, the management company shall conduct ongoing surveys to determine customer satisfaction and provide the results of said surveys to the Association once per month.

The contract shall be terminated for poor economic performance without penalty.

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Students learn in roaring fashion

It was a roaring good time in Stephen Decatur High School American literature in the classrooms of teachers Kim Patrick's and Kia Terlizzi. Students went back to the 1920s as part of a culminating activity for "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Students dressed as flappers, listened to jazz, and danced the Charleston as they celebrated the time period.

Above are Stephen Decatur High School juniors **Daletetz Smith**, **Lauren Barrett**, and **Daniel Mitchell** show off their 1920's inspired fashion.

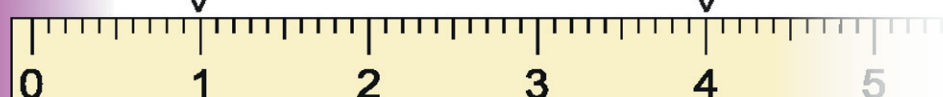
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Community Calendar

APRIL



Dems to meet

The Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County will meet Monday April 16 in Ocean Pines Community Assateague Room. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. Maryland Senator Jim Mathias will be the guest speaker along with Dr. Creston Long, a Salisbury University Professor, who will speak on the legacy of Governor J. Mil-lard Tawes. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 410-973-1021.

Angles Club to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. The speaker will be Steve Doctor a biologist with the Mary-land DNR Fisheries. Doctor works on the Maryland Coastal Bays Finfish Index and trawl sample in the coastal bays April through October and seine sample in June and September. They also sample commercial catches from the ocean and the bays. This information is used to create indices of abundance and recruitment for many species of fish and crustaceans of commercial and recreational interest. Data is used in stock assess-ments for summer flounder, bluefish, black sea bass, tautog, horseshoe crabs, blue crabs, weakfish, Atlantic croaker, spot, black drum, Atlantic menhaden, and many other species. Doctor will advise the club what to expect in the upcoming black sea bass and summer flounder seasons and the regulations for 2018 as well as answer any questions from the group.

There will also be a short presentation from Liz Wist, the Education Coordinator of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program about an upcoming special program. All are welcome.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <small>Easter</small>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <small>Hot Day</small>	18	19	20	21
22 <small>Earth Day</small>	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Casino trip planned

The public invited to join members of the Ocean Pines Boat Club on their Thursday, April 19 bus trip to the Har-rington 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 reserva-tions.

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

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 Com-munity 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 informa-tion call Carol at 410-208-4515.

Tuesday/Thursday

Poker Players wanted for Gentl-men'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 meet-ings are held at 5:45 p.m. at the Cap-tains Table in Ocean City. Contact Stan.Kahn@carouselhotel.com.

Square Dancing
The Pinesteppers have introduction to square dancing at the OP Community Center at 7 p.m. Call Bruce Barrett at 410-208-6777.

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin
Wednesday Night Bayside Begin-nings 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 Ar-lene 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 cri-tiques and appreciation, market leads, and writing exercises.

Job fair to be held at Wor-Wic

The public is invited to attend a free job fair being offered by the career serv-ices office at Wor-Wic Community Col-lege on Thursday, April 5, from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., in Guerrieri Hall and the Allied Health Building at the college campus in Salisbury.

More than 50 area employers are planning to participate in the fair. At-tendees should check in at Guerrieri Hall and come dressed in interview attire and bring resumes to give to prospective em-ployers. Interpreter services will be available for people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

Job seekers can go to www.college-central.com/worwic and submit a re-sume prior to the job fair for a free critique by the career services office.

BJ's offer to benefit Memorial

BJ's Wholesale Club is once again partnering with the Ocean Pines Associ-ation to bring a special membership offer, effective April 13 through 27, to benefit the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

In addition to offering special mem-bership benefits, BJ's will donate \$5 of each membership fee to the foundation. The offer, which is available to new and

renewing members, is not available for purchase online or at any BJ's location. Current EZ Renewal members are not eligible.

With this offer, an annual BJ's Inner Circle Membership is \$40 and a BJ's Perks Rewards Membership is \$80. New members also receive a \$50 Restaurant.com card.

One free month of membership will be added to all paid memberships re-newed through the Ocean Pines offer. Paid memberships renewed within two months after their expiration will be ex-tended 12 months from the expiration date. Paid memberships renewed more than two months after expiration will be extended for 12 months from the last day of the month of renewal.

This special promotion is only of-fered through Ocean Pines two times a year. Current BJ's members whose memberships will expire before then are encouraged to renew during the spring offer.

BJ's membership applications are available at the Ocean Pines Associa-tion Administration Building and on-line at OceanPines.org.

Applications must be returned with payment by April 27. Check and credit card payments will be accepted. Applications may be dropped off at the administration building or mailed to Ocean Pines Association, Attn: Denise Sawyer, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.



Donation - The Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines recently presented a check for \$1,000 to Colleen Wareing, vice president of patient care services at Atlantic General Hospital, benefiting the James G. and Nancy W. Barrett Nursing Scholarship Program. The Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines have generously contributed a total of \$10,000 to Atlantic General Hospital's nursing scholarship program since 2008.

From left to right -Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines officers **Jean Beatty**, secretary; **Elaine Gilgenast**, vice president; **Ellen Yannuzzi**, president; and **Joyce Brittan**, treasurer and **Colleen Wareing**, Atlantic General Hospital vice president of patient care services.

Workshop for new businesses scheduled

For those preparing to start a business and wondering what steps to take next, Worcester County Economic Development (WCED) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Salisbury University have partnered to host "Ready, Set, Go!" on April 17, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. This class is free to the public, with refreshments to be provided.

Ready, Set, Go! is part one of a three-part Venture Series. An experienced SBDC advisor will review the steps to a successful start-up, as well as the components of sound business planning, to include developing realistic financial projections.

"While putting your dreams into motion, selecting the proper name, and creating a website are certainly challenging, the process of becoming an entrepreneur is a highly rewarding one as well," WCED Deputy Director Kathryn Gordon said. "It's important to focus on taking the right steps at the beginning to ensure a successful start."

While every business is unique and comes with its own opportunities and

challenges, there are some basic steps that are universal when it comes to launching a new business. These include developing business and financial plans and raising capital. The SBDC, which is part of the Small Business Administration, understands the importance of these basic steps and offers free courses, such as "Ready, Set, Go!" to educate those interested in pursuing their business dreams.

"Anyone interested in taking the next step toward becoming an entrepreneur is encouraged to attend this session to learn more and ask questions. Afterward, those planning to move forward with their business ideas will be invited to participate in two additional session to learn more.

The "Ready, Set, Go!" workshop series lays the groundwork for helping new and aspiring entrepreneurs launch their business ideas and understand the steps to building a successful business. For more information or to register, contact WCED at 410-632-3112 or at kshubert@co.worcester.md.us.

License plates raise money

Ten top bidders and 40 lucky raffle ticket holders are the recipients of an official Ocean Pines, Maryland license plate.

Ocean Pines Association held a license plate auction/raffle fundraiser on Saturday, March 24 to raise money for its police department. The fundraiser brought in \$5,050, of which \$1,250 will be sent to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration as a processing fee for 50 organization license plates.

