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### **Democrat clubs to hold picnic**

The three Worcester County Democratic clubs will hold their Labor Day picnic from noon until 3 p.m. at the White Horse Park pavilion on Monday, September 7. Guest speaker is Chuck Cook, Political Director of the Maryland Democratic Party.

Plenty of burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, desserts, sodas, water & beer. Admission is \$15 per person; \$25 per couple. No walk ins. Send check, payable to the Democratic Club of Worcester County (DCWC) to Kay Hickman, PO Box 1222, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

### **Bull and Oyster Roast set**

The Knights of Columbus will host its second annual Bull and Oyster Roast on Sunday, September 27 at Columbus Hall located at 9901 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, behind St. Luke's Church. The event will take place between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The motorcycle drawing will take place at 5 p.m. For more information call 410-524-7994.

### **Pines flea market set**

Treasure seekers are encouraged to hunt for bargains at Ocean Pines' semi-annual Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, September 12 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Gently used clothing, children's items, household items, collectibles and more will be for sale.

Flea market vendor spaces are still available. An indoor space is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for non-residents and includes an 8-ft. table and a chair.

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Admission is free and open to the public. Free parking is also available at the community center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

Shoppers may also stop by the Ocean Pines Farmers Market for fresh produce, baked goods, meats and gourmet pantry and artisan-crafted items. The market is held every Saturday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in White Horse Park, located next to the community center.

For more information or to inquire about participating as a vendor, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.



### **Boat Club events**

On Sunday, August 16, more than 150 members and guests of the Ocean Pines Boat Club enjoyed a crab feast at the American Legion Club in Ocean City. Waterman's supplied the crabs. No one enjoyed picking crabs more than member **Norman Murphy** shown above.

Anyone in Ocean Pines who is interested in joining the boat club should contact Sharon Connelly at [sharonconnelly1@verizon.net](mailto:sharonconnelly1@verizon.net). Members do not need to own a boat to join. The next general meeting of the club is September 16 at 7:15 p.m. in the Assateague Room in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Steven Habeger will be the speaker. Mr. Habeger has worked for many years in the Navy at Wallops Island and will discuss the space program at Wallops.

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This event allows dogs and their owners the chance to splash and swim in the pool before it closes for the season.

Dogs that weigh less than 20 pounds will be able to swim from 10

a.m. to 11 a.m. Dogs of all sizes will be allowed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost of the event, which is open to the public, is \$6 per dog. All dog handlers must be at least 18 years of age and any youth under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Dogs should have current vaccinations, including rabies.

Proceeds from the Doggie Swim will benefit the Worcester County Humane Society.

## DAR honors Vietnam veterans

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honored the men of Worcester County who gave their lives for our country in Vietnam and thanked all Vietnam veterans and their families at a Vietnam War commemoration on August 18. The date was significant in that it marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Operation Starlite, the first major U.S. led ground offensive in Vietnam. The ceremony of remembrance was held at the Vietnam Memorial marker located outside the Worcester County court house in Snow Hill. A wreath was placed at the marker and followed by the reading of eighteen names, each punctuated by a single bell toll. The chapter also thanked and honored seventy-two Vietnam veterans and their families with certificates of appreciation.

The General Levin Winder Chapter is a Commemorative Partner of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration authorized by the U.S. Congress to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. More information on this program can be found at [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com).



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Most Americans consider Labor Day a uniquely American experience, but in all reality, Labor Day has its origins in Canada. Stemming from 1870's labor disputes in Toronto, in 1872 a parade was held in support of a strike against the 58 hour workweek. As a result, 24 union leaders who were responsible for organizing the event were arrested under anti-union laws.

The first US observance of Labor Day came in the form of a parade. Sponsored by the Central Labor Union, On September 5th, 1882 ten thousand workers paraded through New York City. This is commonly considered the first observance of Labor Day in America.



# Pines Neighborhood Watch Crime update

By **David C. Massey, Ed.D.**  
*Ocean Pines Chief of Police*

**Heroin Addiction:**

As you have probably read, the problem of heroin addiction is a national problem. Every community now faces the consequences of cheap heroin, and the resulting pain and suffering caused by this most serious and dangerous addiction. Police and emergency medical workers are now responding to overdose cases, which all too often result in accidental death.

We in Ocean Pines are not immune to this problem as a recent overdose death in our community indicates.

There are other criminal consequences of this addiction. Addicts, in desperation, often resort to criminal activity to raise money for a fix. They may break into a residence to steal jewelry or other goods to sell. Recently, we arrested a 17 year old who had burglarized several residences. He was a heroin addict with a substantial habit.

