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Bomb threats target schools

Last week was challenging for the Worcester County school system and county law enforcement officials as multiple bomb threats were received forcing school evacuations over many days.

On Tuesday, January 12, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office responded to the Ocean City Elementary School for a reported bomb threat. Information was received by the school indicating a bomb in the school. The information was relayed to the school deputy on scene who notified the 911 Center. The K-9 units immediately responded to conduct a search of the school. Two explosive detector dogs scanned the school. Within an hour the school was searched and no explosives were discovered. During this time students were transported to another location.

Additional resources responded to the school during the threat including Natural Resource Police, Maryland State Police Berlin and the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office. The Board Of Education contacted parents and an orderly evacuation was conducted with very few issues. The school was reopened just prior to lunch.

The following day, Wednesday, the Sheriff's Office responded to a reported bomb threat at Stephen Decatur High School (SDHS). Protocol procedures were put into place and multiple agencies responded to the school. The Sheriff's Office K-9 unit responded with two explosive detector dogs and conducted scans of the school and surrounding areas. Students were escorted from the school while the scans were conducted. No explosive devises were found.

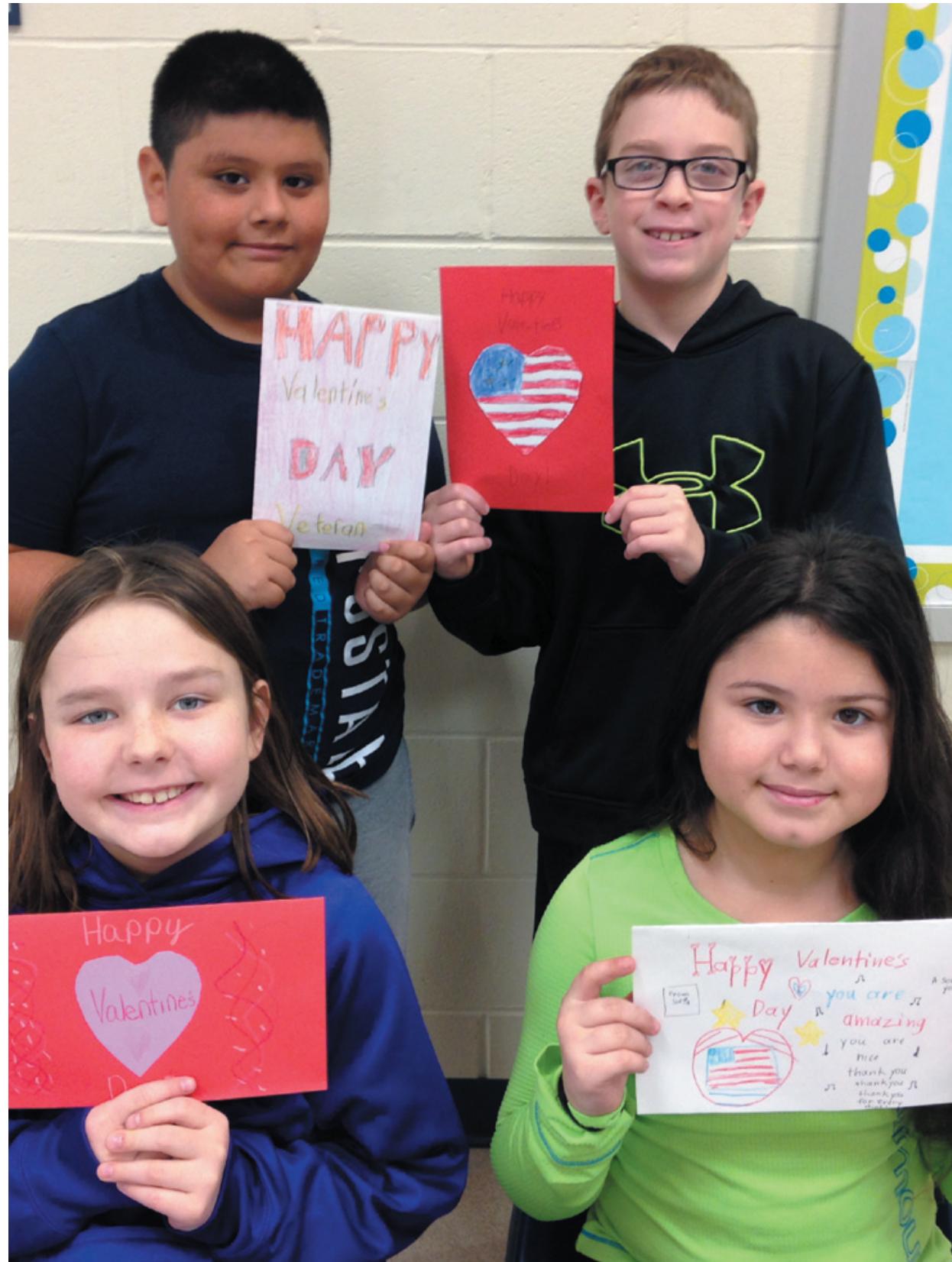
On Thursday, a juvenile was arrested and charged with the threat made to SDHS the day before.

Then on Friday afternoon, January 15, the Worcester County school system received multiple bomb threats that first targeted SDHS and subsequently all of the system's fourteen schools throughout the county.

A coordinated effort between the Board of Education and law enforcement was established and the schools were evacuated. All the schools were searched for explosive devises. None were found.

