



# The Courier

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## SCA to hold fair

The Seaside Christian Academy (SCA) Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on Saturday, October 24 and Saturday, October 31, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, rain or shine. Vendors are invited to participate, \$25/table will be charged. SCA craft themes for sale include Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Sunday School Baked goods, pet treats and face painting will also be available. Local authors will also be present. Please call Terry Davis at 410-213-7595 or 410-251-4342 to reserve your table.

## AARP to meet

The next meeting of the AARP will be November 2 at the Community Center in Ocean Pines. Social time will be at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10 a.m. This month's speaker will be Tammy Brenahan, Associate State Director Advocacy for AAAP Maryland. Bring a can of food for Diakonia to help stock the pantry for needy folks in our community.

## Paws & Claws yard sale to benefit WCHS

Ready to do some fall cleaning? Paws & Claws can help turn your used items into cash for yourself and the Worcester County Humane Society at the Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, November 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Paws & Claws on 11934 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City. Those interested in setting up a table to sell items will donate 20% of sales to the no-kill animal shelter. There will be no set up fee. To reserve a spot to sell your gently used items call Jan at 410-213-7490.

In conjunction with the yard sale, Paws & Claws will be having a Verus truck load sale. This is the perfect opportunity to stock up on your Verus pet food as it will be 20% off. There is a 3 bag limit. Worcester County Humane Society also uses Verus food for the dogs and cats at the shelter so this opportunity can also be used to purchase some food to donate to the animals waiting for their forever families.

No yard sale is a success without shoppers, so spread the word about this great opportunity to shop and support Worcester County Humane Society. The sale will go on rain or shine.



**Fruit of the Spirit** - Seaside Christian Academy's theme for the school year is the "Fruit of the Spirit," which are: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. Each month the students will focus on one of the fruit and the winners will be chosen by their teachers. The students pictured won the "Self-Control" award for the month of September. Front row: **Simon Feters** and **Joel Foreman**. Back row: **Adalynn Render**, **Hannah Stirn** and **Alicia Walker**





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## Ocean Pines leaf collection scheduled

The Ocean Pines Association has announced leaf collection procedures for its residents this fall. Ocean Pines Public Works and Republic Services will both aid in the collection.

Current Republic Services customers may place up to four bags of leaves curbside for each scheduled pickup. This is in addition to regular trash pickup. Trash collection days for residents south of Route 90 are Tuesdays and Fridays. For residents north of Route 90, the collection days are Mondays and Thursdays. Republic Services will also pick up branches if they are tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet.

Leaves and other yard debris bagged in paper bags will also be collected by Ocean Pines Public Works November 16 through December 18. Bags will be picked up on days opposite from Republic Services' collection days. Only paper bags will be accepted, and there is no limit to the number of bags that residents may place curbside.

Public Works will run the vacuum truck through each section to vacuum the ditch leaves that have been raked to the street. Yard leaves that have been raked to the street will not be picked up. These leaves must be placed in paper bags for collection.

Ocean Pines residents may also bring leaves and yard debris in bulk or paper bags to the Public Works yard, located at 1 Firehouse Lane near the south station fire department. The yard will be open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., November 16 through December 19. No contractor dumping or plastic bags will be permitted. There will be no collection or drop-off on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26.

Residents with questions about leaf collection should contact Ocean Pines Public Works by calling 410-641-7425 or emailing Linda Martin at [lmartin@oceanpines.org](mailto:lmartin@oceanpines.org).

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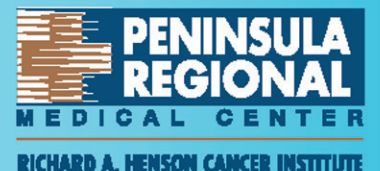
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# JoFran Falcon

## An Ocean Pines Gem

By **Kelsey Reichenberg**

JoFran Falcon, 85, is a valued Ocean Pines resident and has contributed to the community in a unique and substantial way. Falcon, born in



**JoFran Falcon**

Brazil and raised in Iowa, moved to Ocean Pines in 1968 and fell in love with its variety of activities, proximity to the water, and most importantly, its sense of community. Her time in Ocean Pines has been devoted to a variety of clubs and organizations such as the Woman's Club, Garden Club, Boat Club, several exercise clubs, and her church. However, her main focus and passion in bettering Worcester County has revolved around the implementation and continued success of the symphony in school systems.

Upon arriving in Ocean Pines, Falcon realized the schools in the area did

not have symphonies, and she sought and succeeded to change that with the assistance of other passionate individuals. "In Iowa, students were given the opportunity to learn how to play string instruments like the violin and the cello. I loved the symphony. I couldn't believe that students in Worcester County weren't able to experience it," Falcon claimed. Falcon is now the Vice President of Education and Outreach for the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. Her duties include working closely with Tamara Mills, the Worcester County Public Schools' Coordinator of Instruction for Music and Art, as well as music teachers, offering them opportunities to work with musicians in the symphony.