Our state government has formed

a task force to analyze and address the growing problem of heroin addiction. The Ocean Pines Police Department has applied for a federal grant to fund an additional police officer position, which shall enable us to place an officer in the county-wide Criminal Enforcement Team (CET). This unit, under the direction of our Sheriff, is specifically addressing narcotics trafficking. We work closely with this unit, but having our own officer in the unit will provide an additional level of enforcement in Ocean Pines.

**Uber Driver Assault:**

A 25 year old Pocomoke man was charged with Second Degree Assault after assaulting an Uber taxi driver in Ocean Pines. Citizens should recognize that driving a self-regulated taxi service is not without danger.

**Jet Ski Theft Arrest:**

While on patrol, an Ocean Pines Police Officer noticed suspicious activity at a residence in Ocean Pines. Two individuals were hooking up a trailer carrying two jet skis in the early morning hours. Upon seeing the Officer,

please see **crime watch** on page 12

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## Silly pastime, silly shows

This week, a little nostalgia. A trip down memory lane. An excursion to yesteryear. Quite a build up, huh?

From time to time when I need a distraction, when I need something through which I can escape and for lack of a better word, "veg," I turn to YouTube and search snippets, clips

Show" or something called the "Pruitts of Southampton" starring Phyllis Diller? Regardless, watching the credits of these shows, whether hits or flops, fascinates me the way an archeologist is enthralled by finding part of a broken urn from some ancient culture.



### **It's All About. . .**

By **Chip Bertino**

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and videos of times past, specifically television-times past. Reruns you might say. Sort of like eating a favorite comfort food on a cold and frigid day, which by the way for me is my wife's pot roast, I like to watch opening credits to old, sometimes very old television shows. Don't ask me why. I don't know. It's just something I do from time to time. The experience is simultaneously sophomoric as I watch primitive animated opening graphics popular in the 1950s and early 1960s and fascinating because it was a lifetime ago when Marcus Welby made house calls and there were only three television networks vying for attention.

Now before you pass judgment or sneer in my general direction, it's clear my interest in such long ago television memories is shared by others given the wealth of material available online with just a couple key strokes. Although the video quality is marginal at best sometimes, looking through a time portal when black and white was the norm and the NBC peacock was still a chick not yet having spread its vibrant tail feathers, the experience is an engrossing pleasure.

For instance, watching a sequence of theme introductions for shows on the air in 1966 is akin to coming across a jelly glass in an antique store that tickles a sense of nostalgia. Admittedly I don't remember that year's network television schedule firsthand. My mommy was, that year, putting me to bed by six. Yet, I still enjoy watching what viewers were expected to tune into by executives of ABC, NBC and CBS. "Bewitched." "That Girl." Remember those? How about "Love on a Rooftop" or "The Tammy Grimes

When you watch these clips sequentially starting from the dawn of television in the late 1940s and early 1950s, you see the medium maturing. Television westerns were a mainstay in the 1950s and early 1960s and their openings always included a sweeping view of the open terrain and a sweeping soundtrack to match. Think "Bonanza" or "The High Chaparral." Things changed in the 1970s when programming took on a more cultural relevance due in large part to Norman Lear.

Also fun to do during these journeys down Television Lane is to spot the recurrent appearances of actors in different shows. John Astin is remembered as Gomez in the "Addams Family" but he also starred in the aforementioned "The Pruitts of Southampton" as well as the short-lived series, "Operation Petticoat" and an even shorter-run series, "I'm Dickens, He's Fenster." In case you're wondering, he played Dickens. Fenster was played by? Quick, do you know? Okay, I'll tell you. Marty Ingels. By the way Ingels is married to Shirley Jones, who between 1970 and 1974 portrayed Mrs. Partridge, traveling with her singing family in a multi-colored school bus.

It's common television history knowledge that Dick Sargent was the second Darrin in "Bewitched" replacing Dick York. Yet he was also a main actor in a show called "One Happy Family," with Jody Warner that ran for just 15 episodes in 1961. He was also a regular in the "Tammy Grimes Show," which had an even shorter run of four episodes in 1966. It's probably good he eventually got the "Bewitched" gig.

Jerry Van Dyke, Dick's younger brother, pops up seemingly every season in a new show during the 1960s.

Okay, go ahead you can chuckle now at my trivial pastime. But the next time you're switching channels and come across Nick at Nite or Antenna TV, you're going to think of me.

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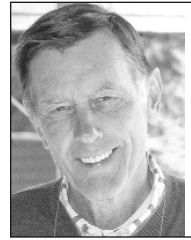
# A failure to communicate?

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

Dr. Memo Diriker, founding director of the Business Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON), of the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business at Salisbury University, was clearly upset at last Friday's meeting of the OPA Comprehensive Plan Committee. At one point he even stormed out of the room, only to return shortly at the urging of OPA President Pat Renaud.

