

Beatty named Crafter of the Month

Jean Beatty has been named the Pine'eer Club Crafter of the Month. Jean lives in Ocean Pines full time with her husband Gregg, enjoys visiting her six grandchildren and is very thankful for the patience of her husband as she creates a new craft.

Before recently retiring, Jean was in nursing for 50 years in Montgomery County and locally at PRMC.

Jean has been a lifelong crafter and has been part of the craft club for five years. Many people and phases of her life have inspired her, from church to school to work.

Currently Jean is involved with the Delmarva Chorus, volunteers at Atlantic General Hospital, and is on the board of the Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines. She also sews for the Dress Ministry for the children of Central America and Africa.

You may find her handmade items being displayed at our gift shop, from cross stitch, toys, photo frames, wreaths, cards, religious and national holiday items.

The Pine'eer Artisan and Gift shop is opened all year, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop features jewelry, glass, baby clothes, pottery.

Carozza to speak at luncheon

The Republican Women of Worcester County will hold their April luncheon meeting on Thursday, April 26 at Harrison's Harbor Watch in Ocean City. The guest speakers will be Mary Pat Hoffman, Doctor of Pharmacy and Clinical Director of Peninsula Alternative Health, and Anthony Darby, CEO, Peninsula Alternative Health. They will give a general overview of the medical cannabis program in Maryland and discuss the various medical conditions that it benefits. Also, Delegate Mary Beth Carozza will give a 2018 Maryland General Assembly update. Cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11 a.m. To make your reservation and/or for more information, contact Ann Lutz at annlutz60@gmail.com or at



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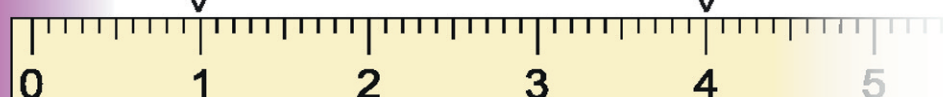
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Community Calendar

APRIL



Anglers 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 Maryland DNR Fisheries. Doctor works on the Maryland Coastal Bays Fish 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 assessments 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.

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. Millard Tawes. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 410-973-1021.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <small>Easter</small>	2	3	4	5	6	7
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22 <small>Earth Day</small>	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Boat club to host Cathell

The public is invited to attend the Ocean Pines Boat Club’s big Kick-Off meeting on Wednesday., April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. The boat club is a social club, members do not need to own a boat.

Judge Dale Cathell will be the guest speaker. Judge Cathell is a lawyer and jurist from Worcester County and also served as a judge on the Maryland Court of Appeals. He wrote a book, “Wading Through the Swamp - The Memoirs of a Bad Boy.”

Please contact Pat Marchesiello at 410-208-6933 with questions.

Monday

Ocean Pines Poker Club
Poker players wanted in Ocean Pines area for Monday evenings. Call 410-208-1928.

Sweet Adelines
The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Call 410-641-6876.

Monday/Tuesday

Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge
Open bridge games Monday at 12 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. at OP Community Center. Call Mary Stover 410-726-1795.

Tuesday

Families Anonymous
From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at room 37 in the the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Rte. 589. For more information call Carol at 410-208-4515.

Tuesday/Thursday

Poker Players wanted for Gentlemen’s Poker in North Gate area Ocean Pines.Game played every Tuesday & Thursday evening 5:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.on Pinehurst Rd.Ocean Pines. Call 410-208-0063 for more information.

Wednesday

Kiwanis Club Meeting
Weekly meetings at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open 7 a.m.

Elks Bingo
Ocean City Elks in Ocean City (behind Fenwick Inn) open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 and bingo at 7 p.m. Call 410-250-2645.

Rotary Club
Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held at 5:45 p.m. at the Captains Table in Ocean City. Contact Stan.Kahn@carouselhotel.com.

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

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin
Wednesday Night Bayside Beginnings Al-Anon family meetings are held at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Story Time
Stories, music and crafts at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 at Ocean Pines library. Call 410-208-4014.

Beach Singles
Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna’s at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577 or Kate at 410-524-0649 for more activities. BeachSingles.org.

Legion Bingo
American Legion in Ocean City opens doors at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7. For information call 410-289-3166.

Gamblers Anonymous
Group meets at 8 p.m. at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Call 888-424-3577 for help.

Friday

Knights of Columbus Bingo
Bingo will be held behind St. Luke’s Church, 100th St. in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Call 410-524-7994.

First Saturday

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

Free physical therapy seminars offered

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will offer several free physical therapy seminars this spring. The informative seminars, presented by Back in Action Physical Therapy, will be held at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

-Tennis Elbow Seminar, Monday, April 9, 10-11 a.m. Participants will learn some of the more common causes of the condition familiarly known as “tennis elbow” and what can be done to correct it.

-Posture and Pain Seminar, Wednesday, April 18, 10-11 a.m. This

seminar will cover how poor posture can cause pain, headaches, limited motion and muscle weakness as well as what steps can be taken to prevent pain.

Osteoporosis/Osteopenia Seminar, Monday, April 30, 10-11 a.m. Bone loss and appropriate exercises to help reduce this condition will be discussed.

Balance Seminar, Monday, May 14, 10-11 a.m. During this interactive seminar, participants will have their balance assessed and learn what factors may be affecting it.

Back Pain and Sciatica Seminar, Monday, May 21 10-11 a.m. Participants will learn some of the many causes of back pain and how it can

lead to other conditions such as arthritis and degenerative disc disease. Ways to reduce pain and increase mobility will also be shared.

These seminars are free and open to the public, but spaces are limited and advance registration is required. To register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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.



GOP speaker - The Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) held their March dinner meeting at the Atlantic Hotel on March 22. Eighty people in attendance heard a lively and informative talk from Nicolee Ambrose, political commentator and Republican National Committeewoman for Maryland. Pictured left to right are **Sandy Zitzer**, RWWC first vice president, **Nicolee Ambrose** and **Beth Rodier**, RWWC president.

Compliant businesses recognized

By **Chip Bertino**

Just say no, because it pays off. Some 200 alcohol and tobacco licensees were honored last Thursday morning for refusing to sell product to minors during compliance checks conducted by law enforcement during 2017.

The 17th annual breakfast hosted by the Worcester County Health Department and the Worcester County Drug and Alcohol Council recognized the efforts of county businesses to stem underage drinking and smoking. Among those honored were Bob and Kelli Beck of DeNovo's Trattoria in Ocean Pines.