The first license plate, PN0001, was sold for \$800 to bidder Gary Clift of Ocean Pines. Cheryl Jacobs, Ocean Pines Association vice president, outbid others to

claim license plate PN0002 for \$425. Eight other plates were auctioned off to Ocean Pines residents, including



Denise Sawyer and Chief Dave Massey

PN0004, which went to long-time resident and business owner Marvin

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Search committee to host candidate information meeting

A committee tasked with selecting qualified candidates for the upcoming Ocean Pines Board of Directors election will soon host an informative meeting for prospective candidates.

The Candidate Information Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in the East Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. The meeting aims to outline the function of the Search Committee and responsibilities of Board members, describe the qualifications of the candidates, and receive input from attendees about finding interested candidates.

The Ocean Pines Association is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors that is elected by the lot owners who make up membership in the homeowners association. Three seats are up for election this year when the terms of Cheryl Jacobs, Tom Herrick and Ted Moroney expire.

To be eligible a candidate must be the owner of record of property in Ocean Pines as of January 1 of this year, eligible to vote as of May 15 and have completed and submitted an application to the Search Committee or Administration Office no later than 5 p.m. on May 10, 2018.

An application form can be found online at www.oceanpines.org or obtained from a Search Committee member or from the Administration Office. Office hours at the Administration Building are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays starting April 28.

The Board of Directors is a legislative policy-setting body of the Ocean Pines community. Board members do not receive monetary compensation for their service. They serve three-year terms on a staggered basis and cannot seek reelection after serving two consecutive terms. A board member who misses three consecutive regular meetings is subject to removal for cause.

Potential candidates interested in further information may contact the following individuals on the Search Committee: Chairperson Ken Koroknay at 301-641-5689 or ken.koroknay@outlook.com, Tom Piatti at 410-302-0558 or tompatti@aol.com, Cathy Gallagher at 570-956-4721 or csgallagher1@aol.com or Peggy Turner at 443-794-1304 or peggyj-turner@gmail.com.

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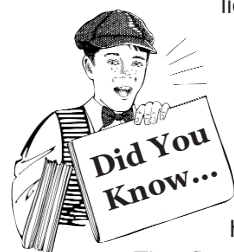
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How households earn their income has changed dramatically over the last several decades. According to a Pew Research Central analysis of the Decennial Census and American Community Surveys integrated Pub-



lic Use Micro-data Sample files, in 1960 only fathers worked in 70 percent of American households.

That figure has dropped in each ensuing decade and by 2012 fathers were the sole earners in just 31 percent of American households. While one in four households in American were dual income households in 1960, by 2012 that figure had risen to 60 percent. While those figures represent dramatic changes, the number of households in which mothers are the sole earners has not changed all that much since 1960. In 1960, mothers were the sole earners in just 2 percent of American households. Fifty-two years later 6 percent of American households featured mothers as the sole earners.

Casino impact funds: a history

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

Confusion obviously reigns within the OPA Board of Directors with regard to casino local impact funding received by OPA, based on incorrect statements made by board members at the last meeting.



Joe Reynolds

Director Cheryl Jacobs was confused about recent newspaper reporting and suggested Worcester County could decide to take away OPA's impact funds. This was an irresponsible statement to make at a public board meeting. She was confused between the slot machine impact funds that OPA receives, and new impact funds for table games. All table games impact funds go to the County alone.

OPA's casino local impact funds, now pushing around \$300,000 or so a year, do not come from Worcester County. Those funds, based on slot machine revenue, come directly from the State of Maryland as a result of 2009 state legislation that took 10% of the total allocated to all jurisdictions in Worcester County and gave it to OPA, while reducing the County percentage to 60% from the 70% stipulated in the original 2008 legislation. In that original state law, the local impact grants for all of Worcester County were distributed as follows: 70% to the County; 20% to Ocean City; 10% to Berlin. OPA received zero allocation.

Back around 2008, early 2009, the OPA Board of Directors, under president Dave Stevens, sided with then Worcester County Commissioner Judy Boggs and voted against requesting our legislators for a direct cut for OPA, and instead, incredibly, voted to ask the legislature to take away the impact

funding for Ocean City and Berlin and give all the impact money to Worcester County. Today it sounds incredulous. It sounded incredulous to me back then. Boggs and I argued the issue, on video, back then. How incredible that our Board of Directors were so politically naïve they thought there would be support to take income away from Ocean City.

A few folks in the community began meeting privately in efforts to influence new legislation to obtain a 15% cut for OPA. Those efforts did not work out. Local newspapers declared the community member effort dead. However, I was not taking NO for an answer. There was too much at stake.

This is the part of the casino funds history where I blow my own horn and the horns of 17 others – we are perhaps the sole reason OPA now receives about \$300,000 a year. Initially, I created a group called Citizens for Ocean Pines Equity (C.O.P.E.). I called 17 individuals in the community who I thought would influence our local legislators and asked them to become members of C.O.P.E. Every one of the 17 agreed to be on the committee. I asked Dan Stachurski, a Democrat, and Roseann Bridgman, a Republican, to serve as committee co-chairs. At least four of the 18 original C.O.P.E. members are now deceased. All this was done via phone or email. C.O.P.E. never held a meeting.

I then wrote the text for a January 8, 2009 letter to our representatives in the Maryland legislature. It was signed only by co-chair Dan Stachurski because Bridgman was out of town at the time.

On March 17, 2009, the *Ocean Pines Independent* contained the following editorial:

“Three delegates representing the Lower Shore have put their names — Mathias, Conway, Elmore — to a bill that would divert 10 percent of a fund made up of skimmed revenues from slots at Ocean Downs to the OPA, at the expense of Worcester County government. The plan voted on in a statewide referendum called for the local fund to be divided three ways — 70 percent to the county, 20 percent to Ocean City, 10 percent to Berlin. But the bill introduced last week would peg the county's share at 60 percent, and the Ocean Pines Associa-

tion would belly up to the table to claim that 10 percent.

“If - if - the bill passes in Annapolis and is signed by the governor it will be quite a coup for C.O.P.E., the citizens group with some past board members in its ranks that's run a letter-writing campaign to divert 15 percent to the Pines (they say they're content with 10 percent if that's what's achievable politically). It would not, however, buttress anyone's impression that the OPA board pulls weight in Annapolis, because the board declined to ask legislators directly for a slice of the money. As board president Dave Stevens said to an Independent reporter, 'It's not what we on the board thought was the best approach, but we are certainly not opposed to it.'”

The legislation eventually passed and OPA receives the money.

One final note about comments made by Director Herrick at the last board meeting with regard to using the impact funds for operational costs related to public safety. Unfortunately, this would violate Maryland legislation granting OPA a 10% cut of the funds. The language of the legislation outlining how the local impact funds can be used by OPA is not the same as how the county and municipalities can use any local impact funds in the 2008 legislation. The 2009 legislation giving OPA a 10% cut stipulates in unequivocal language that OPA can only spend its funds on “public infrastructure.”

Years ago, OPA stipulated it would spend its local impact funds on roads (this includes road drainage). No board should consider changing this decision. It passed muster with the law and money is fungible.

Below is the C.O.P.E. letter sent to legislators back in January 2009, as well as a list of C.O.P.E. members who worked to obtain this money for OPA.

As an aside, Jim Mathias is running for re-election this year to the Maryland Senate. If loyalty is a good thing, and considering what any candidate has done for the Ocean Pines community, every resident of Ocean Pines should seriously consider “pulling the lever” for Jim Mathias. Mathias went to bat for us when our own Board of Directors refused to do so.