The Worcester County Sheriff's office was assisted by the Maryland State Police, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police, Maryland State Fire Marshal's office, Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office, Ocean City Fire

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Soldier Valentine's - Students in Wendi Eitel's 4th grade class at Ocean City Elementary made Valentine cards to send to veterans to thank them for their sacrifices and let them know that they are loved, appreciated and not forgotten. Pictured are (standing) Derek Tirado-Cano, Parker Intrieri (seated) Sofia Finocchiaro and Alexis Wilkinson.

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Kiwanis induces new members

By David Landis, Sr.

January 13 was a lucky day for the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City because four new members joined. Of late, members have been joining as couples. It is a great way to give back to the community, especially to our children which is the main objective of Kiwanis: "Serving the Children of the World."

The Dalys have been residents of Ocean Pines for two and half years and belong to other organizations. Irene is a retired teacher who serves as the secretary of the Ocean Pines Womens Club, volunteers at the Coastal Hospice Thrift Shop and belongs to the Ocean Pines AARP and the Worcester County Democratic Womens Club where she met Kiwanis member Barbara Southwell. Frank is also

retired and serves on the Ocean Pines Comprehensive Planning Committee with Kiwanian Steve Cohen. He is also a member of the Ocean Pines Chapter of AARP and both he and his



Pictured (L-R) are President **Mark Joseph**, Irene and **Frank Daly**, their sponsor **Tom Southwell**, Membership Chair **Mike Morton**, sponsor **Jackie Todd** for Ted and **Rhoda Aronow** on the right.

wife Irene play pinochle on Mondays in Ocean City at the Senior Center which is where they met their sponsor Tom Southwell. The Dalys also keep busy with their five grandchildren, the youngest being Caleb born in Atlanta on January 4.

The Aronows have lived in Ocean Pines for twelve years, are semi-retired. Ted is a scout for the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team and the pitching coach for James M. Bennett High School's baseball team. Rhoda is a Certified Insurance Counselor operating her own business, Aronow Insurance, selling property and commercial plans. Ted belongs to many baseball organizations such as the Association of Professional Baseball Players, the Minor League Baseball Alumni Association, and the Mid-Atlantic Baseball Scouts Association. Both belong to the Ocean Pines AARP Chapter and are proud grandparent of four.

Both couples were immediately sought out to begin Kiwanis service when they were signed up to work at the upcoming Kiwanis Annual Winter Pancake Breakfast on Saturday February 13 in the Ocean Pines Community Center. The club offers many opportunities to be active. See the website at www.kiwanisofopoc.org or on Facebook at Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines/Ocean City for information about what the club is, how to join and the events calendar.

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Golf to be topic of OPA town meeting

By Chip Bertino

In a rare move, the Ocean Pines Association (OPA) Board of Directors will hold a town hall meeting tomorrow evening, Thursday, at 6 p.m. at the Country Club. The only item on the agenda is a presentation by Landscapes Unlimited (LU) Regional Manager Scott Nissley.

According to OPA Board President Pat Renaud the meeting will be informational and provide LU the opportunity to share with the board and members how they are managing the community's golf operations. Mr. Renaud said that unlike a formal board meeting, the town meeting format

gives the public and the board an opportunity to ask questions, providing full transparency.

A subcommittee of board members and the general manager met with LU representatives late last year to discuss golf operations and the draft Fiscal Year 2017 budget. According to a review of the meeting prepared by OPA in attendance were board members Tom Terry, Bill Cordwell and Mr. Renaud, General Manager Bob Thompson, LU President Tom Everett, Mr. Nissley, John Malinowski (golf pro) and Rusty McClendon (superintendent).

The report indicates that the oper-

ation struggles with a decreasing membership base, down 27 members between March and September of last year (143 v. 116). OPA representatives challenged LU to improve this situation and to reevaluate its stated goal of adding just 10 new members in FY 17. During the meeting LU agreed to review the possibility of revising the new member target to 32 which is about 10% of the members the club has lost over the years. LU advised OPA that they have a list of approximately 300

past members that they have yet to contact about returning to the club.

Other topics of the December meeting included maintenance issues, booking challenges, golf member registration, operation hours for Tern Grille and financial performance.

Mr. Renaud hopes the town meeting will provide the board and members with a better understanding of how LU is managing the golf operation.

Farmers Market to hold seasonal raffles

The Ocean Pines Farmers Market will be offering a 50/50 raffle to market visitors, giving them the chance to win a growing cash jackpot each season throughout 2016.

Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1 each at the market's information booth. The market is held every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park.

The winter raffle drawing will take place at the market on Saturday, March 5. Subsequent drawings will be held in the spring, summer and fall of this

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Garnet is the accepted birthstone for the month of January. It is also the accepted anniversary gemstone for the second year of marriage.



When most people think of garnet, they picture the dark red bohemian garnet that was popular in Victorian times. You may be surprised to learn that garnets are found in every color except blue, including brilliant green tsavorite garnet, raspberry pink rhodolite garnet, and orange malaya garnet. Bright red "anthill" garnets are found in Arizona. The Tsars of Russia favored rare green damantoid garnets.

Legend holds that Noah hung a large garnet in the ark for illumination. It reportedly also gives its wearer guidance in the night, protection from nightmares, and according to the Egyptians, is an antidote for snake bites and food poisoning. It was also thought to have a special affinity with the blood.

Letter to the Editor **Fundraiser success expressed**

Editor:

I would like to personally thank all of the angels who contributed so generously to Coastal Hospice's annual "Be an Angel" fundraiser. Our wonderful supporters — 1,156 of them — contributed nearly \$91,000 to help fund the charity care we provide.

Last year, Coastal Hospice cared for 1,096 patients and families in the four counties on the Lower Eastern Shore and provided more than \$650,000 in charity care to patients who lacked the resources to pay for the care they desperately needed.

