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Veterans Day is a time for remembrance

The men and women who defend the liberties and freedoms of the countries they represent hold a special place in people's hearts and an eternal spot in their countries' histories.

Any opportunity is a good time to commemorate the bravery and selfless deeds of military personnel, but certain prominent holidays in November make this an especially important time to thank veterans for their service.

November 11 is Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Canada. It is also known as Armistice Day in other parts of the world. These holidays honor all military veterans who have provided service to their countries, and that each falls on November 11 is no coincidence, as the day commemorates the anniversary of the end of World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

Many places around the world pause and remember fallen veterans on November 11, but a good majority of Veterans Day and Remembrance Day commemorative events focus on past and current veterans who are still alive. There are many ways to honor the military at home and abroad in time for the November festivities. The following are just a handful of ways to show appreciation for military men and women.

When dining out, ask your server if you can pay the tab for a soldier or veteran you see in the restaurant.

Attend a military parade with your

**Memorial to
celebrate Veterans Day**

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation invites the community to honor the men and women who have served in our nation's military services on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m.

Memorial co-founder Sharyn O'Hare will serve as master of ceremonies at this year's event. The guest speaker will be Worcester County Attorney John "Sonny" Bloxom. Mr. Bloxom is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and served as a Deck Officer in the Merchant Marines for nine years. He is a retired Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

Faded or worn American flags may be dropped off at the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department or before and immediately after the ceremony for disposal at the Flag Retirement Ceremony that will be held at the Veterans Memorial on Saturday, November 14 at 9 a.m.

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial is located at Route 589 & Cathell Road in Ocean Pines.

family and explain the significance of the day to children in attendance.

Draft letters and send care packages to soldiers currently in service far away from home.

Ask your company if Veterans Day or Remembrance Day can be an observed holiday at your place of business each year to pay homage to

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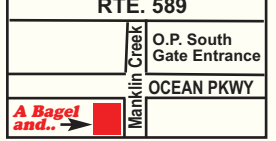


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Pup of the Pines winner announced

Brutus, a 17-week-old puppy, is the winner of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department's first Pup of the Pines photo contest. He received top honors at the community's annual Halloween celebration at White Horse Park on Saturday, October 31.

Brutus' owner, Hunter Simon, said the happy and fun-loving puppy was born deaf. He loves to play outside, and he wears a bell so his family knows where he is.

As Pup of the Pines, Brutus receives a free 2016 Ocean Pines Dog Park registration. He will also be the official face of the dog park and will be featured in the Ocean Pines Activity Guide and other postings throughout the year.

Money raised from the contest entry fees will be used for upgrades and improvements to the dog park.

Sauerbrey to speak at GOP dinner meeting

The Republican Women of Worcester County announce their November dinner meeting on Thursday, November 19 at The Golden Sands Condominium at 109th St in Ocean City. The dinner will take place on the 22nd floor. The



Ellen Sauerbrey

guest speaker will be Ambassador Ellen Sauerbrey, who in 2002 was nominated by President Bush to be a representative to the United Nations on the Status of Women. In that post, she focused mostly on three issues: the need for more education for women; the importance of empowering women economically; and, the protection of the right to life. She also served as a member of the Maryland

House of Delegates from 1978 to 1994 and as minority leader from 1986 to 1994.

The cost of the dinner is \$38 per person and includes your choice of menu and one drink. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. To make your reservation or for more information please contact Ann Lutz at 410-208-9767 or annlutz@verizon.net.

Anglers Club to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, November 14, 9:30 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library. The speaker will be Bob Cooke, certified Coast Guard Auxiliary Instructor and Department Of Natural Resources Police Instructor. Bob will speak on maintaining and winterizing your trailer, boat and engine. The meeting is open to the public.

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2012 Business of the Year

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Originally called Armistice Day, Veterans Day was celebrated



on Nov. 11, 1919, which was the first anniversary of the end of the fighting of World War I. The Al-

lies and Germany agree to an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, on the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. (Technically WWI did not officially end until the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919.)

In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.

Commissioners committed to building affordable new Showell Elementary School

After years in the planning stages, the Commissioners are thrilled to announce that plans to develop the Edu-

April 21, 2015.