The businesses honored during the breakfast saved themselves increased fines by ensuring their employees follow the law.

Effective last October 1 penalties for illegal sales to minors of tobacco

products changed. Civil penalties for persons or businesses that distribute tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia or coupons redeemable for tobacco products to minors are \$300 for



Attendees recognized for compliance

the first violation, \$1,000 for a second violation with 24 months of the first infraction and \$3,000 for each subsequent violation.

Civil penalty fines for persons or businesses that distribute electronic cigarette products to minors are \$300 for the first violation and \$500 for any subsequent violation with in 24 months of the first violation.

Ocean Pines platform tennis is a sport for all seasons

By **June Freeman**

What can Ocean Piners do when the leaves disappear and the snow begins to fall? And what can they do when the grass turns green and the flowers bloom? The answer is the same to both of these questions. They can play platform tennis outdoors on one of Ocean Pines six lighted courts.

then and it was at the Swim and Racquet Club. We used to bundle up and play in the freezing cold, then between sets we jumped in our cars, turned on the heat, and thawed out. After that we got back on the courts and played another set." With a chuckle and a grin, Wahl added, "And I am still here."



The sport of platform tennis is known for having players who form a close knit community and are very social. This reputation certainly holds true for Ocean Pines players. The players show up at the courts to celebrate anything and everything whether it be a sunny day, a snowing afternoon, a starry night and of course holidays. Current president of Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Jim

Freeman stated, "Paddle players are absolutely the best. We are like family. We spend time on and off the courts and many of us have made lasting friendships since we joined the sport." The players are always excited

In 1928, platform tennis was founded in Scarsdale, NY by James Cogswell and Fess Blanchard. These two men were tennis players and golfers who were on the hunt for an outdoor sport during the winter months. The sport was quickly embraced and ninety years later platform tennis still continues to gain popularity throughout the United States and in Europe.

Sometimes referred to as paddle, the game combines elements of both tennis and racquetball. Played on a court about one-third the size of a tennis court, it is surrounded by twelve-foot high wire type fence which allows for hitting the ball off the screen. Paddles are approximately eighteen inches long and a spongy rubber ball is used.

Located at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Center, this amenity has grown to well over one hundred members. Platform tennis was first introduced in Ocean Pines in the late 1990s. A long-time and still competitive player named Jim Wahl reminisced about his experience when he first became a member about eighteen years ago. "There was only one court back



about new members and are quick to include them in drop-ins and games and social events.

The newest player Bryce Cox summed it up by saying, "It's exercise without being cutthroat, lots of camaraderie, great food, and something I can do with my wife. What more can you ask for?"

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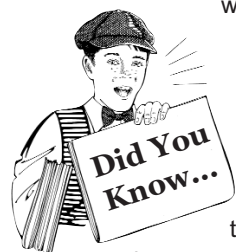
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According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, dental caries, or tooth decay, is five times more common than asthma and seven times more common than hay fever in children. The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that children



with dental caries in their baby teeth are at much greater risk for cavities in their adult teeth. Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral that can strengthen tooth enamel and make it more resistant to the acids that can contribute to tooth decay. Parents, even those whose children do not yet have any teeth, can discuss fluoride drops or chewable fluoride tablets with their youngsters' pediatricians. The CDC notes that more than 40 percent of children have tooth decay before reaching kindergarten, but dental caries is often preventable. Parents who are diligent about their children's oral care and mindful of potential problems, such as stains on the teeth, can reduce their sons' and daughters' risk of tooth decay.

Board of Directors awards forensic audit contract

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors hired the Baltimore firm of Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates to conduct a forensic audit of the Ocean Pines Association.



Joe Reynolds

A decision was made during a closed board session on April 5. Six directors were present and the vote was unanimous. Previously the board indicated there might be some sort of public meeting to discuss the top two candidates, but that will not happen now.

OPA Director Ted Moroney, writing on OceanPinesForum.com, explained why:

"I think we all expected going into narrowing down the firms that there would be two or three equally qualified firms, similar to the Reserve Study, and that we would each have a favorite in some order. We would narrow the field to a consensus top two or three and have each present (at a public meeting).

"Surprisingly, every single director present had Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates ranked as number one on their list and by a far margin. So, we moved to a number two and that is where we were all over the place with no strong indication of any front runner. Each firm had issues for one or more directors.

"We returned to the unanimous front runner and references for Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates were excellent. Discussion revealed that directors, despite different individual priorities, all agreed that the firm met those individual desires.

"Therefore, we decided rather than try to select a second firm and put on a

presentation knowing we unanimously and independently were all in agreement, we would not wait, and get the process moving forward, engage the firm as soon as possible, and start the forensic audit."

OPA President Doug Parks stated that proposals from five firms were thoroughly reviewed by the board, General Manager John Bailey and Director of Finance Steve Phillips. Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates was the best fit for the requested forensic audit services, according to Parks.

An OPA news release said Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates offers complete financial needs of both for-profit and nonprofit organizations in Maryland, Virginia and the surrounding

area. The firm has offices in Baltimore and Fairfax, Virginia.

Led by 18 partners, the firm includes approximately 125 total professional and administrative personnel, including experienced CPAs and Certified Fraud Examiners. In addition, the firm is licensed as independent Certified Public Accountants, in good standing, in Maryland.

There is no word as yet when the auditors will be on site. On a related note, while the audit may begin with the Yacht Club operations, a source indicates the State Police investigation into the theft of cash from the OPA Administration Building may be in limbo awaiting results of the forensic audit.

Safe boating class scheduled

The USCG Auxiliary graduated its second Safe Boating Class of 2018. Twenty-eight more area boaters know the meaning of "Red, Right, Returning," when they are the 'give way' versus 'stand on' boat in passing situations and the hyper-critical importance of a designated driver on the water.

The next class is scheduled for April 24, 25 and 26 at the Ocean Pines Library. The class will run from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. each night.

The State of Maryland requires that everyone born after 1 July, 1972, needs to pass the Maryland Safe Boating Class and have their certificate with them when operating a powerboat; however, it's highly recommended that everyone who wants to be informed about safe boating regardless of their age or experience take the class.

Taught by Maryland and USCG Auxiliary certified instructors, the class is a fun and relaxing three-night event culminating in the administration of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) test and awarding of the Safe Boating Certificate.