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Suspended humor

It's sometimes difficult being a member of my family. Let me rephrase that. It's difficult being me in my fam-



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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ily. My wife and three children are all wonderful individuals but there are times when they feel compelled to gang up on little old, innocent, lovable me. They can be merciless. Sharks in a feeding frenzy come to mind. It matters not to them that I'm the patriarch of the family.

You're probably wondering where I'm going with this. Well, let me share a little story with you.

I'll be the first to admit that through the years I've gained weight. I'm no longer the size 30 waist from yesteryear. It's expanded some. Okay, it's expanded more than some. It's to the point that I experience the "underbelly slide." You know what I mean: when the waistband of your pants slides south regardless of how tightly the belt is cinched. Well, at times that happens to me, especially when I'm out in the yard working. Every few minutes I have to stop to hitch up my pants which isn't always inconvenient because it gives me time to catch my breath. Nonetheless I made a simple fashion decision to make life easier. A pair of suspenders. And that's what my family found uproarious. I've never been a suspenders kind of guy, whatever a "suspenders kind of guy" is. But for the sake of comfort, suspenders have advantages that I don't mind exploiting.

About a month ago I was in the yard clearing debris. A lot of bending over was involved. Had I been wearing a belt, I would have had to have stopped many times to make things right. Instead, I opted to forsake the belt for suspenders and it made all the difference. As a matter of fact, they complemented the plaid work shirt, jeans and work boots I was wearing.

At one point I went into the house. My wife was Facetiming with our youngest son. Unassumingly, I happened to walk past the camera when my son noticed the suspenders.

"Whoa!" I heard my son said. "Dad. Dad! What are you wearing?" By the time I returned to the picture my son was laughing heartily. He had a hard time getting out, "What are you wearing?" I wasn't keying in on what he was referring to.

"Are they suspenders I see?" he asked.

Then everything clicked. "Yes," I replied. "Why?"

He was gone; laughing too hard to respond. I continued on my way.

About fifteen minutes later, I was back in the yard. My cell phone started ringing a specific ringtone designated for my daughter who lives in Texas. "Hello," I answered.

"Are you wearing suspenders?" Not, "how are you, Dad." Not, "I miss you Dad." No. "Are you wearing suspenders?" This was followed by peals of laughter and some comments about working the back forty. She even started singing the theme of "Green Acres" before I hung up.

Back to work I went, clearing the backyard of yard debris, enjoying the comfort experienced by the suspenders.

Not a half hour later my oldest son and his girlfriend were at the house. To see how Mother and I were doing? To see if there was anything he could do to lighten our load? Not by a longshot.

"It's true. You really are wearing suspenders!" And with that, my son started laughing the laugh that when he was younger was always so contagious at the dinner table that no one could eat.

So, let's review. In a very short time, my son in Florida called my daughter in Texas who called her brother who lives here; each sharing the revelation that their father was sporting suspenders. You would have thought they had found a favorite present under the Christmas tree given the enjoyment they each got from my suspenders.

They really were raised better.

Later that evening, I was in the house, my work done for the day. I had slipped the suspenders from my shoulders so they were hanging loose by my side. Again, I didn't give it a thought until I was heading to bed. As I headed down the hall, I heard my wife behind me say, "Goodnight Pa Walton."

Ah, family!



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Black Bear, Migratory Game Bird stamp winners announced

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced that a Delaware resident won this year's Maryland Black Bear Conservation Stamp Design Contest, while the award for top Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design went to a resident of Des Moines, Iowa.

The winners were chosen by a panel of judges on March 17 at the 18th Annual Eagle Festival at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge.

"Congratulations to the winning entries and thank you to everyone who submitted terrific artwork this year," Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto, said. "Every entry showcases the talents of some gifted artists while supporting important conservation efforts to understand and protect our wildlife."

Steve Oliver of New Castle, Delaware won the 22nd Annual Maryland Black Bear Conservation Stamp Design Contest with his painting, "Looking Back." The artwork portrayed a lone black bear sitting on the edge of a creek with the first hints of fall. This is his eighth win since first entering the contest in 2000.

"This is fun for me and I enjoy helping out conservation programs

whenever I am able," Oliver said.

Proceeds from the sale of Black Bear Conservation Stamps and other related items are used to compensate Maryland farmers experiencing dam-



age caused by black bears. These proceeds are added to the Black Bear Compensation Fund. The bear stamps and other related items can be purchased on the department's online store.

Paul Bridgford, of Des Moines, Iowa, won the 44th Annual Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest with his painting, "Silent Repose," a stunning image of two green-winged teal, a drake and a hen, quietly floating amongst the reeds.

This is the first year that the Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest was opened to artists from outside Maryland. Entries were

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SDHS collects pounds for pets

Stephen Decatur High School students and staff collected nearly 800 pounds of pet food in a recent drive sponsored by the Kids Against Animal Abuse and Testing (KAAAT) club. Donations were made to the Worcester County Humane Society and Kenille's Kupperboard.

Pictured are Stephen Decatur High School KAAAT club members **Hallie Edmunds**, **Emma Stubblebine**, **Nevaeh Steward**, **Mette Jacobsen**, **Advisor Kim Patrick**, and **John Liberto**.

Asia-influenced art to fill the galleries

The First Friday opening at the Ocean City Center for the Arts showcases the art of the East with Asian-inspired artwork ranging from the traditional to the contemporary. The public is invited to the free opening reception on April 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with complementary hors d'oeuvres offered by Liquid Assets.

Works by artist Joan Lok of Columbia, Md. will be on display in the Galleria during April. Entitled "Purr-

fect," the exhibit showcases Lok's technique of Sumi-e East Asian Brush Painting, focusing on the traditional subject matter of the cat.

Born in Hong Kong, Lok came to America in 1983 after winning an international cultural exchange fellowship. She is listed in Who's Who of American Art and has won many awards including the Best of Show

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Eyes on the skies - Mara Minkey, a fifth grader from Stacy Lloyd's class, is excited to visit the planetarium with her science teacher, **Ashley Miller**. Mara, along with the rest of the fifth grade students at Berlin Intermediate School, enjoyed going inside the Sky Dome Planetarium to learn about the solar system, stars, and constellations. Students are beginning to learn about the solar system in science classes.

Voter registration events to be held

Persons interested in registering to vote will have several opportunities at locations throughout the county between April 10 and April 21. Voters can also change address information and party affiliation. Registrants must be a U.S. citizen, be a Maryland resident, and be at least 16 years old; however, voting age is 18. Registrants must bring a current Maryland driver's license or MVA identification card, or the last four of your Social Security number. In Maryland, individuals convicted of a felony who have been released on parole or probation can vote, but must re-register.

Dates and locations are as follows:

-Every Wednesday in April 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Used to be Mine Thrift Store located at 12507 Sunset Ave. in West Ocean City.

-Wednesday, April 11: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Shepherd's Nook, Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Race-track Rd., Berlin

-Saturday, April 14 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Pocomoke library, 301 Market Street, Pocomoke

-Saturday, April 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ocean Pines library lobby, 11107 Cathell Rd., Berlin

-Friday, April 20, 9 a.m. to noon, Pocomoke Farmer's Market, 3 Market Street, Town Center parking lot, Pocomoke

-Saturday, April 21 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shepherd's Nook, Community Church

at Ocean Pines.

-Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill

Volunteers needed at the Discovery Center

The Delmarva Discovery Center is looking for volunteers to help through the busy spring and summer season. To that end, the Center is hosting a Coffee Meet & Greet on Tuesday, April 10, at 10:00 a.m.

The program will include an introduction to the Discovery Center followed by an overview of the Center's diverse opportunities for Volunteers. The orientation will also include a tour of both the public exhibits and the

back of the house operations. The Center welcomes anyone interested in exploring the possibilities for volunteering to attend this program

The Discovery Center is located at 2 Market Street, Pocomoke City, MD, and is open seven days a week.

It is requested that if you plan to attend that you call (410) 957-9933 or email Christy@DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org.

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Bass minimum size lowered

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is moving forward with emergency regulations that will reduce the minimum size of striped bass for charter boat and recreational anglers in the summer and fall fishery in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries from 20 to 19 inches.

This action comes after the state's proposal was approved by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission in February 2018.

"Following a series of robust conversations and discussions with anglers, charter boat captains, conservationists and other stakeholders, the department believes that moving to a 19-inch rockfish, with corresponding conservation actions and efforts, will reduce striped bass mortality in the bay and provide additional recreational opportunities for anglers," Maryland Natural Resources Secretary Mark Belton said. "The change will benefit anglers and charter boat captains, and, most importantly, the species, which we are committed to conserving and protecting."

The emergency regulations have

been submitted to the Maryland General Assembly Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review, which has jurisdiction over regulatory changes. The department anticipates approval before the start of the summer fishing season.

The proposal seeks to reduce the minimum size of striped bass from 20 to 19 inches with corresponding changes to bait, gear and season, including the requirements that non-offset (inline) circle hooks be used when chumming and live-lining, and "J" hooks less than or equal to 1/2-inch gap (#1/0) when fishing with bait.

In anticipation of the proposed changes, the department has begun a proactive education and public relations campaign to ensure that anglers, charter boat captains and bait-and-tackle retailers understand the new minimum size and gear requirements so they can properly prepare for the start of the season. The Natural Resources Police have also been briefed on the changes so as to provide for a smooth transition.



Welcome Home — March 30 is officially "Welcome Home" Day for all Vietnam War Veterans. On Friday, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1091 commemorated the day by dedicating a bench at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines to eight soldiers from Worcester County who were killed during the conflict. The soldiers honored were PFC Barry Berger, USA, LCPL Frederick W. Bivens, USMC, SP4 Charles L. Briddle, USA, SGT Michael E. Gordy, UMC, PFC Alphonso L. Harmon, USMC, PFC Lewis M. Haywood, USA, SP4 Freddie Marshall, Jr., USA and MAJ Nutter J. Wimbrow, III, USAF.

Above: **Nelson Kelly**, president of the organization welcomes attendees and reads the names of the fallen before the bench is uncovered. Photo by Chip Bertino.

AGH celebrates Nurses Day

Atlantic General Hospital celebrated Certified Nurses Day on March 19 by honoring its board certified nurses. The following nurses were recognized for their professionalism, leadership, and commitment to excellence in patient care.

Emergency Department: Judy Cowgar, CEN, Sarah Esh, FNE A/P, Althea Foreman, CCNS, CEN, FNE A/P, APRN-CNS, Christine Freitas, CEN, Alana Long, CEN, CPEN, Shannon Simpson, FNE A/P, Laura Sturla, CEN, Karen Taylor, CEN, CPEN, Andi West McCabe, NE-BC, Nettie Widgeon, FNE A/P and Lisa Wood, FNE A/P.

Diabetic Clinic: Patti Yocubik, CDE

Endoscopy: Wendi McDonough, CPAN, CGRN, Teresa Moore, CNOR

ICU: Paula Dize, CCRN, Holly Douglas, CCRN, Robin Jarvis-Ganong, CCRN, Nicole Morris, CCRN and Carol Smith, CCRN.

Infection Control: MaryEllen Beideman, CIC

IT: Jackie Todd, NE-BC

Med Surg: Karen Christmas, WCC, OMS, Iris Hudson, CMS-RN, Cara Mia Sullivan, CMS-RN and Mary Williams, CMS-RN

Palliative Care: Tracey Wooden, CHPN

Patient Management: Jennifer Cullen, ACM, Donna Elliott, ACM, Charles Gizara, CCM and Laureen Talbot, CCM, CCDS.

Pediatrics: Teresa Jenkins, CPN
Surgical Services Department: Moira Horn, CNOR

Wound Care Center Brenda Marino, CWCA and Mary Mullins, WCC, OCN

Administration: Colleen Wareing, NEA-BC

Atlantic General Hospital encourages national board certification for all its nurses. Patients are encouraged to inquire whether there are certified nurses on staff when they visit a hospital or their primary care provider. There are many nursing certification specialties such as medical-surgical, pediatric, pain management, cardiac vascular, oncology, hospice, case management, emergency nursing, critical care and many others. Many nursing certification bodies exist to serve the full range of specialized nursing care offered in the contemporary health care system; national nurse-certifying bodies should be accredited by either the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC) or the National Organization for Competence Assurance (NOCA), or both.

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Dining group - Ocean Pines residents having their every Monday night great burgers and fun at Whiskers. (L-R) **Barbara and John Stawecki, Rita Landis, David Landis, Beverly Bigler and Arie Klapholz.** Photo by Anna Foultz.

New Recreation and Parks director takes reigns

The Worcester County Commissioners named Tom Perlozzo as the new Recreation and Parks director. Perlozzo earned a Bachelor of Science in Recreation from West Virginia University, where he attended on a football scholarship. He brings 28 years of experience in recreation and parks and sports marketing to Worcester County Government (WCG).



Tom Perlozzo

Prior to stepping into his new role with WCG on March 12, Perlozzo was a successful entrepreneur and independent sales representative for GOLF Magazine, GOLF.com, and Sports Illustrated, where he specialized in resort and travel, developing marketing and advertising plans that earned him recognition as the top sales producer in the country in travel since 2005. He is the former director of Recreation and Parks for Ocean City, Maryland, from 1985-2005, where he played an integral

role in the oversight of all parks, as well as the Eagle's Landing Golf Course, and the development and management of Ocean City's Northside Park and Recreation Center, including parks and public grounds, special events and the beach patrol. Prior to that time, he served as director of Recreation and Parks for St. Albans, West Virginia from 1982-1985, where he played an integral role in developing a 90-acre park, with a petting zoo, golf course, and picnic shelters.

"I am very excited about this opportunity to help improve the quality of life for all the citizens in Worcester County," Perlozzo said. "I am looking forward to working with the communities to continue the vision of the County Commissioners."

Perlozzo obtained Certified Leisure Professional status through the National Recreation and Parks Association. He resides in Ocean City, where he is actively engaged in the community. He served six years as a member of the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, including two years as president.