Plans did slow somewhat when the Commissioners learned that the Board



cational Specifications and Schematic Design to construct a new Showell Elementary School (SES) are underway. As projects such as these can take many years to come to fruition and thus leave the public wondering as to their status, we wanted to reiterate that the Commissioners remain committed to building an affordable and highly functional new SES. In fact, the project took the top slot in the Strategic Plan the Commissioners adopted

of Education's (BOE) original proposal to build a new 104,000-square-foot (SF) SES, to accommodate a proposed enrollment of 657 students, came at a price tag of \$54.6 million. That would have resulted in a whopping cost of \$525 per SF. By way of comparison, the 121,076-SF Snow Hill High School (SHHS) addition and renovation project currently underway cost \$410 per SF. We felt we could do better price-wise and worked with County staff to

research affordable elementary school construction projects in various stages of completion in Maryland and Delaware to determine if a more affordable option was achievable.

This is what we found. Nearby counties are indeed building new schools, equipped with state-of-the-art technology at more affordable prices. For example, Grimm & Parker Architects recently designed the 84,588-SF Lothian Elementary School in Anne Arundel County, which was built for \$31.7 million (\$375/SF), the 112,000-SF Deerfield Elementary School in Harford County for \$22 million (\$197/SF), and the 95,831-SF Flora Singer Elementary School in Silver Spring for \$20 million (\$209/SF). The Becker Morgan Group designed the 70,500-SF William F Cooke Elementary School in Hockessin, Delaware, estimated at \$20 million (\$284/SF), and the 66,069-SF South Dover Elementary School, which was built for \$18.79 million (\$285/SF).

Based on these findings, the Commissioners approved total funding of \$37.1 million for a 90,000-SF facility at a projected cost of \$282 per SF, and we have asked the BOE to revise their proposed Capital Improvement Plan accordingly.

Based on multi-year projections, we have determined that we can afford a total of \$37.1 million to build a new SES. To achieve this goal, the Commissioners remain committed to moving forward cooperatively with BOE officials and encourage them to design an affordable structure that meets the needs of the community, while also respecting the County budget, which recent projects in nearby counties has proven to be both reasonable and achievable.

Tea Party meets Thursday

The Worcester County Tea Party will host a meeting on Thursday, November 12 at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library. The topics to be discussed include an issues update and the election year 2016. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the event is free to the public.

County offices closed holiday

Worcester County Government offices and the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill will be closed Wednesday, November 11, 2015, in observance of Veterans Day and will resume standard operating hours on Thursday, Nov. 12.

All five branch libraries will be open, with standard operating hours in effect. Visit www.WorcesterLibrary.org for more information about the hours of operation at each branch.

For more information, contact Kim Moses, public information officer, at (410) 632-1194.

PRMC to offer free flu shots to vets, spouses

In honor of Veterans Day and in appreciation for the service to our nation by all veterans of the Delmarva Peninsula, Peninsula Regional Medical Center will again this year offer free flu shots to veterans and their spouses.

The free shots will be offered on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Avery W. Hall Educational Center, located on the Peninsula Regional campus on the corner of Waverly Drive and Vine Street, Salisbury, Md. Free parking is available in Garage B.

Military ID to prove service to our nation is requested, but appointments are not necessary. Please call 410-543-7766 for more information or directions.



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The other celebration

Author's note: Today is Veterans Day, a holiday of remembrance to our heroes in uniform. As important as that remembrance is, I won't be writing about that this week.

Today is a very a special day in my home. It's my wife's birthday. I'm too

and was totally surprised. It was a fun evening of laughter, testimonials, singing and great food.

My wife is the premier cook of the family. As I've often written she can create a gourmet meal with just a Saltine Cracker and a glass of water.

I'm overstating things a bit.

The water's just for presentation. On her birthday though I step up to the plate or more accurately the stovetop, and cook. Through the years I've prepared many a varied meal.

Everything from an oven

stuffer roaster with baked potatoes and broccoli to an oven stuffer roaster with mashed potatoes and corn. One year I really upped my game and prepared what I think was by far my most creative attempt: an oven stuffer roaster with roasted potatoes and broccoli and corn. To this day, folks are still talking about that meal. Well,

no, no one's actually talking about it. As I write this no decision has been made on what to make this year. Maybe I'll fancy things up with asparagus spears. Oooh, dare to be creative!

For my birthdays my wife bakes the cakes. And when I write bake, I don't mean a Betty Crocker special. Not that there's anything wrong with that. It's just not what she does. Through the years she's baked Italian cream cakes, a lemon something or other cake that's one of my favorites and many others. As a gesture of appreciation for what she does for me, I don a baker's hat and do my best to ensure that I don't miscalculate the water, mix, egg and oil instructions on the back of the box while ensuring the oven temperature is correct. Whether the results have been good or not so good, my wife has always been appreciative of my efforts.