BEACON was hired by the OPA Board of Directors to do a study intended to assist the committee in completing a new comprehensive plan for Ocean Pines. The BEACON study involves obtaining input from individuals in and around Ocean Pines.

Diriker's sense of frustration was evident early in the meeting when association member John Roeder was recognized by committee chairman Steve Cohen and then quietly inquired



**Joe Reynolds**

about why so many OPA employees were in the mix and suggested it should be mainly regular association members.... or words generally to that effect. Roeder suggested the inclusion of OPA employees and other "important" people was perhaps making association members upset with the process.

Anyway, Diriker did not handle Roeder's question well. Obviously agitated by Roeder's question, Diriker said he was tired of answering these questions about the process of the study. He went on to say he would explain one more time and not again. He said if he had to explain again perhaps he would re-evaluate whether or not his BEACON group would do the study.

Later in the meeting the discussion moved to the two or three focus groups called for in the work to be accomplished by BEACON. I asked the Chairman "How are you going to select the people to participate in the focus groups?"

When Diriker began to answer, and knowing the frustration he expressed at Roeder's question, I said, "I was not asking you the question. I was asking the committee the question."

That's when he said something to the effect that he was fed up and stormed out of the room. Shortly after, OPA president Pat Renaud left and caught up with Diriker and he returned. Association member Lois West attended the committee meeting and later described Diriker's behavior as "rude and inexcusable." Perhaps a

tad strong. Everyone experiences frustration from time to time, and sometimes we don't always handle it as well as we would like.

One can reasonably understand Diriker's frustration with a lack of community understanding of just what his group is going to do for \$14,000. When association members are told this BEACON study may well influence the very future of OPA, someone should be clearly communicating the what, why, and how of the study. Whether that is the responsibility of BEACON or the OPA Board of Directors can be debated. In my view the responsibility lies with the Board of Directors. The board hired BEACON, so the board should be able to clearly explain to association members the what, why, and how of the study.

A memorable line from the 1967 film *Cool Hand Luke*, starring Paul Newman, comes to mind. "What we've got here is failure to communicate."

With regard to who will participate in the important focus groups, it appears OPA Facilities Manager Jerry Aveta, staff liaison to the committee, is going to get together a list of names for possible participants in the two 6 to 12-person focus groups. Any reasonable individual might well conclude that the selection of those participating in the focus groups will have an influence on what questions evolve as a result of the focus groups.

During committee discussion Aveta also backed away strongly from comments attributed to him in a recent newspaper article saying OPA employees were not happy about participating, even suggesting his comments at the time were off the record—

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**Memo Diriker**



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# I Love to Cook!

by Bev Wisch



Where did summer go? Although I love September at the beach and the crowds have gone home as soon as school starts. My garden is about finished except for a few stray tomatoes and cukes. My herbs usually last quite a while longer.

By the end of summer, I always have crab meat in the freezer. What better time to make crab and corn chowder. This recipe is hearty enough to be dinner by itself. Just bake some French bread to accompany and dinner is ready. My family loves this and so will yours.

### Crab and Corn Chowder

- 2 T. olive oil or canola oil in Dutch oven
- 2 stalks chopped celery
- 1 large chopped onion
- 3 or 4 chopped pepperoncini
- Saute for about 5 minutes

Add salt/pepper, 1 T. chopped garlic, 2 T. each of chopped fresh basil, parsley

and dill, 1 T. garlic and herb seasoning, 3 shakes Old Bay, 3 dashes of hot sauce.

To this mixture, add 1-1/2 cups water and 1 T. sugar. When this comes to boil, add

- 1 bag frozen yellow corn or corn from 4/5 stalks fresh corn,
- 2 cans creamed corn,
- 5 T. butter,
- 2 cut-up potatoes.

Cook over medium heat for 10 minutes. Add 2 cups low fat milk (1%) and continue cooking on low heat until potatoes are tender. Take half of mixture and blend in blender. Add back to soup and continue baking for 10 more minutes stirring so as not to stick.

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even though perhaps said during a public committee meeting. Knowing the author as a competent, professional journalist, I believe the article was accurate.

I suspect Aveta will confer with his boss, Bob Thompson, and come up with the names of employees or others they wish to participate, and recommend those to the committee. Keep in mind there will be two focus groups — one of people like employees and board members, and a second of more or less regular association members who may be active in committees or other community activities. A third is also possible. This is essentially the process the Board of Directors voted to have Diriker and his BEACON

group do.

Diriker's proposal to the board said this about the focus groups: "Convene a series of opinion leader focus groups consisting of Elected Officials and Other Volunteers; Staff; External Stakeholders; Others (if needed)."