The average gift this year was nearly \$77, which will have a significant impact on the care Coastal Hospice provides. For example, \$75 can pay for one month of medical equipment for a patient at home.

We sincerely thank everyone who generously donated to our "Be an Angel" drive.

Alane K. Capen

President

Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care



Legislative start - After the official proceedings concluded, the three House of Delegates members from District 38 caught up on Shore business. Pictured from left to right are: Delegate **Mary Beth Carozza** (District 38C), Delegate **Charles Otto** (District 38A) and **Carl Anderton Jr.** (District 38B).

MCBP to host septic systems seminar

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) is hosting a free seminar on septic systems Thursday, February 4 at the Bishopville Fire House beginning at 7 p.m.

Although the subject may not appear appealing, those relying on septic systems will be provided with very helpful information including topics from why a properly functioning septic system matters, how they work to the dos and don'ts for septic system maintenance.

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Marshal's Office, The Dorchester County Sheriff's Office, Ocean City Police, Berlin Police, Ocean Pines Police, Snow Hill Police and the Pocomoke City Police.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office Criminal Bureau of investigation has assumed the investigation and will be drawing on all the resources available to determine the perpetrators of this crime.

-*Chip Bertino*

Jennifer Dindinger, Regional Watershed Restoration Specialist to the Sea Grant Extension Program, will be leading the presentation. The Maryland Sea Grant Extension program specialists focus on finding practical solutions to problems that affect Marylanders. They help communities improve the quality of their water.

They also assist seafood businesses with developing new and profitable products and draw on the best scientific research and analyses available to inform the sound conservation and business practices we share.

Based in Cambridge and serving four counties on the Eastern Shore, Dindinger is tasked with developing a program that builds community development and civic engagement while promoting natural resource protection. Dindinger holds a Master's degree in Environmental Policy from Bard College and a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from the University of Delaware. She is a Senior Fellow in the Environmental Leadership Program, and in 2014 Dindinger was awarded the Off-Campus Junior Faculty Award for her

contribution to the UME 2014-2019 Strategic Plan.

MCBP is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that partners with organizations such as the Maryland Sea Grant Extension to provide community outreach on sound practices to protect our coastal bays. Donations make it possible for us to continue our work of protecting the coastal bays and are tax deductible.

Please RSVP to Jennifer Rafter at the MCBP office by calling 410-213-2297 x 109 or by email at jrafter@mdcoastalbays.org if you are planning on attending this event.

Kiwanis pancake breakfast scheduled

The annual Kiwanis pancake breakfast will be held Saturday, February 13 between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under age 12 and no charge for children under age 5. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 410-208-6719.

Getting older, bundling up and dealing with cold weather

"Make sure your coat is zipped."

"Wear your hat."

"Bundle up."

As a child I heard this all the time when the weather was cold. As a parent I exclaimed the same caution when my children were young.

If kids were left to their own de-

pamy chills. By the time they decided to come back in the house I am swathed in every afghan ever knitted by my grandmother.

I recall once taking my children to the bus stop and being dumbfounded by the attire of one of their friends. As I sat in the car bundled up from

head to toe with the heat blasting on high, I watched a teenager waiting for the bus wearing what could best described as beachwear. Despite the fact there was snow on the ground, ice patches on the road and a blustery wind blowing, this young man

was an obvious trendsetter in his short sleeve shirt, just-below-the-knee shorts and sneakers. His only acknowledgement of the cold weather was a wool cap he wore over his shoulder length hair. For all I know he may wear that cap all year.

vices they would always run out the front door in freezing weather with wet hair, unbuttoned and flapping coats and short pants. They seem to be either unconcerned or unaware that being exposed to cold weather can be dangerous. The innocence of youth.

As for me I find that the older I get the longer it takes me to prepare to trek outside in cold weather. I take the Vadaia onion approach: the more layers the better. If by the time I'm finished dressing I don't resemble the Michelin Man, I know I've done something wrong and have to start over.

It is not unusual for me to suit up in several layers of thermal under-wear, socks, turtlenecks, sweaters, insulated pants, a scarf, ski mask, gloves covered with a pair of mittens and thermal boots with a battery operated heater. And that's just when I go out to retrieve the morning newspaper.

When I was growing up snow days were like manna from heaven. Such occasions were spent outside frolicking in the snow and making snow angels. From dawn until dusk I could stay outside despite wet to frozen clothes and blue colored lips. Uncontrolled shivering was ignored.

As I watched my children play with reckless abandon in the frigid outdoors from the comfort of an easy chair, I was often compelled to add another log to the fire for warmth and we didn't even have a fireplace. As I watched them from the window playing in the snow and sliding on their snowboards I experienced sym-

I have chosen to live in an area that experiences the wonders of the four seasons. I would be less than forthright if I did not acknowledge that I really do like snow and I like cold weather. However if I could wave a magic wand I would prefer the snow coincide with Christmas Eve and be gone by New Year's. And I would like the temperature to go no lower than 45 degrees during January and February. As yet I have been unsuccessful in talking to the right person about making this happen.

Gone are the days when I did not mind walking through the snow getting my shoes wet and allowing the dampness to soak through my socks. In the ultimate nod toward becoming an adult I have begun thinking about buying a pair of galoshes to slip over my shoes.

If this trend continues I will soon be talking about retiring to Florida where I'll be able to wear blue shorts, a T-shirt and black socks with sandals as I follow my wife down the supermarket aisles.

Reader request: Each year, The Courier binds the year's issues into a book. As we were preparing the 2015 editions, we realized that we are in need of another copy of the July 6, 2015 edition. If you have this edition, please call us at 410-641-6695. Thank you.