Gifts are a central component of a birthday celebration. And even in this regard my wife always tops me. For you see for more than three decades my wife has been the one giving me a present on her birthday: allowing me to celebrate them with her.

Please don't share with her what I just wrote because then she'll expect something more.



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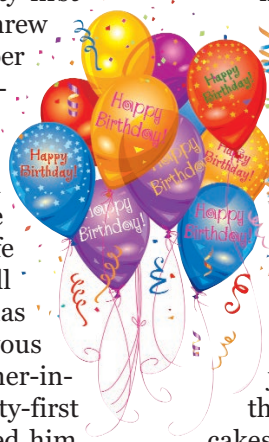
By **Chip Bertino**

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much of a gentleman, and too astute a husband, to reveal what birthday will be celebrated. Let me just write that it's not a birthday that ends in a zero or a five.

The first birthday I celebrated with my wife was just over a month after we started dating. That was back in the Dark Ages, when my hair was still jet black. It was her twenty-first birthday and her aunt threw a party. I don't remember too much about the occasion other than my wife's brother-in-law working hard to even a score with her. As some of you may know my wife has a bit of a...how shall I write this? My wife has a bit of a mischievous streak. When her brother-in-law celebrated his twenty-first birthday, my wife egged him on to do shots, many shots so the story goes. So when the roles were reversed, turnabout was fair play and play is what they did. So much playing was going on that it took a day or two for the effects to wear off and become part of family lore.

My wife prefers a sensible and low key approach to her birthday. Her favorite celebrations are the ones that are the most simple with just the immediate family. However, there was one year when simplicity was just not going to be feasible. It was her fortieth birthday. With the help of a couple dear friends, a major event was planned, something my wife would have nixed without hesitation had she known about it. But, she didn't. More than a half year of planning was involved and in the end it turned out to be a fabulous party. She had no clue



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Teachers to hold workshops

Gwen and Don Lehman have educated and inspired Worcester County students for years in theatre and photography. The married couple is now offering workshops in their individual specialty at the Ocean City Center for the Arts.



Gwen Lehman



Don Lehman

Gwen Lehman developed the theatre program at Stephen Decatur High School where she taught for 46 years. She holds degrees from Hood College and Washington College. Gwen has won a number of teaching awards including Maryland State Drama Teacher of the Year, Maryland Arts Educator of the Year, the Governor's Award for Arts Education, and the national Milken Award. She has directed more than 100 plays during her career, including for the Ocean

Pines Players.

Gwen will hold a three-day Readers' Theatre Workshop on Friday, November 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Readers' theatre is a minimalist style of theatre designed for the dramatic presentation of forms of literature other than plays. Gwen's workshop will explore the history of readers' theatre and the classic style of its presentation and focus on American short story authors, including O. Henry, Eudora Welty, Dorothy Parker and Shirley Jackson. Participants will be assigned roles to play and will be coached on projection, articulation, interpretation and character development. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will give a performance open to family and friends.

Gwen Lehman's three-day theatre workshop is designed for children ages 10 through adult. The cost is \$125 for Art League members and \$156 for non-members.

Don Lehman teaches photography at Worcester Preparatory School, a position he has held for 17 years. He started his career as a commercial photographer, including shooting for The Maryland Symphony Orchestra while also managing a marketing company. Don has shown his art photography in one-man and group shows and joined the artist-in-residence program with the Maryland State Arts Council.

Don is facilitating monthly photography discussion groups on third Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Arts Center. The discussion focuses on the art of photography, rather than on technique, and includes lively presentations, group critiques and shared ideas. The group also discusses the work of noted photographers. The November 19 meeting will focus on the work of Sally Mann, and the December 17 meeting, Arno Rafael Minkinen.

This is a drop-in group, and ages teen to adult are welcome. The cost is \$5 for both Art League members and non-members.

More information is available at www.artleagueofoceancity.org or by calling 410-524-9433.



Bank holds groundbreaking

Raymond M. Thompson, president and CEO of Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares, Inc. and Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company, has announced that the Bank has commenced construction of the newest Taylor Bank location in the Ocean Landing Shopping Complex in Berlin. The new location is expected to open to the public in the spring of 2016. The full-service branch will provide general banking services to residents and businesses located in the northern Worcester County area.

Attending this groundbreaking ceremony were bank executives and members of the board of directors from left to right; **Tina Kolarik**, Senior Vice President & Chief Operations Officer, **James Bergey, Jr.**, **G. Hale Harrison**, **M. Dean Lewis**, Assistant Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, **Ryan Bergey**, Architect **Jeff Schoellkopf**, **Raymond M. Thompson**, **Charlotte Cathell**, **Hale Harrison**, **Joseph Moore**, **Donna Villani** and **Sam Yoder** of Bunting Construction, **Louis Taylor**, **John H. Burbage, Jr.**, and **Peggy Welsh** Senior Vice President and Chief of Branch Administration.