As was noted at the committee meeting, BEACON concluded 30 phone interviews of individuals selected from a pool of about 90 names provided by the committee. At the end of the committee meeting Aveta suggested the results of the phone calls were more or less "meaningless."

Committee member Frank Daly seems to have a decent grip on the overall study, and other committee members, Steve Cohen, Gail Blazer, and Tom Butler are doing all they can to support Diriker and move the

process forward.

Here's what I think will happen. Diriker will hold two or three focus groups with people selected by OPA staff and the committee. Diriker will review results of the focus groups and come up with suggested questions to be answered. Recent committee meeting minutes say there will be five questions determined after the focus groups meet; three will be decided by Diriker and two by OPA. Assuming the board likes the questions, there could be an online survey where everyone will be asked to participate. I suggested yesterday that the committee recommend to the board that the survey be done via United States mail to all association members. The committee voted to make that recommendation.

So, at some point that survey will be done..... and then BEACON and

OPA will move to phase two of the \$14,000 program.

Here is how the BEACON proposal describes Phase 2:

"A project team from Business, Economics, and Community Outreach Network of the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business at Salisbury University (BEACON), will design a series of scenario analysis models and accompanying decision support tools (Dashboards) to assist policy makers in Ocean Pines, Maryland (CLIENT) in exploring the costs, benefits, consequences, as well as economic, employment, and fiscal outcomes of a variety of community planning scenarios."

Make sense to you? Or do we need better communication on the what, why, and how of the entire process?

**bev**  
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Remove from heat and add 1/2 to 1 lb. backfin crabmeat. Stir and cover for a few minutes before serving. Add chopped green onion for garnish to each bowl.

Use the extra veggies from your garden to make another fall-season soup:

**Summer Garden Vegetable Soup**

Cut up - 2 - 3 carrots, yellow squash, 1 zucchini, 3 onions, 3 ribs celery, 5 mushrooms (optional) 1/2 red pepper, 1/2 green pepper, 1/2 cup lima beans, corn from 2 ears, 2 small potatoes, 1/4 head cabbage, 5 fresh basil leaves, fresh dill and parsley, garlic salt or chopped garlic, salt and pepper and cook in 2 cups water for about 15 minutes. Add fresh cherry tomatoes or 2 cans chopped tomatoes, 2 small cans tomato sauce and 2 small cans V-8 juice. This can also be frozen for later use.

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Admission is \$5; children under 12 are free. Directions: From Ocean City Factory Outlets Intersection of Route 50 and Route 611, follow Route 611 South (Assateague signs)

for about two miles. Airport sign and Airport Road on left. You will be directed to parking and bus transportation. For information contact Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207 or Airport Operations at 410-213-2471.

**Genealogy group to meet**

On Tuesdays September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 15 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Ocean Pines library a genealogy discussion group will be held. Everyone is welcome, from beginning researchers to experienced genealogists. Bring any questions and/or bring what you know. Prepare to share. The group will be moderated by Tom Dempsey, past vice president of SCGS and life-long researcher.



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# Bariatric Center receives accreditation

Patients seeking surgical treatment for severe obesity and its related conditions have a high-quality choice for receiving treatment at a nationally accredited program that meets the highest standards for patient safety and quality of care on the Eastern Shore.

Atlantic General Hospital has announced that Atlantic General Bariatric Center has been accredited as a Center of Excellence under the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP), a joint program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

(ASMBS).

The MBSAQIP Standards, outlined in the Resources for Optimal Care of the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Patient 2014 ensure that bariatric surgical patients receive a multidisciplinary program, not just a surgical procedure, which improves patient outcomes and long-term success. The accredited center offers preoperative and postoperative care designed specifically for their severely obese patients.

"We're very honored to have received this designation. Our team is very deserving of this accolade as they strive each day to provide patients

with the level of quality care they deserve in a safe, caring environment," commented Dr. Alae Zarif, Medical Director of Surgical Services at Atlantic General Bariatric Center.

Atlantic General Bariatric Center's commitment to quality care begins

with appropriately trained staff and the leadership of surgeons who participate in meetings throughout the year to review its outcomes. They seek continuous improvement to enhance the structure, process and outcomes of the center.

## Advisory committee to meet

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) Citizens Advisory Committee performs a dual role by providing the MCBP with valuable input from citizens and communicating the programs and progress of the organization to the community. Membership is open to everyone and includes representation from a

broad spectrum of major resources groups such as citizen's councils, business, farming, fishing, industry, recreational users and environmental citizens groups.

The next Citizens Advisory Committee meeting will take place in Berlin on Tuesday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the MCBP office at 8219 Stephen Decatur Highway (the former Pine Shores Golf Course).

Larry Walton of Vision Forestry will speak on the plans for Ilia Fehrer Nature Preserve. All are welcome to attend.