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Coastal Care Choices offers options to seniors

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Coastal Care Choices is a Medicare-authorized option for patients who want to continue treating their disease but need help with care and support in their home.

"Patients no longer have to make the difficult choice between treating their disease and receiving comfort care," Nicole Moore, RN, BSN and program coordinator, said. "Support is a phone call away 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Patients can now stay

in their own homes, determine their own health care goals and improve their quality of life."

Patients pay nothing out of pocket for Coastal Care Choices, and there is no change to their existing Medicare coverage. The usual deductibles and co-pays will not change.

To qualify for Coastal Care Choices, individuals must be diagnosed with a life-limiting prognosis of advanced cancer, HIV/AIDS, COPD or congestive heart failure, and enrolled in Medicare Parts A, B and D. They must be living in a traditional home, not a nursing home or assisted living facility. Other qualifications apply.

The patient's own physicians and the Coastal Care Choices nurse will work with the patient and family to determine eligibility for the model.

Together, the team will work with the patient and their physician to set healthcare goals and decide how best to reach them.

Coastal Care Choices will take a team approach that becomes an extra layer of support for patients and their families. Patients are cared for and supported in their own homes by the registered nurse coordi-

nator who will work with the patients' doctors to manage pain and any other symptoms that may have from their treatments, such as nausea, loss of appetite, etc.

In addition, chaplains will offer

patients and their families emotional support. Social workers will give guidance, and volunteers will give families a break from care giving.

Coastal Care Choices will be administered by Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care, but is not the same program as hospice. In July 2015, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced Coastal Hospice's selection to test the model for a period of five years and expects as many as 150,000 eligible Medicare beneficiaries to benefit from the flexibility of care.

The model is part of a larger effort at HHS to transform the nation's health care system to deliver better care, spend taxpayer dollars in a smarter way, and put patients in the center of their care. The goal is to improve quality of life and provide greater coordination of services among all providers involved in the person's care.

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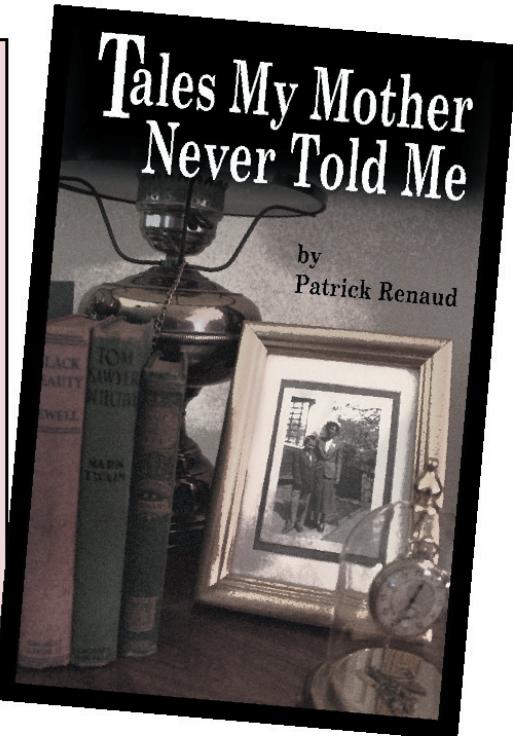
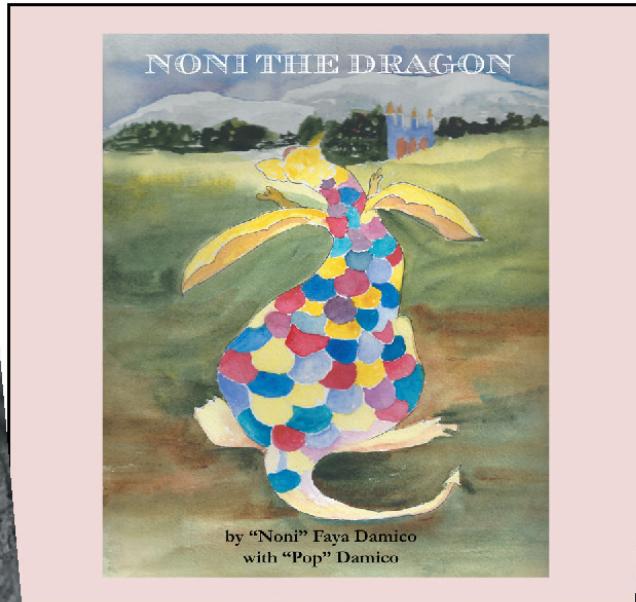
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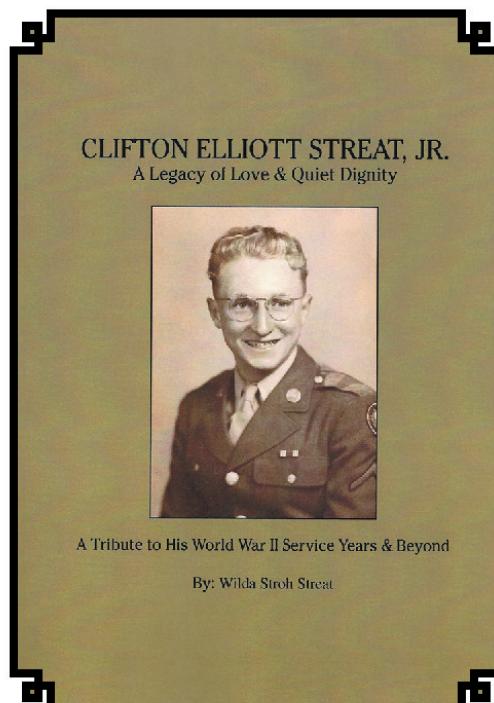
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In the Rear View Mirror

The 1960 economy revolution

By Bruce Palmer

Today, it's second nature to think about the economic impact which a new car purchase will have on our budget. More than 40 years after passing the first oil crisis of the 1970s, "miles per gallon" is one of the leading statistics which car-buyers look for. But, let's step back to the late '50s and see how it all began.