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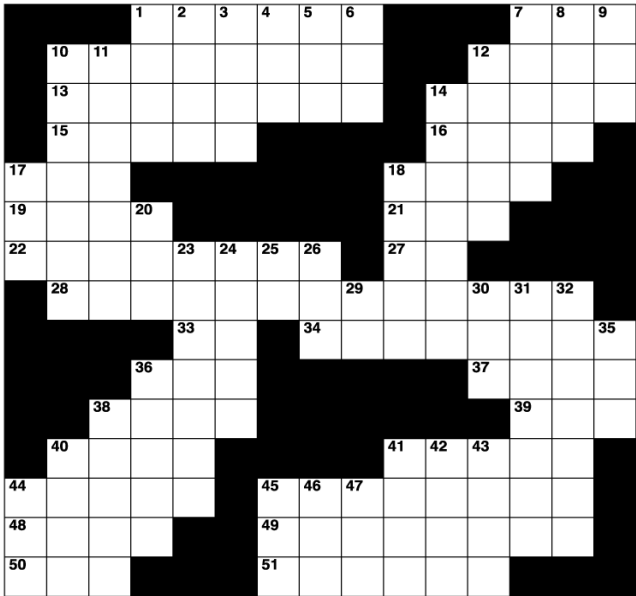
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1. Latin American dances

7. European viper

10. Finch-like birds

12. Civil rights college organization

13. A person who organizes

14. Small carnivorous mammal

15. City in Sweden

16. Grayish-white

17. Google certification (abbr.)

18. Six (Spanish)

19. The highest adult male singing voice

21. Political action committee

22. Exterior part of a home

27. And, Latin
28. Where pirates hide their bounty

33. Six

34. Cores

36. Diego is one

37. ___ Carvey, comedian

38. Aromatic plant

39. Carry with great effort

40. One point east of southeast

41. Female cattle’s mammary gland

44. Small fries

45. Optimistic in tough times

48. Make less distinct

49. Surrounds

50. Cost per mile

51. A local church communit

CLUES DOWN

1. “Beastmaster” actor Singer

2. Rice-distilled liquor

3. Messenger ribonucleic acid

4. Wet, muddy ground

5. Have an obligation to

6. Defunct Chevy convertible truck

7. Deer-like water buffalo

8. Skin lesion

9. Amount in each hundred (abbr.)

10. Where kids play ball

11. Roman judge

12. One who endures hardship without complaint

14. Cover the sword

17. “Frozen” actor Josh

18. Eyeglasses

20. Metal-bearing material

23. Primitive persons
24. Wild ox

25. Group of countries (abbr.)

26. Before

29. Spanish be

30. Opposite of the beginning

31. With three uneven sides

32. Gives a permanent post to

35. Actors’ group (abbr.)

36. Cavalry sword

38. Gland secretion

40. Marine invertebrate

41. Hybrid citrus fruit

42. Pairs

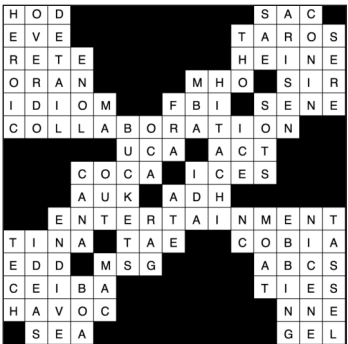
43. Used to serve food

44. English broadcasting network

45. Calendar month

46. Comedic actress Gasteyer

47. Company that rings receipts



Answers for Mar. 28

Eyes on the Skies

Binocular sites:
far-flung and nearby

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.

For April, the column returns to the northern region of the night sky in Ursa Major, also known as the Big Dipper. In 1774 the German astronomer and mathematician Johann Bode discovered the galaxy known as M81 or Bode’s galaxy. Through binoculars this galaxy appears as a fuzzy oval with a bright nucleus. Although this galaxy’s spiral arms are only seen with professional astronomy equipment, an exciting idea is to recognize both its enormous size and great distance from Earth. M81 is located at about 12 million light-years away, and is home to over 250 billion stars. Modern astronomers have discovered a super-massive black hole at the Bode galaxy’s core, estimated to be 70 million times the mass of the sun.

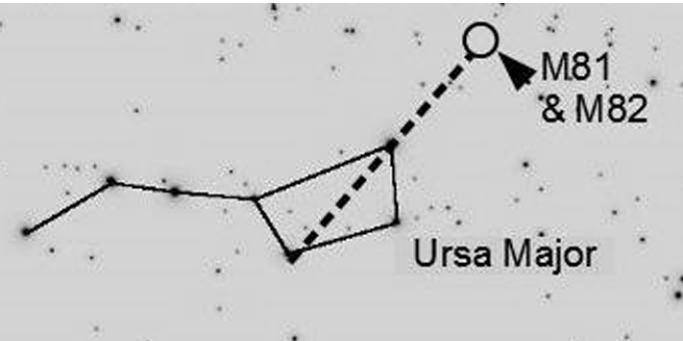
Astronomy fans with powerful equipment might enjoy the challenge of spotting the smaller, dimmer companion, the M82 galaxy which was also discovered by Johann Bode. Both M81 and M82 are located approximately 10 degrees northwards of the Big Dipper’s bowl and the pair are separated by only a half-degree. This smaller M82 takes the name, the Cigar Galaxy, from its narrow, elongated shape. The springtime months of April and May offer the best viewing.

April’s next binocular target is located rather close, and might be considered just a stone’s throw away – on a *cosmic scale*. The Coma Cluster is just 288 light-years away, compared to the 12-million light-years distance for M81 and M82. Readers may recall that the Beehive Cluster discussed here last month is also among the closest star clusters at about 577 light-years away.

The Coma Cluster is also known as Melotte-111 from its listing in a specialized sky catalog compiled by British astronomer, Philibert Melotte. Melotte’s catalogue covers 215 star clusters as published in 1915. The

renowned Messier survey includes a diversity of 110 nebulae, galaxies, and star clusters dating back to 1774. Bode’s galaxy or M81 is a Messier object.

With binoculars the Coma Cluster appears as a triangular group, or “V” formation of relatively bright stars. There may be a dozen or more stars visible under good conditions. In ancient days this star cluster was described by Ptolomy as the amber hair



of the maiden Berenice, located within the constellation Coma Berenices. It is noteworthy that even centuries before the invention of telescopes, Ptolomy was able to examine this cluster, Mel-111.

April stargazing again begins early with the planet Venus appearing over the western horizon at about 7:30 PM. But look quickly, before about 8:20 PM, since the planet sets early. Venus offers further opportunities in April to observe conjunctions. On April 17, the planet appears just five degrees north of the thin crescent moon. And on April 24, Venus appears three degrees south of the Pleiades Cluster.

April is a good time to view Leo the Lion. Just as Orion is the most familiar constellation of winter, Leo plays this role for springtime, as the majestic lion rides high overhead. Even as the sky becomes dark around 8:30 PM, this constellation is already well up above the eastern horizon. Leo resembles a reclining lion, with the characteristic backward question mark shape representing the head and mane, and an elongated triangle de-

Maryland crabbing season underway

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced that the blue crab season officially opened April 1 in Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries as well as the Atlantic Ocean and coastal bays.

“The beginning of blue crab season is a Maryland tradition,” Fishing and Boating Services Director David Blazer

said. “Crabbing is a unique and rewarding experience that offers everyone a great day on Maryland’s beautiful waters, a firsthand look at the environment of one of our iconic species, and finally an enjoyable feast that’s defined our state’s culture for generations.”

There are a lot of different ways to

catch blue crab in Maryland. Anyone joining the hunt for *Callinectes sapidus*, which means “savory, beautiful swimmer,” should acquaint themselves first with the state’s rules and regulations.