Perhaps you are starting out in boating, or coming back to it, this is a great chance to brush up on your general boating knowledge and get practical boating insight and advice from Coast Guard Auxiliary Instructors. Besides the state mandated material, legal responsibilities, safety equipment, navigation, good boating practices, the class covers

other pertinent subjects like marlin-spike (knots and lines handling), local Ocean City water knowledge, marine radio protocols and, of course, a couple of sea stories.

Future Maryland Safe Boating Classes are scheduled June, July and September in the three-evening format, at the Ocean Pines library. It will also be taught twice in a one-day format, Saturday, May 5 and Saturday, August 4. The Saturday class will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Class size is limited. Class fee is \$15 per student which includes study guide.

For more information or to register, please contact Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807 or E-mail CGAUXOC@Gmail.com.

RWWC to host candidate forum

A Worcester County Republican Candidate Forum/Meet & Greet will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at the Ocean City Marlin Club located at 9659 Golf Course Rd in Ocean City from 5 to 8 p.m. All Republican primary election candidates for state, county and local positions have been invited to participate. The public is invited to attend, free of charge and light refreshments will be provided. Come meet all of Worcester County's Republican candidates in one place. This event is being sponsored by the Republican Women of Worcester County.

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The course of events

It all started innocently enough more than two months ago when my wife and I traveled to South Jersey to



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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celebrate my mother's birthday. As we usually do, the three of us spend the afternoon looking for bargains at antique shops, second hand stores and thrift shops. My mother is a thrift store/flea market/yard sale/antique store shopper extraordinaire able to sniff out bargains and uncover hidden treasures in a single bound. She may have a Masters degree in Education but she's earned a Doctorate in bargain hunting.

Our recent visit followed a tried and true itinerary: we arrived, said our hellos, unloaded our suitcase, took a health break, made sure the dogs (hers and ours) were settled and then loaded into the truck to head north along Route 9 to

Walt's place. As often as we've been there, I don't know the name of the store, I know it by the owner, Walt.

We walked through the store and outbuilding and shot the breeze with Walt who loves to talk. My wife bought some rough wood planks for a shelving idea she has. Within about 45 minutes we were on our way again. And it's at this time when ensuing events were to impact the future.

Always a big animal lover, my mother, since retiring a few years ago, has volunteered at the animal shelter three or four days a week. She walks the dogs, assists in training and evaluations and is part of the outreach programs to find Forever Homes for the many dogs that find their way to the shelter.

I tell you that story to tell you this. Knowing that we were near the shelter, my wife asked whether we could visit and be shown around. "Sure," was the response. So, in a few minutes we were walking along the cages meeting dif-

ferent dogs as my mother shared their histories and temperaments. One of the sad truths about what we saw was that many of the dogs being cared for were pit bulls or pit bull mixes. Despite some of these dogs being terribly abused, they all seemed very sweet and eager to make a good impression. I believe a dog's breed doesn't determine its disposition, good or bad.

But rather, it's how a dog is treated. Growing up we had a miniature poodle that was the most vicious creature on four paws. But I digress.

The shelter visit made an impression on me. After getting home, curiosity led me to visit the websites of Delmarva animal shelters. What breeds do they have I wondered? Not surprisingly, pit bull mixes were plentiful. While looking at the Worcester County Animal Control site I came upon the picture of a mix breed puppy. Although I had seen nearly a hundred dog photos from various sites, this particular picture held my attention, so much so that I showed the picture to my wife. "Cute," she said.

About a week or so later I had business at Animal Control in Newark. While there I asked if I could see the dogs. As often happens when the dogs hear someone coming they get excited and bark. It gets quite loud. I had passed several cages when I came to cage 9. There was a little fella just sitting there looking at me, not barking or whimpering, just sitting, watching me intently. His behavior attracted my attention. I knelt down and then realized it was the dog whose picture I had seen a week or two before. I really thought he would have been adopted. But, there he was.

The temptation to open the cage door and meet him was too great. With permission from the deputy, I did so. The little fella pushed up against me when I crouched beside him and made clear that all he wanted was a little attention, which I gave.

Wow! I hadn't expected this. When I left the facility I texted my wife

with the simple words, "We have a problem." She responded, "?" I responded with a picture of the puppy. There was no response.

At dinner that evening, we talked only briefly about the puppy, agreeing that we did not need nor want the responsibility of another dog. We already have a wonderful dog that we had adopted as a puppy coincidentally from Animal Control about nine years ago. One was enough.

Several weeks went by. Occasionally I would check the website to learn if the puppy had been adopted. Although the other dogs I had seen that day had found new homes, the puppy was still there.

About three weeks ago I again had some business at Animal Control. The puppy was still there.

This time I took him outside on a leash to walk around. He was very calm, as calm as a six-month old puppy can be. We spent about 15 minutes together. Uh-oh.

That evening my wife and I talked more about the idea of adopting another puppy. That weekend, we drove to Animal Control for her to meet him. We arrived 15 minutes after they closed. Oh well.

Throughout the following week, I went on the website, expecting to see that he had been adopted. Others had been but not him.

The next Saturday we again drove to the shelter. This time it was open. We walked him around the yard, my wife taking the lead. He was excited but very good. My wife even got him to sit, stay and lay down. She too became enamored with this little guy but we still weren't sure we wanted the added responsibility. We talked some more.

The next Monday, my son and I took our dog to the shelter. I wanted to introduce them to learn if they would be compatible. Our dog, Bailey, gets along with other dogs – my son has three – but nonetheless her reaction to this puppy would weigh heavily on our decision. Shortly after being introduced, Bailey made clear who was top dog. With the pecking order established the two played. Good sign but the deal wasn't cinched.

That evening my wife and I talked for several hours about the additional responsibility involved with adopting a puppy. During the 34 years we've been together I don't think we've ever deliberated so intently on a decision than this one. And that includes whether or not to have children (we should have discussed that a lot more) or when we bought our first house. We talked pros. We debated cons. We talked about how another dog would impact us financially; what it would mean when we travel; and, enduring the puppy phase. Round and round we went. Now that we're empty nesters, did we really need or want this responsibility? Each time we went around, the conversation focused more on how to make this work rather than whether



The photo that caught our eye



Susan and I with "Chooch"

we want to do it.