Light fare will be served. If you plan on coming, please RSVP to Programs Manager Jen Rafter at [jrafter@mdcoastalbays.org](mailto:jrafter@mdcoastalbays.org) or 410-213-2297 x109.

## Fall junior golf clinic offered

Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club will hold a junior golf clinic beginning Tuesday, September 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The four-session clinic, which is designed for ages five through 12, will also be held on September 15, September 22 and September 29. The cost for all four sessions is \$40 per player.

PGA Director of Golf John Malinowski and professional staff will provide instruction in driving, chipping, putting and more. Beginner and experienced junior players are encouraged to attend.

The clinic is open to the public. Equipment will be provided, or participants may bring their own.

For more information or to register, please contact the Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club at 410-641-6057.



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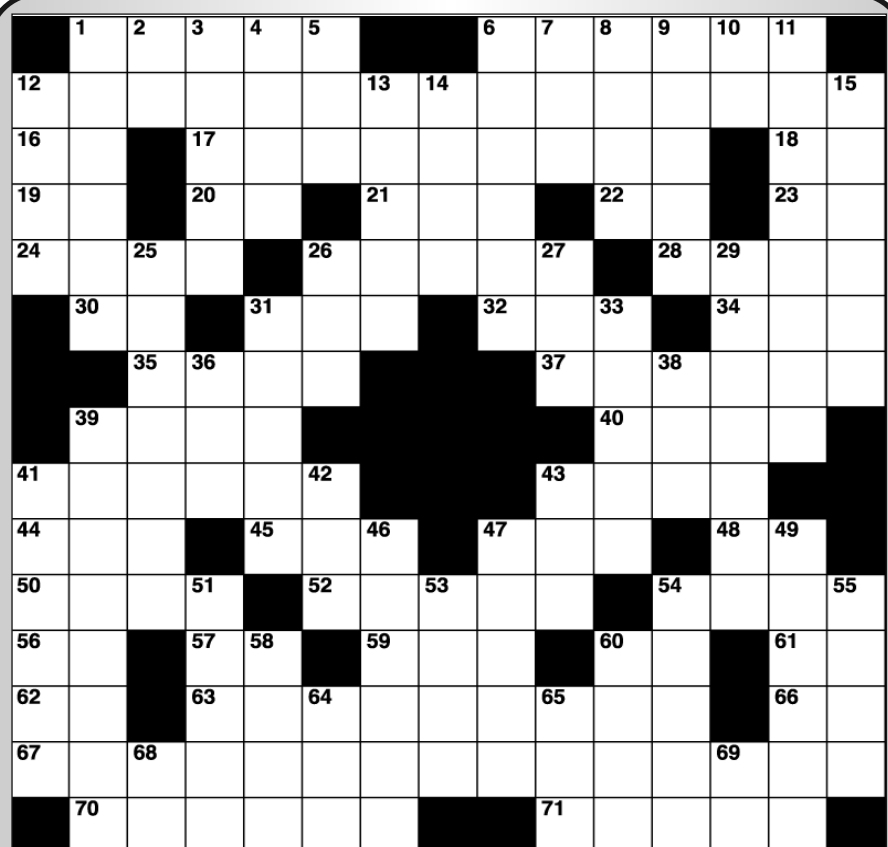
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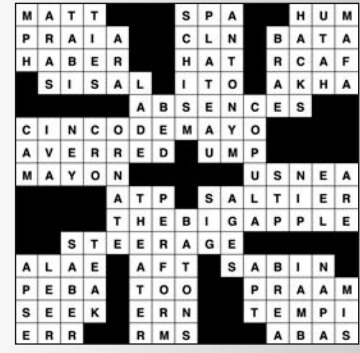