Recreational crabbing licenses are required for anyone who uses collapsible crab traps, eel pots, net rings, seines or trotline; or who catches more than two dozen hard crabs (with a limit of 1 bushel) or more than 1 dozen soft crabs or male peelers (with a limit of 2 dozen). Crabbers using handlines, dip nets or catching beneath those stated limits do not require a license.

Owners, lessee or tenants of private shoreline properties can also crab without a license; they may use up to two registered crab pots, but they must be fitted with a bycatch reduction or turtle excluder device in



every entry funnel and be marked with the owner’s name and address.

A recreational crabbing license is not required in the Atlantic Ocean or coastal bays. Additionally, any passenger of a boat with a valid crabbing license doesn’t need an individual license to crab.

All recreational crabbers are prohibited from selling crabs or possessing an egg-bearing (sponge) crab or any female hard or peeler crab. More information is available online.

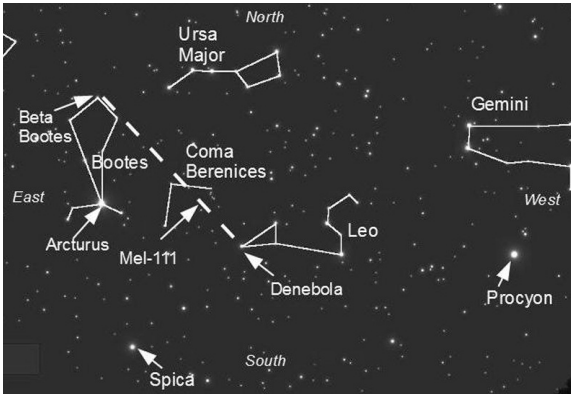
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lineating the hind legs.

After about 9:30 p.m., the northeast sky should reveal another well known pattern, the kite-shaped constellation, Bootes (boh-OH-teez) the Herdsman. Bootes features the bright orange-tinted star Arcturus at its southernmost tip. To find the Coma Cluster, imagine a line going northeast from Leo’s tail-star Denebola to the top of Bootes kite. Examine the area about one third of the way along this line, to find Mel-111.

Night owls may enjoy a treat in April as the Lyrid meteors grace the sky in the wee hours. The shower lasts from April 16 to the 25th, with the peak occurring on the night April 21 (technically the morning hours of the 22nd). The best viewing times are between 1:30 and 4:30 a.m. when the constellation Lyra the Lyre is high up in the sky just to the east of the zenith, and moving closer to the overhead point as the night progresses. The meteors appear to radiate out from just beneath the bright star Vega, streaking outwards in random directions. Under ideal conditions, one should expect to see up to seven shooting stars an hour.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.



Arbor Day ceremony scheduled

The Ocean Pines Garden Club will host its annual Arbor Day memorial tree planting ceremony on Thursday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m. in Pintail Park in Ocean Pines. The ceremony is open to all. A tree will be planted in memory of loved ones who have passed away during 2017.

A luncheon at The Lighthouse Sound restaurant will follow the ceremony. The cost of the luncheon is \$22. per person. Menu choices are: (1) Lighthouse Salad, (2) Turkey Wrap, or (3) Philly Cheese Steak. The cost includes beverages, tax, and gratuity.

For information or reservations for the luncheon, please contact Marian Bickerstaff at mbickerstaff@mchsi.com or 410-208-2508.

Fire company to host dinner

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department(BVFD) will host a Chicken and Dumpling Dinner on April 13 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the BVFD hall located on Main Street in Bishopville. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 children 11 & under. For information call Tina at 443-880-6966.

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., Apr. 5	11:48 a.m.	5:54 a.m. 5:55 p.m.	6:39 a.m.	7:27 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 6	12:11 a.m. 12:34 p.m.	6:44 a.m. 6:44 p.m.	6:38 a.m.	7:28 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 7	1:01 a.m. 1:26 p.m.	7:36 a.m. 7:36 p.m.	6:36 a.m.	7:29 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 8	1:57 a.m. 2:24 p.m.	8:30 a.m. 8:31 p.m.	6:35 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 9	2:57 a.m. 3:24 p.m.	9:25 a.m. 9:28 p.m.	6:32 a.m.	7:32 p.m.
Tues., Apr. 10	3:57 a.m. 4:20 p.m.	3:57 a.m. 4:20 p.m.	6:32 a.m.	7:33 p.m.
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I Love to Cook!

by Bev Wisch



Spring is really here after a very chilly Easter. Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter with family. We enjoyed our grandchildren and great-grand girls who look forward every year to the Ocean Pines, egg hunt, Easter bonnet contest and all the events. Ocean Pines does a super job for the holidays.

If you had ham for Easter and are wondering what to do with left overs. Here are some suggestions. Slice the ham up that is left, leaving some on the bone for soup. Make packets of the slices and freeze for future use. It makes life so easy on a busy day to pull some from the freezer for fried ham, soup, ham salad, sandwiches, etc.

As a child I always looked forward to left over ham as my Mom always made what she called "Ham Goolash." It is quick and easy. Just layer the following ingredients in a large fry pan to which 2 T. oil has been heating: cut up ham slices, sliced onions, sliced potatoes, fresh parsley or flakes, salt and

pepper (optional – sliced mushrooms, green peppers). Saute' over medium heat turning several times. Cook about 25 minutes until potatoes are tender. Serve with a fresh green salad.

Navy Bean Soup

Ham bone and chopped ham
1 lb. navy beans (Great Northern white beans)
2 quarts water
2 chopped onions
2 - 3 chopped stalks celery
Parsley
Salt and pepper

Soak beans overnight in large pot. When ready to prepare soup, rinse beans and add fresh water. Add rest of ingredients. Cook slowly until soup thickens. I sometime add 1 cubed potato. This makes a hearty supper on a cold night.

Enjoy,
bevwisch@aol.com
(email me with any questions)

Historical Society to host dinner

The Worcester County Historical Society will hold its annual spring dinner meeting at the Pocomoke Community Center on Market Street, Friday, April 13. Dinner guests will learn about Worcester County's past while enjoying a delicious meal of chicken and dumplings with all the fixings prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Following the dinner Mabel Rogers will present a maritime history of Ocean City entitled "Storms, Wrecks and Party Boats." During her talk she will display aerial photographs of the storm of 1933 that cut the present inlet at the south end of Ocean City. She will also talk about the mystery of the *Pisces*, which sunk in the Caribbean in the early sixties. She will tell stories of Coast Guard rescues, including the last time the breeches buoy was used.

The granddaughter of the engineer on the train that took passengers to the resort, Rogers grew up in Ocean City. After graduating from Stephen Decatur High School she attended the Peninsula General Hospital School of Nursing and embarked on a nursing career. Since her

retirement she has been active in community organizations and busy researching local history. She serves on the board of the Ocean City Life-saving Station Museum and the Worcester County Historical Society.

Doors will open for the event at 5:30 p.m. Friday evening and the dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22 per person and can be purchased by sending a check to Robert Fisher, WCHS Treasurer, 230 South Washington St., Snow Hill, MD 21863. The deadline for reservations for the dinner, which is open to the public, is April 6.

Charity to hold monthly meetings

Star Charities will hold its monthly meeting on Fridays April 6 and May 4 at the Ocean Pines library. The meetings, open to all interested individuals, will begin at 10 a.m. For more information contact Anna Foulz at 410-641-7667.