Long story short, if that's possible at this point, three days later we brought the new addition to our family home. He's been home just shy of two weeks and it can reported that he, and we, are adjusting just fine.

Things would have probably been much different had we not visited my mother for her birthday, had we not visited her shelter, had I not gone online to learn what the dog population looked like at area shelters, and had another family adopted this little fella. Things happen for a reason I guess.

It's always been my belief that somehow, someday, when it comes to adopting a dog, they adopt you. This latest experience proves that point to me yet again.

Child care symposium to be held

The continuing education division at Wor-Wic Community College is offering a symposium for child care providers interested in learning more about technology, health, safety and nutrition on Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., in Fulton-Owen Hall on the college campus on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

Participants have until April 12 to register. Breakout session topics include PC basics, creating newsletters and fliers, using Facebook business pages and groups, marketing to and communicating with families via Facebook, using technology to promote school readiness, healthy eating for kids, technology and children, using technology in relation to health, safety and nutrition, using Pinterest

to boost curriculum and using Android devices for business.

The cost is \$59 and includes a box lunch. Registrants, who can choose three two-hour courses from the 10 courses offered, will receive six "Core of Knowledge" credit hours.

The symposium is being offered in partnership with Maryland EXCELS, the Department of Education's Office of Child Care, the Professional Family Providers Association of the Lower Shore, Somerset County Public Schools, the Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Contact Jill Heathfield, director of continuing education and workforce development, at 410-334-6781 for more information or to register.



Student leaders hold 'key' breakfast

Stephen Decatur High School Key Club officers **Dana Kim, Laila Mirza, Zehra Mirza, Skylar Crowley, and Samantha Lokey** pose with Kiwanis Club school liaison **Roy Foreman** during the annual Kiwanis Club breakfast at Stephen Decatur High School on March 28.

P.E.O. to hold live auction

The local Ocean Pines Chapter AK of P.E.O. is holding an auction on Wednesday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Ocean Pines Community Center in the Assateague Room. P.E.O. is an organization promoting education for women which gives scholarships, grants and low interest loans. All proceeds from this event will go to this organization.

A gourmet luncheon and paddles will be included with a \$10 charge at the door. There will be a live auction, a silent auction, a bake sale, and the sale of \$10 surprise boxes which will be worth at least this amount. Also included will be original artwork by local artists, household items, toys, furniture and much more. For more information email Bonnie at bonpaints75@gmail.com or Ginger at op9tee@gmail.com or call Ginger at 410-422-6763.

Art League to host fundraiser

The Art League of Ocean City is now accepting reservations for "The Big Get-Together," an inaugural event that brings together hand-crafted local art, craft brew, and food prepared by local chefs, on Wednesday, May 9, 6 p.m. at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. The event will raise funds for the programs of the Art League.

Co-sponsored by the OC Foodie Tour and ShoreCraft Beer, the event pairs local cuisine from six restaurants with hand-selected craft beer from three local breweries, and local art produced for the occasion. Full Circle Duo will entertain with live music.

"This is your chance to support the arts while you get together with your friends over a plate of delicious local food with a glass of craft beer in your hand," Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said. "Brewing hand-crafted beer is an art, as is presenting hors d'oeuvres in a hand-designed way. This event 'gets-together' those crafts with the original hand-done artwork on display in our galleries."

The OC Foodie Tour, which is providing food for the event, is the creation of Sandy Gillis, Art League board member and owner of Creative Day Spa. Her tour guides small groups of

guests on a mile-long, three-hour walking tour to local eateries, discussing local history and what they'll discover along the way. The Foodie Tour is donating a portion of all ticket sales to the Art League.

"I support the Art League because art unites communities ... and connects all ages, races, religions, economic backgrounds," Gillis said. "Art is the window to the soul. It allows us to express feelings without words. That's why we're participating in The Big Get-Together."

The Ocean City Center for the Arts will host the event throughout their galleries on 94th St., bayside, in the resort. Tickets are \$35 and available at artleagueofoceancity.org/upcoming-events/ or by calling 410-524-9433.

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.



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Students inducted into PTK

Nineteen Wor-Wic Community College students participated in an induction ceremony for the Alpha Nu Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the college campus on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

Advisors of the chapter include Terry Thompson, professor of biological science, Dr. Lynn M. Derickson, associate professor of nursing, Allison Metro, assistant professor of English, Dr. Heidi Walker, assistant professor of biological science, and Dr. Coleen M. Weil, professor of nursing.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for community college students. The Alpha Nu Omicron chapter was chartered at Wor-Wic in September of 1987.

Students from Worcester County are shown, from left, **Stephanie Eklund** of Berlin, **Tiffany Hastings** of Ocean City, and **Sandra Garcia Moreno and Yaneris Spradlin**, both of Berlin.

Church to host Italian dinner

The Church of the Holy Spirit is having an Italian dinner catered by Carrabba's on Sunday, April 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the church.

The feast includes chicken Bryan, penne pomodoro, Caesar salad, garlic breadsticks, iced tea and lemonade. Desserts will be available for \$1.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the church. They are limited, so get yours now.

The church is located at 100th St. and Coastal Highway in Ocean City; call the church office at 410-723-1973 or Monica at 443-235-8942 for further information.



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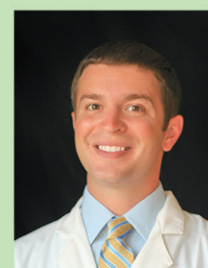
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BJ's membership offer to benefit Memorial

BJ's Wholesale Club is once again partnering with the Ocean Pines Association 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 membership 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 renewed through the Ocean Pines offer. Paid memberships renewed within two months after their expiration will be extended 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 offered through Ocean Pines two times a year. The next promotion will be in October. 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 Association Administration Building at 239 Ocean Parkway and online 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.

Land Trust to host spring events

On Wednesday, April 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Lower Shore Land Trust hosts Janet Points of the Delaware Botanic Gardens to talk about the visionary project for the region. Come learn how the Delaware Botanic Gardens will become a world-class, inspirational, educational and sustainable public garden in southern Delaware. Refreshments served.

The popular "Brown Bag Lunch Talks" return with two programs scheduled later in April. On Tuesday, April 17, starting at noon, Cineva Smith, Park Ranger with Pocomoke River State Park will share information about the park's efforts to become certified as a "Dark Sky Park." Learn how you can become part of the light pollution solution by finding dark sky friendly lighting, saving energy, protecting wildlife and preserving the heritage of our night sky.