Senator John F. Kennedy was only considering a presidential run, Charlton Heston rode a chariot across the big screen in "Ben Hur" and Barbie debuted in toy stores nationwide. In Detroit, the "Big 3" (GM, Ford and

Chrysler) were finalizing plans for their first-ever "small" cars, scheduled to arrive with the new decade.

To be fair, economical cars were not unknown. Smaller vehicles from the Rambler to the ultra-diminutive Metropolitan had been around several years, but they hadn't gathered the mainstream popularity reserved for the goliaths of the auto industry. And, yes, foreign manufacturers were be-



The Corvair

"Unsafe at Any Speed." It was an excoriating review of the lack of safety in American design, spending a whole chapter on how Corvair's understeer and unfamiliar rear end set-up was leading to disastrous roll-over crashes. While the merits of his arguments have been debated in the decades since, the public relations black-eye was something from which Corvair would never really recover. For 1966,

Corvair sales dropped to barely 100,000 - paving the way for the car's farewell by 1969.

Less than a week after Corvair arrived Ford debuted the Falcon models on October 8, 1959.

Far more conventional in design, the Falcon clearly was the biggest hit out of the box. Little more than a shrunken full-size Ford, 470,000 of them rolled out onto Main Street, USA during 1960.

Falcon's conventionality led to more predictable press and far fewer mechanical problems. Ford Division president (and future Secretary of Defense) Robert MacNamara was known for preferring dull, basic transportation cars and Falcon fit that bill per-



1960 Falcon

ginning to get traction in America...but in 1960, still, more than 93% of all cars sold in the U.S. were of domestic manufacture. In short, "economy cars" were, at best, a niche market.

The first to arrive was Corvair by GM's Chevrolet division. Introduced on October 2, 1959 automotive historians have pointed to Corvair as one of the most significant American cars of the post-war era. That significance is borne of unconventional ideas including a rear-mounted, air-cooled engine, swing-axle (rather than solid-axle)

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rear suspension and more. Combined with Corvair's promised fuel economy of more than 25mpg (nearly double the typical car of the day), the revolutionary reputation fit and Corvair sold more than a quarter million in the first year alone. Then came Ralph Nader.

In 1965, Nader (the noted consumer advocate) published his book,



After a lacrosse scrimmage in Israel, WPS sophomore Reese Gittelman (front row, second from left) poses for a photo alongside fellow teammates on the U-19 Israel National Developmental Lacrosse Team and members of an Israeli High School Club Team from the city of Netanya.

Sophomore travels to Israel to teach lacrosse

Over the holiday break, fifteen-year-old Worcester Prep sophomore Reese Gittelman gave the gift of lacrosse to young children in Israel. For the second year, Gittelman traveled to Israel as part of an Israel Lacrosse Winter Service Trip to teach the game she loves to both boys and girls. Gittelman tried out and was one of 20 young girls selected from across the United States to be a part of the U-19 Israel National Developmental Lacrosse Team. In addition to practicing and coaching lacrosse, team members were asked to collect lacrosse equipment and bring it to Is-

rael to donate. Worcester Prep donated to the cause sending helmets, sticks and goalie equipment. The purpose of the service trips are to form a burgeoning lacrosse community in the Middle East in the hopes that female role models will inspire Israeli girls to consider playing sports. This is the third Israel Lacrosse Winter Service Trip orchestrated by the national not-for-profit Israel Lacrosse Association, founded by Scott Neiss in 2010. This spring Gittelman will play on the Worcester Prep Girls' Lacrosse Team and the Delmarva Dolphins travel team.

Squadron offers boating course

The Ocean City Power Squadron (OCPS) will present the all new America's Boating Course at the Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines Branch on Tuesday evening, February 16. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. followed by the first class at 7 p.m. the same evening. This is an eight hour course, 7p.m. to 9p.m. each evening. Anyone born after July 1, 1972 must satisfactorily complete a safe boating class to operate a recreational vessel or personal watercraft (PWC) in the state of Maryland. This course covers basic boat handling, navigation, federal and state regulations, rules of the road, aids to navigation, required equipment and much more.

Students who successfully completing this course may be eligible for

six months free membership in the Ocean City Power Squadron. Many courses pertaining to safe boating and navigation are available to squadron members such as: piloting, weather, electronics, marine engine maintenance, GPS/VHF radio seminars as well as interesting boating, social and civic activities.

Early registration is recommended; call 410-726 or 410-6416535 or 410-641-8940.