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  - 12. Fruit phrase: Life is just ....
  - 16. Undergraduate degree
  - 17. A way of damaging
  - 18. Indicates position
  - 19. Equally
  - 20. Manuscript (abbr.)
  - 21. \_\_\_ Lanka
  - 22. Thus
  - 23. 4th tone of scale
  - 24. Town or commune in France
  - 26. Sharp inclination
  - 28. Watering holes
  - 30. 1st state (abbr.)
  - 31. Cattle genus
  - 32. Type of American Indian
  - 34. Before
  - 35. Hairless
  - 37. Hosts film festival
  - 39. African tribe
  - 40. Loud crowd noise
  - 41. Quarter
  - 43. Swiss capital
  - 44. Sandhurst
  - 45. Golfer Snead
  - 47. Bachelor's Applied Science
  - 48. A radio band
  - 50. Assisting in some wrongdoing
  - 52. SW German state \_\_\_: Württemberg
  - 54. Rosary component
  - 56. Expresses surprise
  - 57. Hot Springs state (abbr.)
  - 59. Soak flax
  - 60. Atomic #73
  - 61. Exist
  - 62. Megabyte
  - 63. Energy in the form of waves or particles
  - 66. Farm state (abbr.)
  - 67. WWII flyer's phrase: On .....
  - 70. Store fodder for preservation
  - 71. Lubed
- DOWN**
- 1. Lowered in prestige
  - 2. Turin river
  - 3. Moves through water
  - 4. Disappearing shade trees
  - 5. Standard operating procedure
  - 6. A shrill cry
  - 7. Japanese apricot
  - 8. Emergency Response Notification System (abbr.)
  - 9. Sparta's ancient rival city
  - 10. The Ocean State
  - 11. Jack-tar
  - 12. Sleeveless Arab garments
  - 13. Abstains from food
  - 14. Waxed finish
  - 15. Conditions of balance
  - 25. Cloud of interstellar dust
  - 26. Turf
  - 27. Political action committee
  - 29. Repentant act
  - 31. B.B. King sang them
  - 33. Salesman's items
  - 36. Every
  - 38. Neither
  - 39. African nation
  - 41. Hindu's creator god
  - 42. The bill in a restaurant
  - 43. Edict
  - 46. Maritime
  - 47. Small bright tropical fish
  - 49. Cockered
  - 51. Mountain lakes
  - 53. No longer alive
  - 54. Unoriginal
  - 55. Costly
  - 58. Finger millet
  - 60. Aaron
  - 64. Dekaliter
  - 65. Initial public offering
  - 68. Not out
  - 69. Thou




Answers for August 26

*Eyes on the Skies*

# Cosmology and the Fate of the Universe

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



With the arrival of September the hot and humid dog days should be drawing to a close. The shorter days will offer greater opportunity for stargazing. Cygnus the Swan can be seen soaring overhead and a total lunar eclipse takes place later in the month.

This month, the column continues to focus on the big bang and will discuss the fate of the universe. Scientists know that the universe began with a big bang and is now expanding, thus raising the question of its ultimate destiny. Astronomers have been reading the cosmic tea leaves, predicting events in the remote future. Their concepts of either a "closed" and an "open" universe provide an interesting contrast.

According to the open universe idea, Hubble's expanding universe will forever increase its size and the galaxies will continue moving apart. Many astronomy hobbyists may remember Carl Sagan's 1980 "Cosmos" television program in which he referred to this open universe as "running away forever." Such unending expansion means that the usual gravitational forces within the cosmos would be overridden by the energy and speed of

the enlarging universe. Over the long eons, the stars will slowly die out and the gases will cool to very low temperatures. Cosmologists have described this as a "big chill."

For the "closed universe," the gravitational attraction would be the predominant force controlling the stars and galaxies. As a result, the expansion of the universe would not continue forever but a different fate would await. Sagan described the possibility of a closed universe in which the attraction of gravity would bring the expansion to a halt, followed by an era of contraction and ultimately a collapse. Cosmologists describe this dramatic, fateful event as the "big crunch."

To decide which of the two destinies will occur, cosmologists must determine how the forces may balance out. Given the known galactic expansion velocities of Hubble's Law, how does this compare to the universe's total gravity? Will gravity be enough to halt the expansion, producing a closed universe? Might the gravity be too weak, resulting in a forever expanding, open universe? One method astronomers are using is a matter cen-


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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., September 3	11:52 a.m.	5:36 a.m. 6:19 p.m.	6:31 a.m.	7:28 p.m.
Fri., September 4	12:14 a.m. 12:50 p.m.	6:31 a.m. 7:22 p.m.	6:32 a.m.	7:26 p.m.
Sat., September 5	1:11 a.m. 1:52 p.m.	7:29 a.m. 8:27 p.m.	6:33 a.m.	7:25 p.m.
Sun., September 6	2:14 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	8:29 a.m. 9:33 p.m.	6:34 a.m.	7:23 p.m.
Mon., September 7	3:23 a.m. 4:07 p.m.	9:31 a.m. 10:38 p.m.	6:35 a.m.	7:21 p.m.
Tues., September 8	4:28 a.m. 5:05 p.m.	10:32 a.m. 11:36 p.m.	6:36 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Wed., September 9	5:23 a.m. 5:54 p.m.	11:29 a.m.	6:37 a.m.	7:18 p.m.

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sus: counting up all of matter's mass present in both the ordinary and dark matter. This data relates to the gravitational attraction component of the calculations.

A key concept is the so-called "critical mass density." If the cosmos is lightweight i.e., if matter density is less than critical, the answer is an open universe and it will continue to expand. On the other hand, if the cosmos is heavyweight i.e., if the matter density exceeds critical, then gravity rules and causes the expansion to slow to a halt, followed by contraction and collapse. The third possibility is that the forces are in perfect balance with the matter equaling the critical amount, a middle ground status.