On Tuesday, April 24, also at noon, Suzanne Slear, director of Environmental Concern, an organization dedicated to the understanding and stewardship of wetlands with the goal of improving water quality and enhancing nature's habitat. Suzanne will speak about their Mid Atlantic Monarch Initiative, a collaborative initiative to increase habitat in the Mid-

Atlantic region. We encourage guests to bring their own lunch.

All events will take place at the Lower Shore Land Trust office, located at 100 River Street in Snow Hill. For more information or to RSVP for any of the programs, call 443-234-5587 or email info@lowershorelandtrust.org or visit the website at www.lower-shorelandtrust.org.

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

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Making a difference - Jo Fran Falcon joined the MidAtlantic Symphony Orchestra Board in 2010. She focused on ways to teach and bring symphony music to local schools. In 2015 Jo Fran was honored as "Gem of the Eastern Shore." She is retiring from the board. Pictured are **Jo Fran** and **Doris Lloyd**. Photo by Anna Foulz.

Assateague Island horse census results announced

The National Park Service has completed its March 2018 population census of the wild horses on Assateague Island. The total population of the Maryland herd is currently at 82 horses, which is well within the ideal population range. The herd currently includes 21 stallions and 61 mares, and at least one mare is known to be pregnant at this time. There have been a total of six horse deaths documented in 2018 so far, including 5 mares (T3L, N6EL, M17GM "Dee's Heart", X15P and T5AFP "AR Arianna", and 1 stallion (N6BMS "Llama Boy"). All those lost were mature, aged individuals having lived out their full lives within the national seashore.

The National Park Service com-

pletes a full census of the horse population in Maryland six times per year, in February, March, May, July, September, and November. Managed as a wildlife population, the Assateague horses are free to roam over approximately 27 miles of the barrier island and can be difficult to find at times. During each census, horses are identified by their distinguishing characteristics, mapped and counted. Individual horses that are not observed during multiple census periods are presumed dead. The purpose of the census is to monitor the population dynamics of the horse herd in support of the long-term fertility control program that was initiated in 1994.

Beautification effort sprouts in Ocean Pines

On your mark, get set, garden! Ocean Pines residents and local business owners will soon be able to put their green thumb to use and show off their gardening skills during the first annual Ocean Pines May Day Basket Event.

The spring-inspired event, which is a friendly competition, is sponsored by the Ocean Pines Garden Club.

"It is our hope that May Day will act as a community event that highlights spring and the beauty of Ocean Pines," said Anita Roberts, of the Ocean Pines Garden Club. "The club is sponsoring this annual event because part of our mission statement is to stimulate interest in gardening while encouraging friendship within our community."

Participants must arrange fresh-cut flowers into a beautiful basket that is hung out front of their home or business and seen from the street. To be considered in the judging, all baskets must be hung by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 1, and contestants must place a card with their name on it in the basket. The

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Hogan vetoes school bills, cites no oversight

Governor Larry Hogan last week vetoed two bills that undermine critical oversight and accountability of Maryland public schools. The legislation, passed by the Maryland General Assembly and presented early to the governor, includes House Bill 1783, which would strip oversight over school construction funding from the state's top fiscal leaders, and Senate Bill 639, which would add an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy to the process of removing teachers charged with misconduct.

HB 1783 removes the historic oversight from the Board of Public Works, comprised of the governor, the comptroller, and the treasurer, over billions of dollars in school construction funds and gives it to the Interagency Commission on School Construction (IAC). The IAC is an unelected, unaccountable body consisting of political appointees, which have historically included lobbyists and individuals with potential conflicts of interest.

"At a time when Marylanders are crying out for more accountability, more oversight, and more trans-

parency in education spending, the legislature ignored those pleas. I can only assume that some legislators had no idea what they were voting on when their party leaders forced them to cast this horrible vote. But let me be very clear: anyone who votes to override this veto will be voting against transparency, against accountability in education, against fiscal responsibility, and against the wishes of an overwhelming majority of Marylanders," said Governor Hogan as he vetoed the bill during a meeting of the Board of Public Works Wednesday morning.

In a process that reeked of the smoke-filled backrooms and political machines of the past, this disastrous IAC provision was amended onto an initially promising piece of legislation and then hustled through the legislature in a secretive process with no public hearings, no notice, and limited debate. As the Presiding Officers rammed the bill through with little regard to transparency, the Senate President and other legislative leaders stated on the record that the effort was actually about settling petty personal

scores within their own party – not serving Maryland students, parents, and taxpayers.

"I will never sit by and allow our children to be used as political pawns in what is a perplexing and ultimately deeply depressing situation that you have chosen to create," wrote Governor Hogan in his veto letter to legislative leadership.

The governor also vetoed SB 639, which makes it more difficult for Maryland schools to remove teachers who have been recommended for termination by school superintendents for misconduct by creating an unnecessary and bureaucratic arbitration process before any action can be taken. The bill gives power over these important decisions to an arbitrator – who does not have to be a Maryland resident – instead of local school boards, which have to answer to parents.

"The vast majority of our teachers do an incredible job, often making tough personal sacrifices, educating our students," wrote Governor Hogan in his veto letter to legislative leader-

ship. "However, those who consistently fail our children and consistently fail to achieve our state's high standards should not be protected through an extra layer of obscure bureaucracy."

This bill is the latest in a series of unfortunate actions by the General Assembly to pass flawed bills that negatively impact Maryland's public schools. In addition to the bills the governor vetoed today, the legislature passed the disastrous "Protect our [Failing] Schools Act" during the last session, which resulted in Maryland having the second-lowest accountability standards in the nation under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This session, legislators have failed to move forward on legislation proposed by the governor to improve Maryland's standing under ESSA, and to create an Investigator General to investigate wrongdoing in school systems across the state.