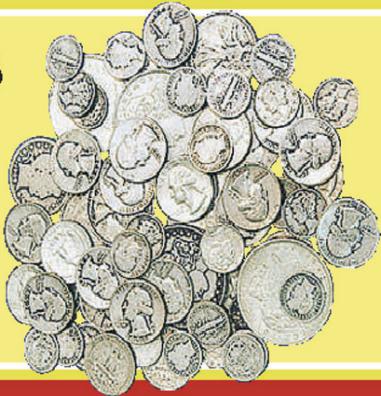
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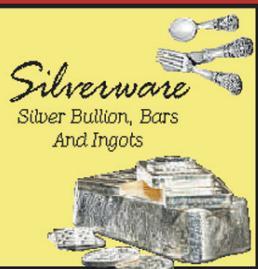
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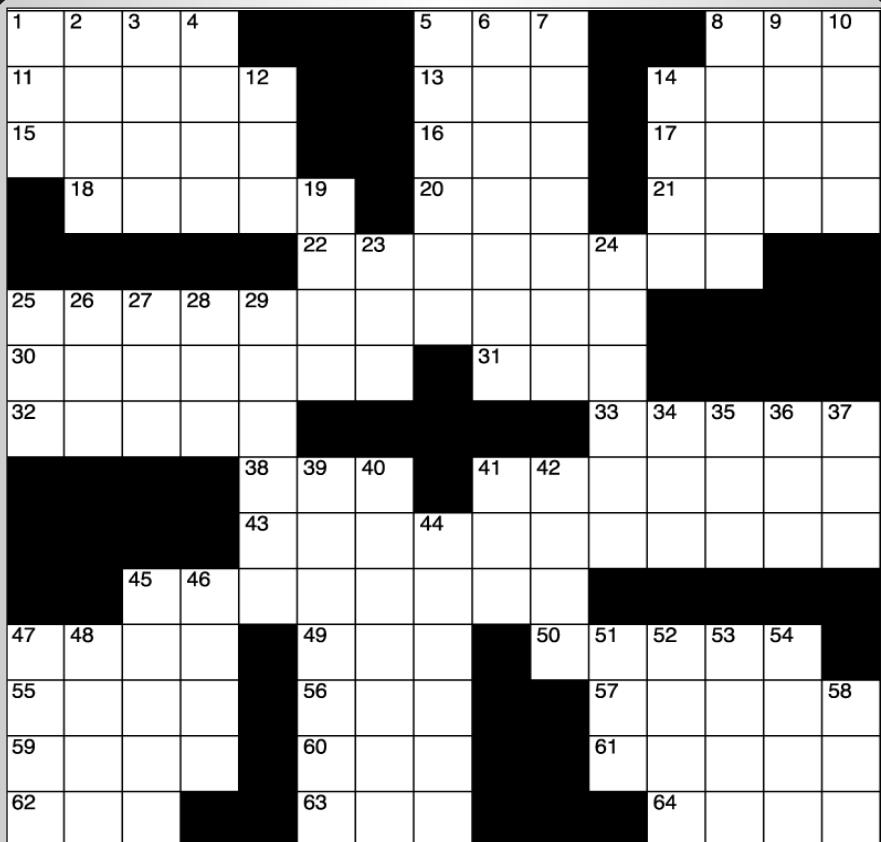
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51. Express pleasure

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Answers for Jan 18



Gear up for Trout season

Fishing Report: Not much to report as the stripers seem to be holding offshore beyond the three mile limit. Although late this year any day could bring the big fish closer to shore. Quite a few small fish are being caught around the Route 90 Bridge. The best fishing when the weather permits seems to be the head boats that are doing well on tautog and sea bass with an occasional flounder being reported.

Gear up for Trout Season: Now that January is here let's start getting ready for some late winter and early spring trout fishing. This is the time to get out your ultra-light spinning gear or fly rod, clean it up and put new line on your spinning reel, straighten your fly line and check your tapered leaders. Also, check out your terminal tackle for rust, sharp hooks, etc. I guarantee this will make you feel better. Trout fishing is a great sport for the entire family so get them involved as well.

Equipment: Trout fishing does not need to be complicated. If you are spin fishing you will need a 51/2 to 6 foot spinning rod and a reel that is capable of handling 4 lb test line. Some assorted removable split shot, salmon egg hooks or #14 treble hooks is what I prefer and some assorted spinners such as Mepps, or Rooster tails, etc. in the 1/32 to 1/8 weights and assorted colors of Power Bait Trout Nuggets. Also include a few small bobbers. For live bait try meal worms, red worms or small minnows. If fly fishing a 7 foot rod with a floating line and some assorted tapered leaders with some

small #18 midges, a few #12 or #14 Royal Coachmen, Adams fly and Red Quills should do the job. Don't forget a stringer and tackle box or five gallon bucket.

Where to Fish: Although we don't have the natural streams of Western Maryland we do have two areas designated as Put & Take by DNR with a daily creel limit of five fish per person. Usually these ponds are stocked with Rainbow, Brown, and Golden Trout. They are designated as Put & Take as the trout will not survive the summer as the water warms. They are very much a cold water species. These areas are stocked usually in late February and again in late March. These areas are in Wicomico County the Beaverdam Creek and in Worcester County the Shad Landing Pond. Directions to these locations as well as the stocking schedule can be found on the DNR Web site at www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/stocking/springtroutstock.html. Also, remember you will require a fishing license and trout stamp if required which can be purchased at many local tackle shops or online at the DNR Web Site.

How to Fish: Everyone has their preference regarding how to fish for all species but I am going to share mine when it comes to trout. Trout can be a very finicky fish as I found out fishing the streams of Pennsylvania for 40 years. For the first few days after stocking they will hit almost anything and then they get smart and very se-

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flectly. A Falcon owner wasn't going to "win any red light races," but with an engine of just 144 cubic inches, it could save pennies at the pump to the tune of 30 mpg. Now, that was ground-breaking news out of Detroit.

Falcon sales continued between 400 and 500,000 in 1961 and '62, but the shadow on its horizon would be the arrival of Mustang. From 1964 forward, Mustang cannibalized Falcon so thoroughly, that by the end of the decade, Falcon too would disappear.