Club visits senior center

Members of the Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines visited the Berlin Senior Center to make Thanksgiving crafts with the clients. The seniors created a cork coaster with a turkey theme and an edible turkey made of candy and Oreo cookies. The Pine'eer Craft Club members visit the center once a month as part of their outreach program.

Members of the Berlin Senior Center show off their turkey-shaped coasters which they made with the assistance of members of the Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines.



Kiwanis participates in Halloween festivity

The Kiwanis Club made hot chocolate, spider and bat cupcakes and hot dogs at the Whitehorse Park Halloween celebration November 1 to raise funds for the club's Scholarship Foundation. Pictured are (L-R) Kiwanian **Pat Winkelmayer** and Kiwanis "Dawg Team" Chair **Barb Peletier** serving "Goblin(g)" customers.

Veterans' benefits seminar set

Veterans, do you know what benefits you are eligible for through the Veterans Administration? There will be a Veterans Benefits Seminar on Saturday November 21, 2015 from 10 a.m. at The American Legion Post 166 located at 2308 Philadelphia Avenue in Ocean City. A continental breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. before the seminar. Please enter through the 24th Street door. The event is free to all veterans. Attendees will learn about health-care eligibility, pension benefits, survivors' benefits, educational benefits, home loan guaranty and the new VA eBenefits portal.

For more information call Service Officer Bill Wolf at 443-366-2994 or email him at service-officervva@gmail.com. Bill is American legion Post 166 Service Officer and VA certified through the Vietnam Veterans of America. He is also a member of VVA Ocean City Chapter 1091.

Students to fundraise for Relay for Life

The student Kiwanis Club at Stephen Decatur Middle School (SDMS), known as Builders Club, is fundraising for Relay for Life. One event includes partnering with the local Chipotle restaurant at 12909 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City on Monday, November 16 between 4 and 8 p.m. Those interested in participating can show the cashier the flyer, show it on their smart phones or say that they are supporting the SDMS fundraiser when purchasing their dinner. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated back to SDMS Builders Club for their Relay for Life project fighting the battle against cancer.

The second part of the project includes walking with the Builders Club on Thursday November 19 from 3 until 4:30 p.m. at the school, located on Seahawk Road in Berlin. They plan to reach their goal of \$1000 for SDMS Relay for Life. Mindy Bankert-Ouellet, the teacher and adviser to the Builders Club said, "The main objective of this project is to create awareness about the different types of cancers, prevention and treatment. Each day the students will provide public service announcements that they have created, along with posters about a cancer. Then the student body will dress in the color that represents that cancer. For example, Tuesday will be breast cancer, so all students and staff will wear pink and learn facts about breast cancer. We planned this during American Education Week which is also our SDMS Health Fair. We are hoping to get a lot of buy-in from students, staff and parents."

Anyone interested can visit the school's website at www.sdmsmiddle.com.

Fall bazaar scheduled

The Germantown School Community Heritage School is hosting a fall bazaar at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center located on 10223 Trappe Road in Berlin. The event will take place Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The bazaar features baked goods, potted plants, homemade relish, Afghans and a white elephant table. For more information call 410-641-0638.

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Ways to live life to the fullest

Time is a precious commodity, which is why many people try to embrace life and live it to the fullest.

Although many people adopt the philosophy of living life to the fullest at

doing as much as possible to make those goals a reality. Freeman and Nicholson played two terminally ill men who set off to complete their personal to-do lists before their diseases catch up with them. The movie helped coin the term “bucket list,” which is a reference to things individuals want to do before they “kick the bucket.”

Although the two main characters in the film are terminally ill, the idea of creating a bucket list is something anyone hoping to live a full, adventurous life can do. In fact, several bucket list organizations have sprung up, and other groups help make trips and other goals happen. People can even meet up with others who share the same desires and do them together.

While anyone’s bucket list is a personal endeavor, there are some goals that are quite popular and desired by many. The following are some ideas to get a person started.