The legislature's actions to undermine school accountability come amid multiple scandals and allegations of

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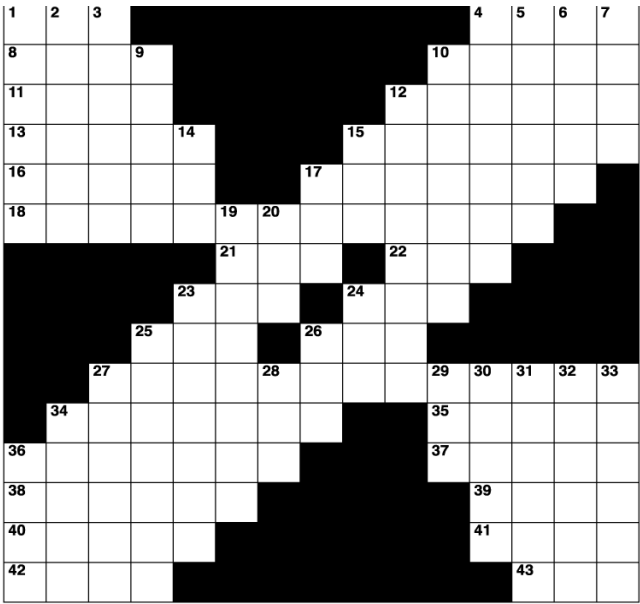
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Upon

4. Roman Statesman

8. A protective covering worn over the face

10. Perfected

11. British school

12. Colored with red powder

13. Tivoli

15. What bowlers hope to knock down

16. Finnish lake

17. Damaged regions of tissue

18. World-renowned guitarist

21. Political action committee

22. Oxygen reduction system

23. Part of a circle
24. Italian monk's title

25. Kidney problem (abbr.)

26. One point east (clockwise) of due north

27. Home to a world famous bay

34. Mollusk

35. Large nest of a bird of prey

36. Predict

37. Reconnaissance

38. Move in a particular direction

39. Cut with a tool

40. True firs

41. Heaven's opposite

42. Employed

43. "Partridge Family" actress Susan

CLUES DOWN

1. Induces vomiting

2. Gloss or sheen on wood furniture

3. Meteorological line

4. Help shoppers save money

5. Heart condition

6. What tweens become

7. ___ and ends

9. Small knob

10. Island capital

12. Refinisher

14. Brazilian city

15. Pearl Jam's debut

17. Resinous substance of an insect

19. Stretched out
20. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal

23. Reference works

24. Hoover's office

25. Confused

26. The Science Guy

27. A young woman

28. Used to express good wishes

29. Body part

30. Draw blood

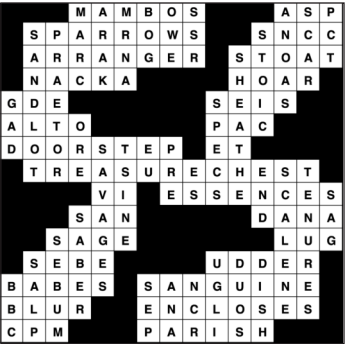
31. Curved

32. ___ Kidman, actress

33. Profoundly

34. Fools

36. Wife (German)



Answers for Apr. 4

Pines to host flea market

A new crop of community-wide yard sales and flea markets is popping up around Delmarva.

One of the largest seasonal indoor/outdoor flea markets is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Bargain shoppers and treasure enthusiasts will be able to shop gently used clothing, children's items, household items, collectibles, delectable food and much more.

"This year promises to be just as well-attended as last," said Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer. "Admission is free for shoppers and the event is open to the public."

Vendor spaces are still available. An indoor space is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for nonresidents and includes an 8-foot table and chair.

Outdoor spaces, which will be located in the parking lot in front of the Ocean Pines administration building, are \$10 for all vendors. Outdoor vendors will need to provide their own tables and chairs.

Forensic audit contract awarded

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors has hired a full-service certified public accounting and consulting firm to conduct forensic audit services for the Ocean Pines Association.

The board voted unanimously, with one director absent due to a schedule conflict, at a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, April 5 to award a contract for forensic audit services to Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates.

In a statement, association President Doug Parks stated that proposals from five firms were thoroughly reviewed by the Board, General Manager John Bailey and Director of Finance Steve Phillips. Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates was the best fit for the requested forensic audit services, according to Parks' statement.

Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates offers complete financial needs of both for-profit and nonprofit organizations in Maryland, Virginia and the surrounding area. The firm has offices in Baltimore and Fairfax, Virginia.

Shoppers are also encouraged to visit the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market for fresh produce, baked goods, meats and gourmet pantry and artisan-crafted items.

The farmers and artisans market, which will take place in conjunction



with the indoor/outdoor flea market, is open to the public and located at White Horse Park.

For more information about the indoor/outdoor flea market, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

Blood donations sought

The Blood Bank of Delmarva is issuing an urgent call for blood and platelet donors to give now to help address a winter blood donation shortage. O negative and Platelet blood donations, in particular, are critically needed right now.

Severe winter weather with snow storms has had a tremendous impact on blood donations. More than 12 blood drives have been canceled in March causing more than 600 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. Further adding to the low supply was the flu season, as well as higher blood usage at several local hospitals responding to traumas.

O negative is the universal blood type and is used to treat patients during emergencies when their blood type is unknown. Platelets are regularly used to treat patients recovering from cancer and have a shelf life of five days.

Eligible individuals are urged to schedule a blood or platelet donation today by visit-

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AGH acquires radiation oncology practice

Atlantic General Hospital announced it has acquired the Berlin location of 21st Century Oncology, the nation's largest radiation oncology provider. As part of the agreement, Manoj Jain, MD, will join medical oncologists Rabindra Paul, MD, and Roopa Gupta, MD, on the medical staff of the hospital's Regional Cancer Care Center.

This is another step toward full integration of comprehensive cancer services in Worcester County, which will occur when the John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center opens in late spring. The agreement was effective March 23 with Jain and his staff continuing to provide care for radiation oncology patients at the Franklin Street office until con-

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name card should include their age if the contestant is 12 or under.

Members of the Ocean Pines Garden Club will judge baskets between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon on May 1. Ribbons will be placed on the winners' baskets. All entrants 12 and under will be awarded pink ribbons.

Treat your senses to an array of vibrant floral displays during the first annual Ocean Pines May Day Basket Event.

To register, email your name and address to Anita Roberts, anita380p@gmail.com.

struction of the new center is complete late this spring.

In addition to offering external beam radiation performed with a linear accelerator to treat a multitude of cancers, Jain also uses high dose rate brachytherapy, an internal radiation therapy that involves insertion of radioactive sources internally near a tumor. This type of therapy is most commonly used in the treatment of certain prostate, GYN and breast cancers.