Third in this trio was a car that arrived a couple weeks later than its competitors. Just before the end of October, 1959 Chrysler Corporation introduced



1960 Valiant

"stands on its own 4 tires." Before the end of the 1960 model year however, Valiant was assigned to Plymouth...since it was mostly Plymouth dealerships where they were being sold anyway.

Unlike Corvair, it, too, was conventional in mechanics with a 170-cubic inch 6-cylinder engine which also promised nearly 30mpg. But unlike Falcon, the Valiant was a radically different-looking car. Automotive critics at the time were mixed, branding it as very "European" in design. Initial sales reached 190,000, but that dropped to 140,000 the next year and below 125,000 by '62. More conventional styling would take over, re-igniting sales by mid-decade and the nameplate would actually survive into the mid-70s, though Valiant never really proved a major threat to the smaller choices from GM and Ford.

Across the decades since, automakers have continued to parade an ever-changing lineup of thrifty cars through showrooms; some more memorable than others for a variety of reasons good and bad. And, it all began with 1960...the dawn of the mass-produced American economy car.



1965 Valiant

the Valiant. At first, Valiant was not branded to any of its corporate nameplates (although the Dodge Division was actually building them). The ad-line read, "it's nobody's kid brother, this one

Taylor Bank announces promotions

Raymond M. Thompson, President and CEO of Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company in Berlin, Maryland has announced the following recent promotions:

Peggy Welsh has been promoted to Executive Vice President. Ms. Welsh has been with the bank for 37 years. During her career, Ms. Welsh has primarily worked in the Ocean City market as a Branch Manager, and later, served as Regional Manager of the Ocean City area branches. In 2014, Ms. Welsh was promoted to Chief of Branch Administration and relocated to the bank's Main Office in Berlin. Ms. Welsh currently directs the opera-

tions, management, and staffing of the bank's entire branch network.

Tina Kolarik has been promoted to Executive Vice President. Kolarik has been with the bank for 34 years. During her career, Ms. Kolarik has managed several Taylor Bank branches, and later, served as Regional Manager of the Bank's branches in Berlin, Ocean Pines, and Southern Worcester County. In 2014, Ms. Kolarik was promoted to Chief Operating Officer. Ms. Kolarik currently directs the operations, management and staffing of the bank's Information Technology, Electronic Services and Bookkeeping de-

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lective with their diet.

First and most important when you arrive observe the fish. Are they feeding on the surface of the water, swirling just under the surface or do you see no activity at all? If they are feeding on the surface they are likely feeding on flies hatching off the water. Swirling just under the surface they are likely feeding on nymphs which are the larva of flies swimming to the surface to hatch. If there is no activity they are likely bottom feeding or not at all. In any case adjust your bait to the level of where they are feeding by rising or lowering your split shot, bobber etc. If spinner fishing let it hit bottom and start with a slow retrieve, then try jigging the spinner or a faster retrieve until you start catching fish. Power Bait Trout Nuggets will float and are not great fished on the surface so get them under water with a little split shot. Flies can also be cast with a spinning rod and a bobber placing the bobber about three feet above the fly. If using a fly rod I would suggest you fish early in the morning or evening to avoid the crowd and hooking someone in the ear.

Did you know?

1. Most brands of lipstick contain fish scales
2. Although the fangtooth fish is only a few inches long, it has teeth about the size of a human's.

Fishing Quote of the Month: All the romance of trout fishing exists in the mind of the angler and is in no way shared by the fish.

— Harold F. Blaisdell, "The Philosophical Fisherman, 1969"

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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., January 21	5:06 a.m. 5:20 p.m.	11:37 a.m. 11:31 p.m.	7:13 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
Fri., January 22	5:57 a.m. 6:11 p.m.	12:28 p.m.	7:13 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Sat., January 23	6:45 a.m. 6:58 p.m.	12:22 a.m. 1:13 p.m.	7:12 a.m.	5:12 p.m.
Sun., January 24	7:30 a.m. 7:44 p.m.	1:08 a.m. 1:55 p.m.	7:12 a.m.	5:13 p.m.
Mon., January 25	8:13 a.m. 8:27 p.m.	1:52 a.m. 2:35 p.m.	7:11 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Tues., January 26	8:54 a.m. 9:10 p.m.	2:34 a.m. 3:14 p.m.	7:10 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Wed., January 27	9:34 a.m. 9:52 p.m.	3:17 a.m. 3:53 p.m.	7:10 a.m.	5:17 p.m.

Nursing homes and inter family contracts

By Mike Mathers

Family loans and business agreements are a sensitive topic, and some writers advise avoiding them all together. However, many people find that as they age they become more financially intertwined with family by their own desire or the insistence of their children. In this article, I will dis-

cuss how family exchanges of money can affect future nursing home care, and in particular when you should and should not use formal contracts.

First, understand that there are many asset protection strategies available from the State's Medicaid Long Term Care program if you or your spouse is in a nursing home. Part of

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partments.

Dean Lewis has been promoted to Vice President. Mr. Lewis has been with the bank for four years. In 2013, Mr. Lewis was promoted to Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Lewis is a Certified Public Accountant and has over 13 years of experience in public accounting and taxation. He currently oversees the finance and accounting functions of the bank, including department personnel. Mr. Lewis is also a member of the bank's Board of Directors.

Alysson DuPont has been promoted to Vice President. Ms. DuPont has been with the bank for eight years. Ms. DuPont currently serves as the bank's Human Resources Manager, where she oversees all facets of the human resources function of the bank, including employee training. Ms.

DuPont holds certifications as a human resources professional from the Society for Human Resource Management as well as other human resources related credentials.