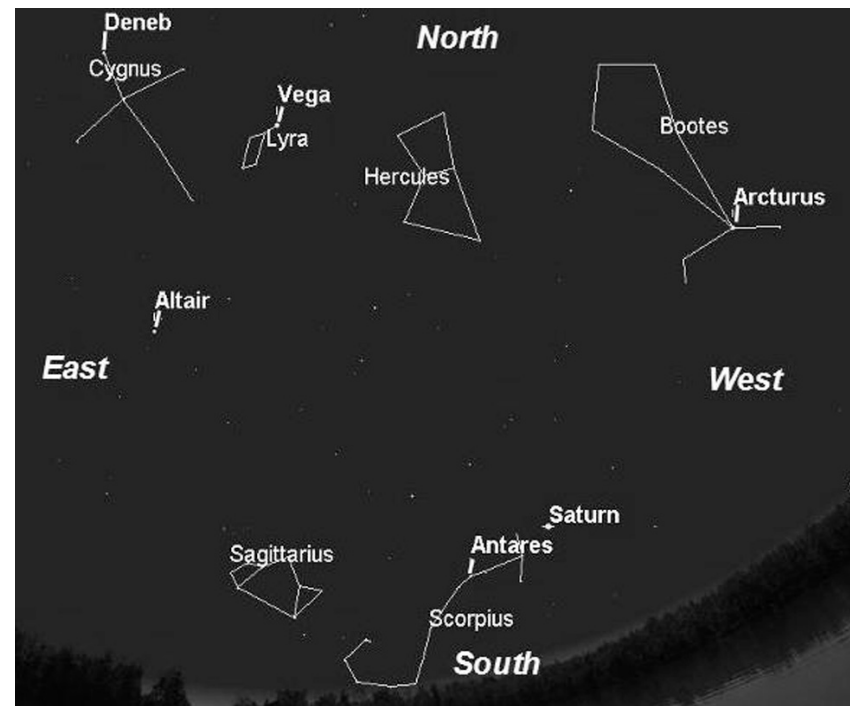
Some answers to these questions came decades later when several international teams of astronomers were studying remote supernova explosions. This will be discussed next month.

For those going outdoors in September, the constellation Cygnus the Swan (the Northern Cross), appears almost directly overhead when the sky grows fully dark around 8:30 p.m. The bright star Deneb appears in the northern-most position of the constellation's north-south line. To the west of Cygnus, also high overhead, the familiar bright star Vega can be seen. The final member of the summer triangle is the star Altair located to the south of Vega and Deneb,

Near the southern horizon a

unique pattern of stars can be seen. It is the teapot pattern within the constellation Sagittarius the Archer. This constellation will appear directly over the southern horizon at 8:30 p.m. To the west of Sagittarius is the constellation Scorpius the Scorpion and the planet Saturn

September ends with an enjoyable total lunar eclipse, on the night of the 27th. On that evening, the full moon should be easily visible over the eastern horizon at about 8 p.m. The effects of the eclipse should begin at a few minutes after 9 p.m. as the moon gradually darkens. The lunar disk will be fully eclipsed by about 10 minutes after 10 p.m. and will then appear as a faint orange sphere. At about 11:23 p.m. the eclipse will end as the moon begins to brighten, becoming fully bright by 12:27 a.m.



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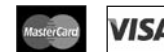
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## Actors sought

The Ocean Pines Players Youth Theater seeks young people, ages seven through 18, to audition for the Broadway musical "Beauty and the Beast." Tryouts will be held on Sunday, September 11, from 4:30 to 8:15 pm, at the Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room. Singers are asked to be prepared with 16 bars of any Broadway song. All will be taught a short dance combo that will be performed in small groups. Those who seek speaking roles will be asked to read a short passage from the show. Parents must accompany all children. The show dates are January 15, 16, and 17, on the stage of the Performing Arts Center, Ocean City, Maryland.

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### crime watch from page 4

the suspects attempted to flee the scene, towing the stolen jet skis. A high speed pursuit into Delaware then occurred, with the suspects apprehended in Delaware. The jet skis were recovered and the owners notified. The two suspects involved are awaiting charges in Delaware and then face extradition to Maryland.

Evidence obtained through Search and Seizure warrants in this case resulted in several other case clearances, including another stolen Jet Ski in Wicomico County. It is believed the suspects may have a heroin addiction.

### Drunk Driving Arrests:

Since our last Crime Bulletin, Ocean Pines Officers have arrested six (6) individuals for Drunk Driving.