1. Throw a party on a rooftop in a bustling city or urban center.

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a young age, this approach garnered greater attention thanks to a 2007 movie. Directed by Rob Reiner, “The Bucket List” starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman introduced a larger audience to setting goals and



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Courier Bookshelf

by **Dolores E. Pike**



'The Cuckoo's Calling' by Robert Galbraith

Robert Galbraith's debut novel, "The Cuckoo's Calling," entered the world of detective fiction with Cormoran Strike as the latest private-eye poised to command readers' attention in this busy field. A big bear of a man, Strike has a medical discharge from the British Army, after serving in Afghanistan where he lost part of his right leg in an explosion. Only recently has he established his detective agency which is financially struggling. On top of this he has parted with his longtime girlfriend and had to call home now a camped in his office with his jumbled possessions in cardboard boxes stowed behind a file cabinet. This is all outlined succinctly in the beginning and sets the stage nicely as a lead up to the story. As you read on you pick up the bits and pieces of the thread of Strike's life as he works the case.

Enter into this grim start two events that will change his situation, this time for the better...a wealthy client and a capable secretary to take over the desk in the front office.

The client, John Bristow, remembers Strike from a brief encounter years ago and wants him to look into the recent death of his sister Lula Landry. The police have investigated the famous model's death, a dive from the high balcony of her Mayfair apartment building onto London's snow covered street and pronounced it suicide. At first Strike is convinced that the police got it right but Bristow is insistent on reinvestigation and the money will come in handy.

What evolves is Strike's gradual

turn of mind the more he delves into the case. As he plows through the involved and some uninvolved players he encounters the high and mighty of the fashion and rock world where Lula was affectionately known by the nickname Cuckoo. As well as meeting the dysfunctional family that adopted her, Strike grapples with her birth mother. In the ensuing interviews of all parties the author uses this platform to emphasize the ongoing differences in the British societal classes.

When this book was first published and took its place on the crowded bookshelves straining under the weight of an overload of detective novels, it barely managed a blip on any radar screen. According to the *New York Times* only 1,500 copies were sold. Then an anonymous tip to the *London Sunday Times* revealed that Robert Galbraith was none other than

J. K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter books. And "The Cuckoo's Calling" catapulted onto the best seller list immediately. (One publisher has admitted to turning down the manuscript under the Galbraith name.)

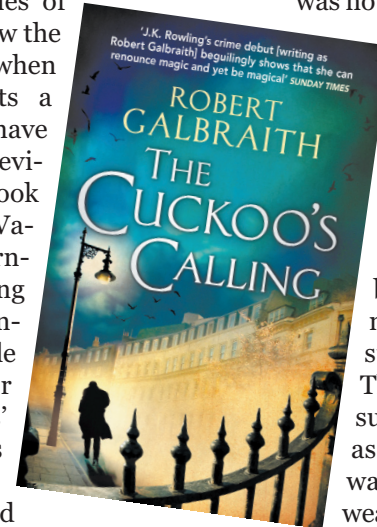
This then focuses, as it should, on the caliber of writing, the resiliency of editors and the vagaries of the book world; and how the scales might be tipped when a famous author puts a thumb on the scale. I have read Ms. Rowling's previous effort in the adult book world, "The Casual Vacancy," a look at government subsidized housing in Britain. Again an indictment of class struggle addressed in both her novels on the adults' shelves. Her book was moderately well received and published under the Rowling name. I thoroughly enjoyed it, found it well written and recommended it in a review.

As for navigating old waters with a new detective series, over the years I have plowed my way through many in the genre and over the years have

formed my personal choices...barely able to wait till the next book of a series is published. And I'm sorry to say this is not one of them. Oh, Ms. Rowling made it all fit together with the plot dovetailing nicely into characters and theme tied up in a nice but bulky package in the final pages. But for me there was no excitement in her writing,

no catchy one-liners, no quotable comments and no enlightening moments. There was no pizzazz to her work. Example: "The day of her death she had not been herself." And more of the same in the succeeding chapters. Though the book is casually enjoyable it is just as easily laid aside to watch the local evening weather report.

Ms. Rowling, still under the name Galbraith, is continuing with her new hero, Cormoran Strike. (Where does she get these names?) Her second book in this series "A Career of Evil" has recently been published.