Jain completed his residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York, with an emphasis on prostate brachytherapy. He earned his medical degree at New York Medical College and is board certified in radiation oncology. He has

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improper conduct in multiple jurisdictions, including unethical behavior resulting in a the former Baltimore County school superintendent pleading guilty to perjury, troubling results of a state investigation into grade changes in Prince George's County, widespread mold issues in Howard County school facilities, fiscal mismanagement in Baltimore City, and sexual misconduct by multiple school employees in Montgomery County.

The vetoed bills will be returned to the Maryland General Assembly, where they will either be sustained or overridden.

worked extensively with local breast cancer and prostate cancer support groups to promote the most advanced treatments for these cancers. Jain has also organized multidisciplinary tumor boards at several hospitals, and he currently serves as the chairman of the Cancer Committee at Atlantic General Hospital. He has 18 years of experience.

Atlantic General Hospital and 21st Century Oncology had already formed a strong relationship to better coordinate cancer care in the community, to

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ing <https://donate.bbd.org> or call us at 1-888-8-BLOOD-8. Donors can also walk into any of our four centers: Christiana, Del, Salisbury MD., Dover, Del and Chadds Ford, Pa.

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the benefit of patients receiving care from both facilities over the years. The recent acquisition will make the interaction amongst various members of the cancer team even more effective, and the care and attention patients receive more seamless.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Jain and his staff on board," said Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital. "We look forward to having all care for cancer patients under one roof, and on one campus here in Berlin."

donors must provide a photo ID or two other forms of identification, including date of birth.

It takes at least 350 donors per day to supply the 19 local hospitals throughout the Delmarva Peninsula with the blood they need for patients.

Although the urgent need is O negative blood, all types are needed every day to ensure an adequate blood supply. Please be a hero and help us provide hope to those who need blood.

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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.

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Fri., Apr. 13	6:22 a.m. 6:40 p.m.	12:08 a.m. 12:35 p.m.	6:27 a.m.	7:35 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 14	7:05 a.m. 7:23 p.m.	12:55 a.m. 1:16 p.m.	6:26 a.m.	7:36 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 15	7:48 a.m. 8:07 p.m.	1:41 a.m. 1:56 p.m.	6:24 a.m.	7:37 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 16	8:31 a.m. 8:51 p.m.	2:26 a.m. 2:37 p.m.	6:23 a.m.	7:38 p.m.
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The threat posed by parvo

Like their owners, dogs are not immune to illness. With a little help from their veterinarians, dogs may recover from a host of health problems rather quickly. But other problems pose greater threats, and some can even prove fatal.

One health problem dog owners hope to avoid at all costs is parvo. According to the American Kennel Club, dogs infected with parvo can go from happy and healthy to fatally ill in a matter of days, which only highlights the need for dog owners to learn about parvo and how to prevent it.

What is parvo? Parvo is a highly contagious virus that affects the gastrointestinal tracts of puppies and young

dogs. If the gastrointestinal illness that results from a parvo infection is not treated, it can be deadly.

How do dogs contract parvo? Parvo can spread through direct contact with infected dogs or through feces and spreads easily through the canine population, according to the AKC. Direct contact with poop through the nose and mouth can occur when curious puppies or young dogs sniff or lick surfaces or other dogs that have been contaminated with feces. If this fecal matter comes from dogs that have parvo, the virus can spread. But parvo also can spread through indirect contact. Because the resilient parvo virus can survive on clothing, including shoes, human skin and equipment, as well as in the environment, puppies or young dogs can contract it through these sources as well. Resistant to common household cleaners and disinfectants, the parvo virus can survive for years if it is protected from direct sunlight.

Are certain dogs at greater risk of contracting parvo than others? The

AKC notes that, while the reasons are unknown, German shepherds, rottweilers, Doberman pinschers, English springer spaniels, and American Staffordshire terriers are at greater risk of contracting the parvo virus than other breeds. But the dogs whose risk of contracting parvo are the greatest are those between six weeks and six months of age as well as dogs that have not been vaccinated or whose vaccinations are incomplete.

The link between vaccinations and parvo can be found in the antibodies puppies receive from their mothers before they are born. Dog owners must vaccinate their dogs to protect them from parvo as these antibodies fade after

puppies are born.

What are the symptoms of parvo? The AKC notes that the most common symptoms of parvo include: Severe and bloody diarrhea, lethargy, anorexia, fever, vomiting, weight loss, weakness, depression and dehydration.

Can parvo be prevented? No dog is 100 percent safe from the parvo virus. However, vaccinations can be highly effective, and the AKC recommends all puppies begin receiving vaccinations for the parvo virus when they are between six and eight weeks old. These vaccinations are typically administered in a series of three, and the second round may occur between 10 and 12 weeks, with the third coming between 14 and 16 weeks. Within a year of receiving the final initial round of vaccinations, a booster shot will be administered and then readministered every three years after that.

More information about the parvo virus is available at www.akc.org.



Recognition - The Worcester County Commissioners stand with Housing Program Administrator **Jo Ellen Bynum** to recognize April as Fair Housing Month in Worcester County, fully endorsing the practice and policy of fair housing, recognizing that inclusive communities are vibrant communities that provide residents of all backgrounds with access to quality schools and increased opportunities for self-sufficiency and economic growth.

Maryland spring turkey season to begin

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources invites hunters to join the statewide spring turkey season kicking off in April. Young hunters can take aim April 14 for the Junior Turkey Hunt. All hunters can try to bag a bird during regular spring turkey season, April 18-May 23 across the state.

For the first part of the regular hunting season, April 18-May 9, hunting is allowed from one half-hour before sunrise until noon. For the rest of the season, May 10-23, hunting hours are one half-hour before sunrise until sunset.

"With Maryland's wild turkey population near an all-time high, we expect another successful spring season," Wildlife and Heritage Serv-

ice Director Paul Peditto said. "Youth hunters usually enjoy the excitement and pleasant weather that the spring season provides, so seasoned hunters should consider passing along their skills and knowledge to someone new this year."

Junior Hunt Days allow licensed youths 16 years old and under to hunt if they are accompanied by an unarmed adult, age 21 and older, who holds a valid Maryland hunting license. The Junior Turkey Hunt is April 14 statewide; youth hunting is allowed April 15 in select counties. Hunting hours for the Junior Turkey Hunt are one half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

The daily bag limit for the spring season is one bearded turkey, with a season bag limit of two bearded turkeys.