Happy Birthday - Carol Hewitt, director of the Thursday Ladies Pinochle Club, and Mary Ann Lyons celebrated their birthdays at Taylor's Restaurant in Ocean Pines. (L-R) Mary Ann Lyons, Pat Foringer, Cindy Urbanelli, Carol Hewitt, Vicky Wallace, Cathy Cannon and Violet Green. Photo by Anna Foulz.

Volunteer drivers sought

Do you like to drive? Do you like to help others? The VA Maryland Health Care System is looking for dedicated community members to serve as volunteer drivers to transport veteran patients from their homes to the Perry Point VA Medical Center in Cecil County. This is an opportunity to support the men and women who served their country in the armed forces by transporting them in VA vans to the Perry Point VA Medical Center. Volunteer drivers will receive free flu shots, access to training classes, and a free lunch.

Volunteer drivers are needed Monday through Friday between 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can choose the days and times to volunteer that work best for your schedule. To qualify as a volunteer driver, candidates must pass a background check and a physical, have

a current Maryland driver's license and private auto insurance, and complete a volunteer orientation and duty specific training.

Volunteers would drive a government vehicle, start at 8 a.m. from Cambridge, MD. and return about 2:30 p.m. one day a week, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. If you are interested contact Brandi Sima via e-mail at Bradi.Sima@va.gov or by phone at 410.642-2411, ext. 5409.

Volunteer drivers are also needed throughout the VA Maryland Health Care System region. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer driver on the Eastern Shore, in Baltimore City, and Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties, contact Voluntary Services for the VA Maryland Health Care System: Joyce Kuwae at (410) 642-1039, or via e-mail at joyce.kuwae@va.gov.

Art League seek scholarship applicants

The Art League of Ocean City is offering \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a college degree in the visual arts. The Art League invites art students who are residents of Worcester County to apply by April 8.

Graduating seniors who attend public or private high schools as well as home schoolers are eligible to apply. Also eligible are past recipients of Art League scholarships who are continuing to pursue a visual arts degree at an accredited college and have achieved a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

The Art League will award up to five \$1,000 visual arts scholarships based on talent, recommendations, citizenship, scholarship, academic awards, extracurricular activities, motivation and skill.

Applicants should complete an application on-line at artleagueofoceancity.org/scholarship and submit it their school's guidance counselor or

please see **applicants** on page 15



Contest winners

On March 12, Austin Whitehead, Board Member of the Coastal Association of Realtors, presented fifth grader Maxine Ruggerio and third grader Isha Garg with \$50 gift cards and their framed artwork for being Finalists in the Maryland Realtors 2018 Fair Housing Art Contest. Ruggerio's artwork was also selected as one of the statewide winners. She and the other statewide winners have been invited to the Maryland State House in April to receive an award from the Governor or other state official.

Above: Head of Lower School **Laura Holmes**, **Maxine Ruggerio**, **Austin Whitehead**, **Isha Garg**, and Lower School Art Teacher **Rebecca Tittermary**.

DAISY award honors Hurley

It can feel isolating to miss out on holidays when you're in the hospital.



Chloe Hurley

But a great nurse will ensure her patients always feel cared for – emotionally as well as clinically. Chloe Hurley, RN, of Peninsula Regional Medical Center's Progressive Care Unit, showed her love for patients this past Valentine's Day, and for her caring, she has earned the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses.

Hurley went out of her way to make gift bags for each patient on her unit, as well as extra bags for newly admitted patients. She said she wanted to make sure that if nothing else, patients would feel love from their nurses. She said, "We owe our patients everything – without them, there is no us."

For making such a difference in the lives she touches, Hurley was honored with the Daisy Award in a ceremony before her colleagues. She received a certificate commending her for being an extraordinary nurse. The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you

do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." She was also presented with fresh flowers on behalf of the Peninsula Regional Medical staff, and a sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe. To nominate an exceptional nurse, visit www.peninsula.org/DaisyAward and share a story.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, CA, and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little-

*please see **honor** on page 14*

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Spring cleaning can alleviate allergies

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Seasonal allergies tend to be the strongest in spring and autumn. Allergies can be exacerbated by many factors, including in homes where improvements are being made. Regular housecleaning can remove many common allergy triggers and help alleviate symptoms. Knowing which common home improvement mistakes can aggravate allergies can help homeowners avoid them.

Suit up. Before any cleaning begins, allergy sufferers should don face masks and rubber gloves to prevent themselves from breathing in allergens or having them touch their hands, where they can be transferred to the face or elsewhere. Those cleaning should also wear clothes that can be easily removed and laundered after a day's work.

Clean windows singularly. Prolonged exposure to outdoor allergens, such as pollen, mold or ragweed, can aggravate allergies. Therefore, if windows are being cleaned, do one at a time and then promptly close the window. Having the air conditioning running can help filter the air as well.

Use exhaust fans. The AAAAI recommends using an exhaust fan in the kitchen and bathrooms to reduce the levels of moisture in these rooms and filter out potential allergens and odors. Moisture can eventually lead to the growth of mold and mildew, which is not healthy for anyone, including allergy sufferers, to breathe in.

Invest in a HEPA filter. Vacuums with HEPA filters can trap allergens that are so small that they pass through regular vacuum filters. That means instead of containing them, these small particles are only being shot back into the air where they are easily breathed in. WebMD suggests vacuuming once or twice a week to keep carpets and floors as clean as possible. Plus, do not forget to vacuum upholstered furniture and drapes as well.

Launder with hot water. When it comes time to wash linens, do so in hot water, which can kill dust mites residing in sheets and blankets. Employ mattress covers to further protect against dust mite allergies.

Shampoo smart. Shampooing a carpet may cause moisture to become trapped in the carpet fibers, leading to increased dust mites or mold growth. Spot-clean stains instead. Otherwise, hire a professional cleaner who will clean and dry the carpet as quickly as possible.

Damp dusting is better. When cleaning up dust or home renovation debris, use a damp cloth or a vinegar solution to wipe down surfaces. This helps trap small particles instead of sending them into the air.

Treat mold issues. Mold can trigger allergic reactions, so it is best to keep it out of a home. Solutions that contain at least 10 percent bleach can be effective at killing mold, but it is best to prevent mold from growing entirely. That means keeping tabs of any moisture issues and addressing them immediately.

Allergies can be problematic, but routine home cleaning in the right way can help alleviate symptoms.

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Simple ways to help kids eat healthy

Childhood obesity is a problem in many parts of the world, including the United States and Canada. The 2015-2016 National Health and Nutritional Evaluation Survey from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the national childhood obesity rate among two to 19-year-olds was 18.5 percent. Just north of the United States, the Public Health Agency of Canada reports that, in 2017, 30 percent of Canadian

children between the ages of five and 17 were overweight or obese. Healthy lifestyles can help children achieve and maintain healthy weights into adulthood. Nutritious diets are an essential component of healthy lifestyles, and the American Academy of Pediatrics offers the following tips to parents who want to help their kids eat healthier.

Serve low-fat or no-fat milk, yogurt and cheese. Low-fat dairy products are

low in calories, saturated fat and cholesterol but still provide high amounts of protein, calcium and various vitamins and minerals.

Serve starches in small batches. The AAP notes that starchy foods, such as potatoes, pasta and rice, help the body use fat and cholesterol. Small amounts of such foods can be beneficial additions to kids' diets. When serving such foods, avoid toppings such as butter, sour cream and gravy, which tend to be high in calories. Foods like cottage cheese, low-fat yogurt and parmesan cheese are low-calorie alternatives to more traditional toppings.