### Domestic Assault Arrests:

Police arrested two individuals for domestic assault, in two separate incidents.

### Phone and Internet Scams:

Here is a list of recent phone scams our residents have reported to us. The best advice is never to give sensitive information over the phone, unless you have INITIATED the call, to a trusted site:

### Improved Credit Card Scam:

In this scam, the criminal states that he/she is from the credit card company and can give you an improved or lower rate. Once they get your credit card information, they empty your account.

### Family Hostage Scam:

The victim receives a telephone call saying a family member (usually a grandchild) is being held hostage or under arrest and needs bail or hostage release money. Money is then wired to the scammer, usually out of country.

### Computer Money Gram Scam:

The victim answers an email that promises to make him/her money through an investment. A fake check is sent the victim, who cashes the check then wires the money to the website in the hope of making a profit. Check then bounces and the victim wires the money out of country.

### Internal Revenue Scam:

A telephone call, allegedly from the Internal Revenue Service, demands payment of "back taxes". Money is then wired to scammers, who vanish.

### Craigslist Scam:

Victim advertises an item on Craigslist, and responds to a potential "buyer" who sends a bogus Paypal confirmation of payment. The victim then sends the item to the scammer, without payment.

### Special Events:

Police and our Neighborhood Watch assisted with traffic control at the local Craft Fair and Classic Car Show and parade. Thank you Neighborhood Watch!!!

### Suspicious Activity:

When you suspect suspicious activity, please call the police. There are times, after a crime has occurred, when a neighborhood check reveals a resident who saw the suspect, but being unsure of what was happening, failed to call the police. We often hear, "I didn't want to bother the police" or "I didn't want to get involved!" It is the job of your police department to investigate suspicious activity. There are times, when it turns out that the individual we investigate was not committing a crime, but all too often there WAS criminal activity afoot.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

### **Church Thrift Shop**

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

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### **Diakonia Thrift Shop**

'Used to be Mine' offers clothing, furniture, household items and more. Proceeds benefit Diakonia shelter and pantry. Located at Rte. 611 and Sunset Ave. Open 10 - 4. Call 410-213-0243.

## 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](http://www.choosetoliveinmaryland.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](http://www.firststatemarines.org).



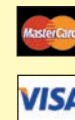
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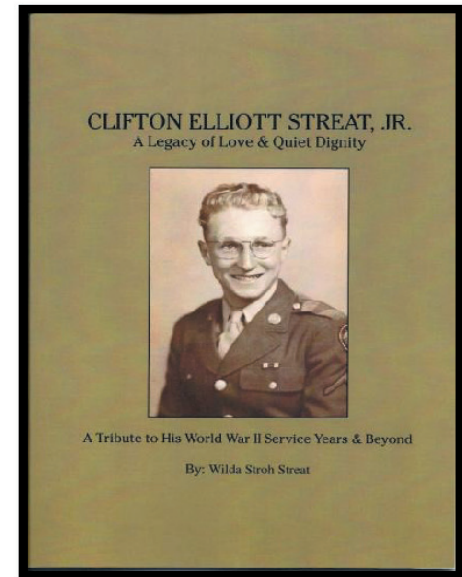
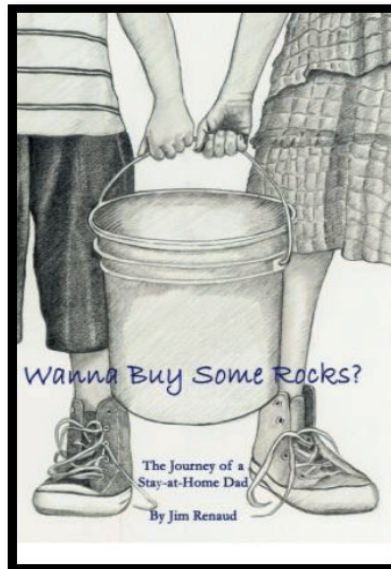
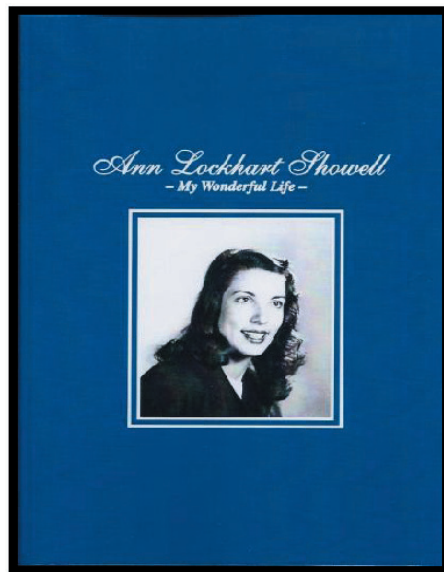
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