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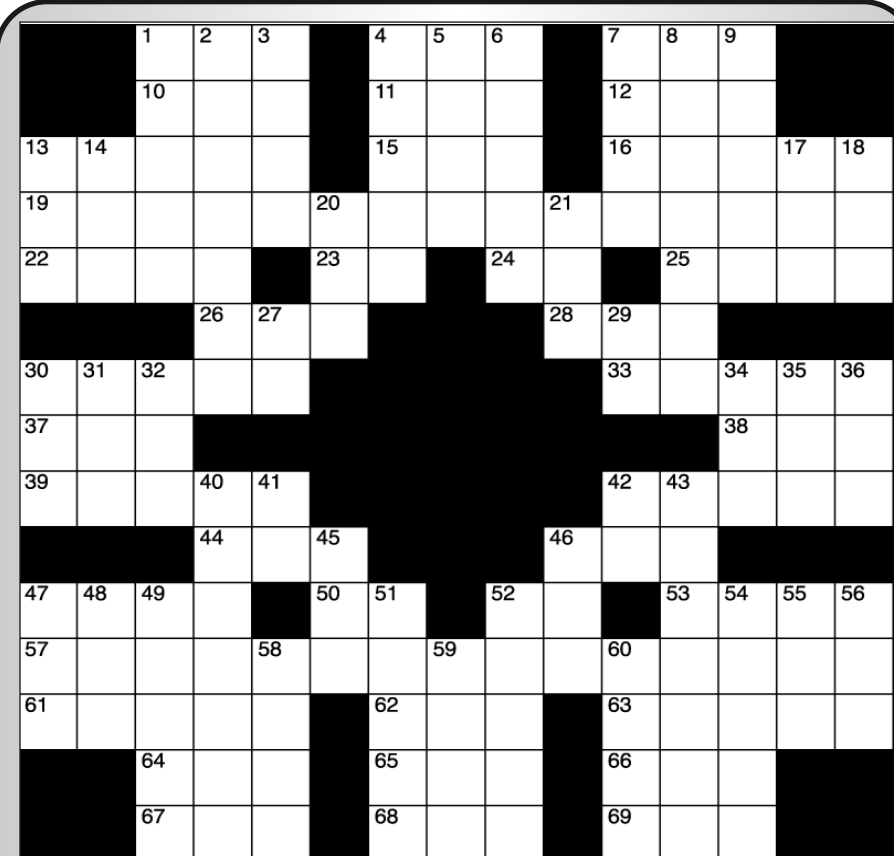


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68. Feeling sorrow
69. Straggle



Answers for Nov 4

That's how my garden grows...



By Betty McDermott

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

Mother Nature gave us a glorious October with warm, sunny days and some with just a bit of a chill but no hurricanes. We did experience a Nor'easter with a lot of wind but nothing damaging. Lucky Us! Once we get thru November, our chances of hurricanes or tropical storms are pretty much over.

There are several chores and items to consider doing outside before heavy frosts and freezing temperatures arrive. So, let's begin with these reminders.

If you planted "mums" in September or October and want to save them for next year, here is what is recommended. If the plant is still in a pot, remove the plant, dig a hole larger than the plant and place in the ground in a sunny spot. Water well. Cut the spent foliage back to three or four inches after they have finished flowering. Lay these cuttings down on top of the plant as natural protection from freezing. Next fall you should have some beautiful mums.

Fruit trees, lilacs, forsythia and many other deciduous flowering shrubs will benefit from a gentle fall pruning. Evergreen flowering shrubs, such as rhododendrons and azaleas should not be pruned in the fall. Prune them in the spring just after they have finished putting on their show.

Winterize your terracotta or pottery containers that you have outside

because if there is any moisture or water inside these containers, it will freeze and crack your containers. Last year I made that mistake with my terracotta strawberry planter and it cracked and fell apart with plants still in it. I went to buy another one to replace it and it was priced at \$38.00 dollars, so I decided to patch it myself. I saved all the pieces, brought them inside and cleaned all pieces well and patched it with gorilla glue. Once it was dry, I used duck tape on the inside to reinforce the parts I had glued. Success! It held up beautifully this summer for my portulaca plants inside and they are still blooming. However, I will remove the plants and bring my large terra cotta jar into my garage this week for I have learned my lesson. To protect plants and your containers, bring them inside or at least place them in an area protected from the winds and extreme temperatures. If you have a garage, I suggest you store them there for the winter. If you want to save the plants that are still in the pots, do not encourage new growth by fertilizing, so stop the fertilizing and keep watering to a minimum.