"Through several different programs, we have reached over 800 students in Worcester County," Falcon explained. Programs offered by The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra allow students to borrow instruments free of charge. They have also executed a program called "A-B-C me Play!" which introduces the violin to third grade elementary students at no charge to them. The symphony owns the violins and pays the violin teacher. The students have ten violin lessons in which they learn to play one or two simple pieces. The goal behind this program is to inspire young students to join an instrumental program the following year in their intermediate school. Falcon also forms master classes in

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## 2012 Business of the Year

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Did you know that the origins of "Trick-O'Treating" can be traced back to celebrations of All Souls' Day in Britain? The poor would go from door-to-door, begging for so-called "soul cakes." Over time, the custom changed and children became the beggars, receiving apples, sweet buns and money. The tradition migrated over the Atlantic Ocean and quickly became entrenched in American celebrations of Halloween.

Did you know the Celts wore scary costumes because they believed the evil spirits wouldn't recognize them as humans and wouldn't bother them?

Did you know that another Jack-O-Lantern legend tells the story of the early Celts who would carry a lantern when they walked on the eve of October 31st?

These lanterns were carved out of big turnips and the lights were believed to keep the evil spirits away. Children would carve faces in the turnips and these turnip lanterns were called "jack-o-lanterns".



## Mears named Economic Development Director

The Worcester County Commissioners announce the appointment of Merry Mears as the new Worcester County Economic Development (WCED) director. She stepped into her new role October 21. Mears brings 15 years of economic and workforce development experience to this new assignment. She joined WCED as the deputy director in 2012. Prior to joining WCED, Mears served in several leadership positions, including director of the Workforce Development Division of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore. While there, she oversaw the development and implementation of regional Workforce Investment Act funded programs. She graduated from Salisbury University in 2001, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Marketing.



**Merry Mears**

Mears is an active member of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) and is engaged in statewide issues affecting infrastructure, jobs and industry.

"I'm honored to serve in this capacity, and to continue working with the County Commissioners to attract and retain businesses while facilitating

innovation and job growth in our community," Mears said. "I remain focused on building and sustaining these types of strategic partnerships to establish and grow local industries and jobs."

Mears is currently completing the Certified Economic Developer (CECd) program through the International Economic Development Council.

## Choptank adds OP transformer

Board members and staff from Choptank Electric Cooperative and Ocean Pines gathered together on October 22 to promote the Ocean Pines Substation's recent installment of a third transformer.

The third transformer was installed to help serve the recent load growth in the Ocean Pines area. "Approximately 50% of the time, if one of the existing transformers had to be removed from service for repairs, the remaining unit could not serve the current load. People would be forced to endure rotating blackouts until the original problem was repaired," said Todd Bireley, Vice President of Engineering Services at Choptank Electric Cooperative.

The Choptank Electric Board of Directors committed to an expenditure of nearly \$1 million for this system upgrade. Dave Bruning, Worcester County Board member said, "This system upgrade will help improve reliability and prevent blackout occurrences for our members." Dr. Frank Ruffo, Choptank Board member representing Ocean Pines, also said, "This is Choptank Electric's largest

substation which also serves the largest volume of members. This investment was just another step for us to better serve our members in the Ocean Pines area."

The third transformer was delivered in February of 2015, assembled in March, and was finished in May when protective gear was installed. The third transformer was energized on September 29, 2015 and began serving members on October 12, 2015.

The Ocean Pines Substation currently serves approximately 9,200 members.

For more information about Choptank Electric Cooperative, go to our website at [www.choptankelectric.coop](http://www.choptankelectric.coop), find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram, and subscribe to our YouTube Channel.

## Magic of Hope Gala to be held

On Friday, November 13, Women Supporting Women will host its "Magic of Hope" Gala at Dove Pointe in Salisbury, MD. The event doors will open at 5:30 p.m. where guests can mingle, take red carpet photos and enjoy cocktail hour. Dinner will be catered by The Milestone in Easton and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy live entertainment by Baltimore native and magician, Michael Cantori and pose for photo booth pictures by SMDi Photography. A silent auction will take place as well as an online auction with special items available through an online app. Tickets are \$50 per person, a table of eight is \$375 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets include a drink ticket and the chance to win the mystery prize package donated by Austin Cox. For tickets, call the WSW office at 410-548-7880 or go to [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

## Parrothead social to be held

The Ocean City Parrothead Club Holiday Family Social will be held on Saturday, November 15 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. All current members and anyone interested in becoming a member are invited to join the group at OC Brewing Company (56th Street Bay-side) for food and drink specials, raffles, and to pick a gift to help local families through Worcester County Gold for the holidays.