Choose lean meats as entrees. When choosing entrees, parents should opt for lean meats, such as white meat chicken or turkey. Lean cuts of beef, pork or fish also can be included in healthy diets. When preparing chicken, remove the skin and cut away fat, which also can be removed from pork.

Serve vegetable- or broth-based soups. Vegetable- or broth-based soups tend to be lower in calories and saturated fat than cream-based alternatives. When serving soups, particularly store-bought canned soups, parents should read labels and be mindful of the sodium content. Some canned soups include as much as two-thirds the daily recommended sodium intake in a single can. Large amounts of sodium can lead to high blood pressure and heart disease, and the CDC notes that roughly 90 percent of children in the United States eat too much sodium each day.

Bake, broil or grill foods. When preparing meals, parents can bake, broil or grill foods instead of frying them. Fried foods have been linked to a host of ailments, including type 2 diabetes and heart disease. In addition, when foods are fried in oil, they lose water and absorb fat, increasing their overall calorie count.

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known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

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from the Sumi-e Society of America and Sumi-e Artists of Canada Joint Exhibition, the Kyoto Education Council Award in Japan, and the National Cherry Blossom Festival Contest in America. Her book, "Chinese Brush Painting: Flowers," is available in English, Dutch, French, Italian and Spanish.

Lok will be teaching a three-day workshop on Sumi-e Brush Painting on April 26 – 28 at the Arts Center, and registrations are now being accepted at artleagueofoceancity.org.

Student artwork done in the contemporary Manga and Anime styles will be on display during the opening on First Friday and through the weekend. Anime is a style of animation originating in Japan characterized by stark colorful graphics depicting vibrant characters in action-filled plots often with fantastic or futuristic themes. The Art League developed this show to promote creativity among students outside formal art

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Steen for \$500.

Forty raffle tickets were then drawn from a ticket drum at the March 24 event.

The winning raffle tickets are as follows: ticket number 6987276 for license plate PN0011, 6987271 for PN0012, 6987272 for PN0013, 6987273 for PN0014, 6987257 for PN0015, 6987305 for PN0016, 6987255 for PN0017, 6987266 for PN0018, 6987283 for PN0019, 6987310 for PN0020, 6987288 for PN0021, 6987302 for PN0022, 6987284 for PN0023, 6987275 for PN0024, 6987274 for PN0025, 6987281 for PN0026, 6987279 for PN0027, 6987269 for PN0028, 6987264 for PN0029, 6987289 for PN0030, 6987270 for PN0031, 6987313 for PN0032, 6987253 for PN0033, 6987258 for PN0034, 6987277 for PN0035, 6987282 for PN0036, 6987268 for PN0037, 6987286 for PN0038, 6987263 for PN0039, 6987265 for PN0040, 6987251 for PN0041, 6987280 for PN0042, 6987254 for PN0043, 6987256 for PN0044, 6987287 for PN0045, 6987252 for PN0046, 6987261 for PN0047, 6987311 for PN0048, 6987285 for PN0049 and 6987267 for PN0050.

programs and to increase community awareness of Anime as an art form.

Students in middle, high school, and higher education in Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Sussex counties submitted entries judged by Brad Hudson, professor at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Cash prizes sponsored by Art League board member John Sisson will be awarded.

Hudson will display his own Anime artwork in the Spotlight Gallery alongside the artists of PLB Comics: James Dufendach and Mathew and Josh Shockley. The trio will present a free workshop on Saturday, April 7, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on how to create comic books, and Hudson will continue the free workshops on Sunday, April 8, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., discussing basic storytelling. The workshops are open to ages 12 and up.

To honor the corporate partners of the Art League of Ocean City, a juried show, where the artwork is judged and limited to the best submitted, will be on display in the Thaler Gallery. The juror for the annual show is Anke Van

"Proceeds from the license plate raffle/auction will cover the cost of the first annual National Night Out event in Ocean Pines," said Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer. "It's a community-building event that will promote police-community partnerships and Pines Pride."

The event, which is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at White Horse Park, located at 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, is free and open to the public.

"Music, food, games and moon bounces will be available for the public to enjoy," said Sawyer. "Marked police vehicles will also be on display and officers will meet and greet the public."

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Pfc. Jennifer DeGiovanni, of Ocean Pines Police Department, will offer child safety seat checks, where parents and caregivers receive education and hands-on assistance.

"Our officers care deeply for passenger safety and want to make sure residents and guests are installing children and baby car seats correctly," said Sawyer.

For more information, contact Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at (410) 641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.

Wagenberg, Ph.D., chief curator at the Academy Art Museum in Easton.

The Art League receives support from more than 50 local businesses that have signed up to be corporate partners.

"Our corporate partnerships are vital to keeping the Ocean City Center for the Arts up and running, and this is our way, once a year, to thank them for their support," Rina Thaler, executive director, said.

Mary Jane Hastings of Selbyville occupies Studio E in April and will be showing her paintings done primarily with a palette knife.

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received from artists in seven different states and was highly competitive.

"I have been hunting for around 35 years and entering waterfowl stamp design contests for 32 years," Bridgford said. "I was happy to see Maryland open up their contest to nonresidents."

The artwork will be featured on the stamp hunters purchase to hunt all migratory game birds in the state with the proceeds funding migratory game bird research and habitat enhancement on public lands. Since 1974, stamp sales have provided more than \$8 million for migratory game bird projects.

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After hearing from two management companies, the board selected Matt Ortt Companies based on its experience, business plan, staffing capabilities, and the fact that the terms of their proposal complied with the Bylaws.

Matt Ortt has operated various establishments, ranging from casual to fine dining, including national chain restaurants such as TGI Fridays and Hooters. Ortt has experience and expertise in all aspects of restaurant operations including recruitment, hiring and training of managers and staff, profit and loss accountability, food cost reduction and back of house productivity. He has overseen the development of multiple restaurants from the ground up, working closely with architects, engineers, and construction teams to bring his clients' visions to reality.

Ralph DeAngelus has served as vice president of operations for franchise-operated establishments, as well as an operating partner of elite nightclubs along the East Coast. His knowledge of industry operations, finance, bar and mixology programs, menu revitalization, and front-of-house efficiencies in full service and fast casual concepts make him a leading industry expert according to an Ocean Pines press release.

Unless otherwise approved by the Association, the Ocean Pines Yacht Club will be open for service seven days a week, Sunday through Monday, through September 30. The yacht club will operate with a reduced schedule of a minimum of three days a week from October 1 through April 30.

The Ocean Pines Beach Club will be open for service seven days a week, Sunday through Monday, from Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Monday of Labor Day.

April's artist-in-residence is jewelry designer Pat Ellison of Princess Anne who will be exhibiting her hand-painted hats, painted and collaged pins and necklaces, and mini oil paintings.

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directly to the Art League of Ocean City by April 8. Three digital images of the student's artwork, two letters of recommendation, and an official school transcript must accompany the application.

The Art League has been awarding scholarships since 1991 to local students seeking a college degree in visual arts. The scholarships are funded by contributions from the Art League as well as from the Katherine Ellen Brown Fund administered by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

The Art League of Ocean City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the visual arts in the Ocean City area through education, exhibits, scholarships, programs and community art events.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League and supported by memberships, corporate and civic funding, donations and sales of art. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.



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