If you are by the water or in a very windy area, it will pay you to apply an antidessicant to your broad leafed evergreens, such as azaleas, rhododendrons, and camellias. Spray now and then again in February for added protection. I did not do this last year

please see **garden** on page 11

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., November 12	7:30 a.m. 7:47 p.m.	1:10 a.m. 1:51 p.m.	6:38 a.m.	4:51 p.m.
Fri., November 13	8:11 a.m. 8:29 p.m.	1:48 a.m. 2:32 p.m.	6:39 a.m.	4:50 p.m.
Sat., November 14	8:52 a.m. 9:11 p.m.	2:28 a.m. 3:15 p.m.	6:41 a.m.	4:49 p.m.
Sun., November 15	9:35 a.m. 9:55 p.m.	3:10 a.m. 4:01 p.m.	6:42 a.m.	4:48 p.m.
Mon., November 16	10:20 a.m. 10:43 p.m.	3:57 a.m. 4:50 p.m.	6:43 a.m.	4:47 p.m.
Tues., November 17	11:09 a.m. 11:37 p.m.	4:49 a.m. 5:43 p.m.	6:44 a.m.	4:47 p.m.
Wed., November 18	12:04 p.m.	5:47 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	6:45 a.m.	4:46 p.m.



Honoring veterans - The congregants at the Community Church at Ocean Pines, attending the Veterans Day Sunday morning Contemporary Service, were given a special surprise when noted singer and former Army Green Beret Randy Lee Ashcraft joined the service singing some religious songs from his youth and contemporary tunes honoring veterans. Congregants also joined Randy in singing "Amazing Grace." Randy was invited to the church by his friend Mike Hughes, the new director of the 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Service which features the "Psalm 66 Band." Veterans also participated in leading the worship service and photos were shown of church members past and present who served in the Armed Forces. Pastor Boyd tied it all together utilizing Scripture from Ruth about An Oath of Loyalty. Shown in the photo left to right are **Mike Hughes, Randy Lee Ashcraft, Pastor Boyd Etter** and 1st class petty officer **Jason Coyman**



Fralley serves 50 years

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City is losing long time member, Bob Fralley, who is moving to Bonita Springs, FL with his wife Emma. Bob has been a member of Kiwanis for 50 years with the local club being his last stop.

At the weekly meeting on Wednesday, October 21 in the Ocean Pines Community Center, members gathered around Bob (center in light blue shirt) to say farewell at his last meeting.



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and the winter was so bitter and windy that my two camellia japonica bushes did not produce the beautiful blossoms this past spring as they normally did in the past.

Do not cut down tea roses until mid March. You can trim some of the longer branches or canes to prevent wind-whipped damage. Rose pruning should be done in late February or early to mid March, just as new buds are forming. Remember to prune just above an outward growing bud.

Rake and shred fallen leaves; use for compost in your garden.

Start hyacinths in bulb glasses indoors for a touch of spring.

Move your dormant amaryllis plants into light to begin the growth cycle; refresh soil and start watering.

If you want beautiful color in your house, buy yourself an amaryllis plant and follow the directions on the box.



By Christmas you will have a spectacular Christmas plant in bloom.

Check houseplants regularly for insect and disease problems. Remember to water.

Complete your bulb planting outside before the ground freezes.

Hang out those bird feeders and feed the birds; they will return again and again to keep your dormant garden company.

I wish all my readers a very Happy Thanksgiving and safe traveling.

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- Nathaniel Hawthorne

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servicemen and women.

Visit a military memorial in a city near you. Your town also may have its own memorial.

Petition town officials to erect a memorial if your town does not already have one. Such memorials can be a source of inspiration for your community.

Support a military family in your town who may be missing a loved one stationed elsewhere. Make meals, mow the lawn, help with grocery shopping, or simply provide emotional support.

Volunteer time at a veterans' hospital. You may be able to read with veterans or engage in other activities.

Get involved with a military support charity that



can provide much-needed funds to struggling families or disabled veterans.

Have children speak with veterans in your family, including grandparents, uncles and aunts or even their own parents. It can help them gain perspective on the important roles the military plays.

Ask a veteran to give a commencement speech at a school or to be the guest of honor at a special function.

Drive disabled veterans to doctors' appointments or to run any errands.

Support a local VFW organization.

Create a scrapbook for a veteran in your life.

Cheer for or thank military personnel each time you see them.

Visit the veterans' portion of a nearby cemetery and place poppies or other flowers on the graves.

Always keep the military on your mind and never forget those who have served and didn't return home.

Armistice Day, Remembrance Day and Veterans Day are great ways to honor past and current military for their service and sacrifice.

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2. Take a parent on his or her dream vacation.
3. Immerse yourself in the culture of a foreign country.
4. Go back to school to embark on a different career.
5. See the Northern Lights.
6. Become fluent in another language.
7. Go on safari and see endangered animals in their natural habitats.
8. Take friends on a skydiving adventure.
9. Drive cross-country.
10. Tour every continent.
11. Do a professional photo shoot with you as

- the model.
12. Meet your favorite actor, athlete and/or author.
 13. Be an extra in a movie.
 14. Publish a book of any sort.
 15. Participate in a festival, such as running with the bulls or Oktoberfest, in the festivals' countries of origin.
 16. Dive at the Great Barrier Reef.
 17. Fly a plane.
 18. Gather your entire family together for the biggest family reunion yet.
 19. Try a new hobby that is out of your comfort zone.
 20. Travel to the top of the tallest building in the world.