Email [ocphc@comcast.net](mailto:ocphc@comcast.net) for more information.

**falcon**

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which musicians from the symphony go to the schools and work directly with students. "The professionals teach the students how to play a piece of music better, and even more importantly, they teach the students techniques they can use anytime."

JoFran Falcon has spent six years on the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra's board, providing music opportunities to numerous students across Worcester County. As a result of her hard work and dedication, she is valued in the community of Ocean Pines. Falcon, along with three other Worcester County individuals, will be honored for her contributions to Worcester County's history on November 1 at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City. The Worcester County Commission for Women, in conjunction with the Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women, will be celebrating the lives of these four extraordinary Worcester County women at a special tea. The honorees will share their life experiences with interviewer Jack Barnes, which will result in a DVD that captures their history. The Oral History DVD will be presented to all branches within the Worcester County Library system and may be viewed in the future to serve as an inspiration to other women.



# Singing for my candy

Halloween was fun when I was a kid. Dressing up in a costume and walking the neighborhood, knocking on doors and getting candy was exciting.

Sometimes deciding what to dress up as could take days or longer. My

mother would let me pick out my costume at Woolworth's. The costumes were fairly simple, a plastic mask and light weight gown-like combination that tied behind the neck.

I think one year I went as Fred Flintstone. However, it's been such a long time ago it could have been one of the neighborhood kids who went as Fred and I was jealous. I do remember one year going as Speed Racer, at least I think I did. I'll have to look at old family albums to be sure.

One Halloween memory of which I'm most certainly sure was when I was about three or four and being dressed in a tiger suit. I was taken to visit my octogenarian great-grandfather in West Philadelphia. He was a French immigrant who looked frail and had a lot of whiskers.

My mother habitually made me sing "Frere Jacques" when I saw him. He was hard of hearing so I had to sing loudly. When I was finished singing he would reach over to the glass tray on the table next to his green leatherette recliner, snatch several lemon drop candies and drop them into my plastic jack-o-lantern. I'm not sure if he enjoyed my performance or was glad it was over so he could return to his nap.

Looking back I can only imagine what this old man with poor eyesight who spoke little English thought about some little kid singing his heart



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# Health literacy rises in county schools

Based on recent findings by University of Maryland's Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy (UM), there was a statistically significant increase in health literacy among students in Worcester County Public Schools who took part in the Integrated Health Literacy Program (IHLP) during the 2014-2015 school year. The student's overall health literacy, or the ability to obtain, process, and understand basic information, improved.

In January of 2015, Atlantic General Hospital (AGH), Worcester County Public Schools (WCPS) and UM introduced students in grades two county-wide and in third, fourth, and fifth grade pilot classrooms to the IHLP lessons. Students were pre-tested on their baseline knowledge of health literacy related concepts. After the implementation of IHLP lessons into their science, social studies, reading language arts, and math classes' students were then post-tested on the topics covered during those lessons and measurements of health literacy.

In the post-testing, the UM's research found:

- Second grade students' awareness of food labels increased from 55.5% at pre-test to 88% after receiving the curriculum.

- 57% of second grade students stated they had poor health literacy at pre-testing. This dropped to 31% dur-

ing the post-test evaluation.

- Third graders considered to have a high health literacy increased from 36% pre-test to 78% post-test. Other grades improved by 11% to 28%.

- The percentage of fourth-graders with low health literacy dropped from 14.6% at pre-testing to 4.5% post-test.

- The percent of fifth grade students who reported being "sort of healthy" increased from 38% pre-test to 52% post-test.

The goals of the program include not only improving health knowledge and health literacy but instilling lifelong healthy behaviors in the young minds of the county's students. Since Atlantic General Hospital and its partners launched the IHLP in 2012 with a pilot in Ocean City Elementary's second grade classrooms, the IHLP has expanded into grades one through five county-wide and a pilot in sixth grade at one local middle school.

As of the 2015-2016 school year the IHLP now serves more than 2400 students, which is roughly a third of the entire school district. During the 2016-2017 school year the goal of the IHLP team is to begin pilot programs in grades seven and eight. The program as a whole aims for adoption of Health Literacy standards state-wide and one day nation-wide. For more information about the IHLP, visit [www.atlanticgeneral.org/healthliteracy](http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/healthliteracy).