Donna Weaver has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. Ms. Weaver has been with the bank for four years. Ms. Weaver, currently serves as the bank's Compliance Officer and Internal Auditor, where she oversees the internal audit and compliance department of the bank, including department personnel. Ms. Weaver has been in banking for over 32 years, having served in various previous management level capacities in the operations, lending, and compliance fields.

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applying for these benefits is submitting a five year financial record where a case manager will look for gifts made to family members. Large gifts and especially gifts made for the purpose of qualifying for Medicaid can disqualify you from receiving benefits. Other asset protection strategies exist but this isn't one of them.

This brings me to my first topic: paying your family members to provide services. Imagine Fred is having mobility issues. His granddaughter comes by every afternoon to help with cleaning, laundry and running errands. She doesn't ask for money but Fred insists on giving her \$100 each week. He knows her time is valuable and also he likes giving something to her. Two years later, Fred's problems have progressed and he has moved to a nursing home. During his Medicaid application, the case worker tells him that over two years he has given \$10,400.00 in "gifts" to his granddaughter, and he can be penalized for this. What can Fred do?

Gifts are penalized but paying someone a fair price for their work is always allowed. The problem is that the case worker only sees the weekly check. Thankfully, it is possible to create a written version of an existing oral contract and submit this to the case worker. This may be a "get out of jail

free card" but it could require using an attorney to prepare this defense. It would have been easier to create an Eldercare Agreement in writing from the start. Since there is nothing wrong with paying your granddaughter for assistance, this contract would prove that all those checks were payments, not gifts.

On the contrary, there is one time that formal written agreements can hurt a Medicaid application and that is when a gift turns into a bad loan. For example, Janice's son William can't keep a steady job and frequently asks for money. Most recently, she sent him \$15,000 to prevent foreclosure. Janice knew that William would never repay her but she made him sign a promissory note with a payment schedule. I sympathize with Janice. The written loan has more dignity and helps her not feel taken advantage of. Unfortunately for Medicaid purposes, an unpaid loan is almost worse than a gift, because it is considered an asset. Remember that in theory, a \$15,000 note is worth \$15,000. You could say that you have run out of money and apply for government assistance, only to be told that actually, you have \$15,000 in assets. Now, this advice doesn't apply to real loans when you expect repayment. Rather, if you know in your

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Ocean Pines Poker Club

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

Open every Monday through October: **Historic St. Martin's Church Museum.** 1-4 pm. 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD. For more information, call 410-251-2849

Sweet Adelines

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

Mon. & Tues.

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

Mon., Wed. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

OC Baptist Church's Thrift Shop by Seaside Christian Academy behind White Marlin Mall open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon. & Wed., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat. Call 410-251-6971.

Tuesdays

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.

Take off Pounds Sensibly Meeting. Berlin group No. 331, Worcester County Health Center 9730 Healthway Dr., Berlin, 5:30-7:00 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly on Tuesdays. Info: jeanduck47@gmail.com

Tuesdays and Thursdays
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.

Wednesdays

Kiwanis Club Meeting

Weekly meetings at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open 7 a.m. October through April.

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.

Delmarva Hand Dancing

Dancing at The Fenwick Inn in Ocean City from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Contact 302-934-7951 or info@delmarvahanddancing.com

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.

Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

The Shepherd's Nook at Community Church at Ocean Pines is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 410-641-5433.

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Thursdays

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, Kate at 410-524-0649 or Dianne at 302-541-4642.

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.

Fridays

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.

Sundays

Sunday Night Serenity Al-Anon Family Group 7:30 p.m. at The Woodlands/Independent Living Apt. Bldg. 1135 Ocean Parkway-Ocean Pines, Md. 21811

Third Sunday

Sharing Sunday

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Third Monday

Democratic Women

The Democratic Women meet 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by a meeting at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members are welcome.

Third Tuesday

Widows & Widowers Social Club

Group meets in Ocean Pines at 1 p.m. for luncheon meeting. Call 410-208-1398.

Third Wednesday

Survivors of Suicide Meeting

Starts at 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department. 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Quiet listening, caring people, no judgment. For more information, call 410-629-0164 or visit www.choosetolivemaryland.org.

Fourth Wednesday

Marine Corps League

First State Detachment Marine Corps League raises funds for a variety of charities and meets at 7 p.m. in VFW Post 8296, 66th St. Ocean City. Open to all fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Visit www.firststatemarines.org.

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Happy Cleats Soccer will allow children ages two and three the chance to burn off some energy in a non-competitive environment. Socialization, simple soccer fundamentals and fun will be the main focus. The four-class program will be offered weekly on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. beginning January 20. A second session will be offered beginning February 17. The cost is \$30 for Ocean Pines residents and \$40 for nonresidents.

Pee Wee Soccer, for ages four and five, will use skills, drills and games to help children build self-confidence and have fun. The four-class program will be offered weekly on Wednesdays from 6 to 6:45 p.m. beginning January 20. A second session will begin February 17. The cost is \$35 for Ocean

Pines residents and \$45 for nonresidents.

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.

Tea Party to meet

The Worcester County Tea Party will be Thursday, January 21. The guest speaker is Paul Johnston, an emergency preparation expert who will discuss preparing for an emergency or disaster. The meeting begins at 6:30 and will take place at the Ocean Pines library. The event is free and open to the public. For more information email WCTPPatriots@gmail.com, go to the web site www.worcestercountyteaparty.com, https://www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyTeaParty or call 443-614-7214.

RWWC to meet

The Republican Women of Worcester County will hold its January luncheon meeting on Thursday, January 28 at The Captain's Table Restaurant at 15th St and the Boardwalk in Ocean City. The guest speaker will be Belinda Gulyas, the principal at Cedar Chapel Special School.

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