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Mondays

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: jean-duck47@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.

Church Thrift Shop

Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin is open Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sale Fridays. Call 410-641-1137.

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The Shepherd's Nook at Community Church at Ocean Pines is

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Diakonia Thrift Shop

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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

Bring non-perishable groceries and paper goods to the Ocean Pines southside fire hall 1 -3 p.m. to benefit local food banks.

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.choosetoliveinmaryland.org.

Fourth Wednesday

Marine Corps League

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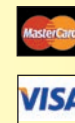
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WINE about it

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A Mediterranean Flair at the Bloxom Winery

Today we are venturing to the Bloxom Winery located at 26130 Mason Road in the small town of Bloxom, Virginia. This winery prides itself as being the oldest on Virginia's picturesque Eastern Shore. Another pleasant surprise as you visit the winery is how the wines have an Italian, French and Spanish flair based on the fascinating background of the owners.

Both the owners, Robert and Francesca Giardina, were born in Morocco yet their families come from Italian and Spanish heritage. Robert recalls growing up in Morocco until he was 15 in the mid-1960s and though his last name is Italian, he grew up speaking French. Morocco still had a lot of French influence because it had been a French colony until gaining independence in 1956. Robert learned the winemaking business from his maternal grandfather who used to work for a winery and from his father's side of the family who grew grapes in Italy.

In search of new opportunities, Robert's mother moved the family to New York City where her brother was living. This was quite an undertaking as the two hadn't seen each other in 40 years. As his career, Robert secured work doing home remodeling of brownstones in the city, and he made wine on the side as a hobby. As he describes it, "I got into wine because I like to drink it. The wines I like to drink are very expensive and so I decided to make my own." In 1996 at the age of 45, Robert met Francesca through Francesca's father over what else, but a glass of wine? Robert and Francesca immediately hit it off and they have been together ever since.

Two years later, Robert decided he was ready to leave the hustle and bustle of the city in search of a place where he and Francesca could grow their own grapes. He remembered passing through the Eastern Shore of Virginia during a visit in the 1980s and thought the area "might make a nice place to grow a few vines for myself and work when I felt like it." He saw an advertisement in a New York newspaper for a farm sale in the area, so he called to inquire about it. The price was right, and after visiting the property,

the Giardinas took the plunge and bought it. With the proceeds from selling their New York home, they were able to buy the Bloxom farm without a mortgage and with some breathing room to plant a few grapevines. He planted six acres of the best grape varieties he could find and the Bloxom Winery concept was born.

Robert and Francesca then set to work on constructing their winery building by hand. As you walk in the doors of the winery, you cannot help but admire the craftsmanship including the beautiful hardwood ceilings. Robert said it was an adventure laying the wood and using

the nail gun for the ceiling work, but the result is gorgeous. Outside the winery is also stunning with its array of colorful flowers.

The winery was not without bumps in the road, as Robert discovered that half of the grapevines he initially purchased and planted turned out to be no good. During the year it took to re-plant, Robert and Francesca's daughter Angelica was born. Today she is a vital part of the Bloxom Winery's success. Francesca's background is as a pastry chef, and she makes all the foods served at the winery. These foods include authentic Italian pizzas, rolls, and cheese sticks made in their wood-fired oven as well as a divine chocolate mousse. All are wonderful accompaniments to the delicious wines.

The Bloxom Chardonnay is an unoaked Chardonnay made in stainless steel tanks. The wine is very crisp with tastes of pear. Next is Red Kiss, which is

a red grape blend. This is Robert's signature wine because it is his own recipe. He recommends serving it chilled, and I can personally recommend it while also enjoying Francesca's chocolate mousse. The label is very eye-catching as it has Francesca's lips as the kiss. The two red wines are the Merlot and the Cabernet Franc. The Merlot is very smooth and mellow with a delicious smoky flavor. The Cabernet Franc is also smoky with additional tastes of pepper. Robert finds that the Cabernet Franc grape grows best in this climate as it doesn't mind the sandy soil or humidity. The Prosecco is a sparkling wine that is popular as a beginning or ending to a meal.

This autumn I would suggest a visit to the Bloxom Winery. The hours are Saturday from noon - 7 p.m. and the excursion and enjoyable experience will be well worth it.

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