Free skin cancer screenings to be offered

Free skin cancer screenings will be held at the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute at Peninsula Regional Medical Center and the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute Ocean Pines on May 7, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, call 410-543-7006.

The free screenings will be held on the second floor of the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute at PRMC and within building of the Delmarva Health Pavilion Ocean Pines. Call 410-543-7006 for information.



Easter Basket delight - Anna Foultz's new great-grandson **Marrick Sean Kelly** from Myrtle Beach, SC. His parents Sean and Nina Foultz Kelly consider him the real Easter Bunny.

Spring sports leagues begin

Kids and adults can run, hit and kick this spring as two popular sports leagues return to Ocean Pines at the Manklin Meadows ball field.

Youth T-ball, for boys and girls ages four to six, will be held on Saturdays April 7 through May 12 at 10 a.m. Players will learn and practice skills the first three Saturdays; games will be played the following three Saturdays.

The popular and long-running program is designed to teach softball and baseball basics. Participants will practice hitting, running and throwing using special balls designed to prevent injuries. Participants will need their own gloves but helmets will be provided.

The cost is \$40 for Ocean Pines residents and \$50 for non-residents. Volunteers and team sponsors are needed.

Adults ages 18 years and up can feel like kids again with Ocean Pines' adult co-ed kickball league. Friends, coworkers, families and neighbors are invited to organize teams and kick stress to the sidelines with this classic playground activity. The

Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department can also help place interested individuals on teams as needed.

The league will meet on Tuesdays starting April 17. Games will be scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The cost is \$300 per team.

These programs are open to the public and registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, is available at OceanPines.org.

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Hospice thrift shop to host open house

Coastal Hospice Thrift Shop welcomes potential volunteers with behind the scenes tours and an open house in conjunction with National Volunteer Appreciation Week from April 15-21.

"This is a chance to take a sneak peek into the operations of our boutique thrift shop, meet the friendly staff and volunteers, and find out how you can help one of the most important revenue efforts of the new Stansell House," said Dave Trax, thrift shop manager. "Many people may not realize that every volunteer hour and every dollar spent at the thrift store supports hospice services throughout the Lower Eastern Shore. It's a unique way to volunteer and support hospice in a fun atmosphere."

Coastal Hospice Thrift Store open house tours will occur two times a day: 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Monday through Friday, April 16 to 20. The event will offer individuals the chance to come in, tour the operation, see what volunteers and staff do at the Coastal Hospice Thrift Store and learn about open volunteer opportunities. Tour visitors are asked to RSVP by calling 410-742-8732.

"Hospice volunteers play an indispensable role in enabling Coastal Hospice to offer the best care possible for our patients, their families and caregivers," said Alane Capen, President of Coastal Hospice. "By sharing their time, energy, and expertise our volunteers bring compassion and caring to the lives of those in need."

Coastal Hospice volunteers often serve patients and families at the bedside but they also assist in the office, help raise awareness, contribute to educational programs,

provide fundraising support, and support our thrift store operations.

The Coastal Hospice Thrift Shop sales directly support the The Macky and Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice at the Ocean and is expected to open in early 2019. The house will be a hospice residence for individuals who find that their home is no longer the safest place to

receive hospice care. Patients and families will receive the medical, spiritual and emotional support they need and feel at home at the Stansell House.

For more information about the thrift shop tours or Coastal Hospice volunteer opportunities, please contact Coastal Hospice volunteer services at 410-742-8732.

Casino trip planned

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.



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‘Boardwalkin’ for Pets’ scheduled

Are you ready to walk the walk and show your support for the homeless dogs and cats in our community? If so, then join the Worcester County Humane Society for a weekend of fundraising fun which includes the 19th Annual Boardwalkin’ for Pets on Saturday, April 21.

Adults 21 and older are invited to a dinner and silent auction on Friday, April 20 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Seacrets. Advance tickets will be available for purchase online (www.worcestercountyhumane.org/boardwalkin-for-pets) or at the shelter and will cost \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. There will be heavy hors d’oeuvres and Lauren Glick will be performing. There will be some fabulous auction items to bid on ranging from \$10 to \$800.

Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to noon, grab your best friend and head to the Boardwalk inlet for the 19th Annual Boardwalkin’ for Pets. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the walk starting at 9 a.m. Raise money for the walk and receive prizes. This is the perfect opportunity to create a team. There is a \$25 minimum for individuals and for teams a \$25 per team per member minimum. To make it easier for individuals and teams to reach out for donations via email and social media, participants can sign up at <https://www.crowdrise.com/19thAnnualBoardwalkinforPets>. Pledge/registration sheets can also be printed from the shelter’s website www.worcestercountyhumane.org.

Prizes will be awarded to the highest pledge earners, top individual and team. Enter contests and win prizes for largest dog, smallest dog, best dressed dog and best dog trick.

For the out of town walkers, dog friendly hotels are available. Contact La Quinta Inn & Suites, Comfort Inn & Suites, Clarion, and Fenwick Inn.

Don’t have a dog to walk? “Adopt” a shelter dog for the event. Arrangements must be made in advance by calling the shelter at 410-213-0146. Please note there are a limited number of dogs that will be available from the shelter for the walk.

Bring a photo of your cat to the walk with your contact information written on the back. A special prize basket will be awarded to the “cutest cat”. Photos will not be returned and become property of W.C.H.S.

“Boardwalkin’ for Pets is our biggest fundraiser of the year,” says Boardwalkin’ for Pets Chair, Heather Bahrami. “It’s such a feel-good, family friendly event

that brings animal lovers from near and far together to raise funds for the many cats and dogs who find their way to our no kill shelter.”

This event is rain or shine. Should you choose not to walk due to inclement weather, please mail your pledge sheet and donations to Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, Md 21811. Checks should be made payable to Worcester County Humane Society.

The Worcester County Humane Society located on 12330 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin, is a private, nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter and operates mainly on donations. Boardwalkin’ for Pets is the shelter’s largest fundraiser held every year. All money raised is used to care for the many dogs and cats that call the shelter home. In addition to providing everyday care, the animals also receive veterinary care which can be quite expensive. The animals receive loving care until they are adopted into suitable homes.

For more information or to pre-register for the walk visit the event website www.worcestercountyhumane.org/boardwalkin-for-pet or check out the Boardwalkin’ for Pets facebook page.



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