**Donation** - Ed Colbert of Deer Run Golf Club presents Maureen McNeill of Coastal Hospice with \$6,000 raised during the golf tournament on October 17, held to support the campaign to build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

## Museum readies for run, walk

The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum Society will hold its second Storm Warriors 5K run/walk on Sat., November 14 on the Boardwalk starting at the Museum. Sign-in/registration is 8 a.m.; the race begins at 9. A 5K is 3.1 miles.

The Museum has been a staple in Ocean City since 1978. The mission of the Society is to inspire and support the interpretation and appreciation of the cultural and natural history of Ocean City, Maryland, the Worcester County coastal region, and equally, the historical role performed by the United States Life-Saving Service, and to preserve with subsequent mandate the 1891 structure that once served as the Ocean City Station.

Permanent exhibits represent both the heroic deeds of the surfmen who staffed the station and the history of the area — including the storm of 1933 that cut the inlet, the Boardwalk of Yesterday, Davy Jones' Locker, Sands of the World.

A recent exhibit honored the 100th Anniversary of the Coast Guard. Currently the Museum has on display an exhibit oriented toward children with interactive activities. There is a small aquarium room that houses local sea creatures. Children particularly like this display.

The Society is responsible for designing and producing the exhibits as well as collecting artifacts that help visitors experience the mission of our Society. The proceeds from the 5k will go a long way toward enhancing the Museum.

Participants, runners and walkers will receive a T-shirt. There is a \$25 registration fee. OC Tri-Running, an organization that has done many of these events, is managing the race. During the race water will be provided to the runners/walkers.

It is possible to register the day of the event but t-shirts may not be available. To register visit [www.octrirunning.com](http://www.octrirunning.com). Questions, call 443-235-4405.



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## Carozza to hold hours in Pines

Delegate Mary Beth Carozza (District 38C) will hold a series of constituent listening hours this fall throughout District 38C in Worcester and Wicomico counties. As with her spring constituent hours, these forums are an opportunity for constituents to come out and share their views and concerns directly with Delegate Carozza.



Mary Beth Carozza

Delegate Carozza will hold hours at the Ocean Pines library on November 10 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. She will be joined by Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the Hogan administration.

“As I prepare for the next legislative session in January, I am making it a priority to hear directly from my constituents at home,” Carozza said. “The best ideas on how to best represent the Shore and change Maryland for the better come from my conversations and visits with folks in our home community.”

## 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 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 10 a.m.

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



## SDHS Presidential Service honorees

Sixty-four Stephen Decatur High School (SDHS) students received the Presidential Service Award for community service, including 19 gold recipients for volunteering over 250 hours. SDHS students logged over 12,000 volunteer hours this past school year.  
 Back row: **Katelyn Norman, Ian Waggoner, Hailey Williams, Darrien Ross, Cole Norman, Ben Short, Ashley de Sampaio Ferraz, Andrew Hoffman, Allison Shumate.** Front row: **Victoria Kerkovich, Rachel Prengaman, Patrick Miller, Paige Hastings, Malia Nichols, Lucia Vicidomini, Logan Sackadorf, Logan Figgs, Lindsay Jones, Kevin Williams.**

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## AGH offers bereavement support workshop

Atlantic General Hospital will offer a new, free Bereavement Support Workshop beginning on Monday, November 9.

The goal of the bereavement support workshop is to provide participants hope for the future and the skills to help find their way.

This is done through understanding the grief process; having a safe place to talk about the loss and the emotions manifested by grief. Exploring individual solutions while living with the loss; and, embracing new roles and responsibilities.

Grieving the death of a loved one is a process that is distinct for each person. There is no timetable or defined route. This workshop is designed to help those left behind to understand

## Pine'er Craft Club to host fair

On Saturday, November 7, the Ocean Pines Community Center will be turned into a Winter Wonderland of crafts and gifts, a great time to begin your holiday shopping. The event is sponsored by the Pine'er Craft Club and will feature vendors from throughout the area. The show hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and all items for sale are handcrafted and handmade.

Additionally, there will be a bake sale with home-baked items. Club members and their friends supply specialty items: cakes, cookies, and breads. Come early for the best selection.

## WCCW to meet

The Worcester County Commission for Women (WCCW) will meet on Tuesday, November 17, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Worcester County Board of Education located at 6270 Worcester Highway in Newark. The purpose of the WCCW is to promote social, education, and economic equality for women in Worcester County. The meeting is open to the public and women of all ages are invited to attend.

The organization seeks volunteers for short-term assignments such as grant writing, fundraising, and event planning. For information, contact Chair L. Eloise Henry-Gordy at 443-235-3124.

and manage their grief as they move forward toward hope and healing.

The workshop is facilitated by experienced Pastoral and Supportive Care Services leaders each Monday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. November 9 through December 14.

For more information about the workshop, call Gail Mansell at (410) 641-9725.

## Football, cheerleading fundraising event set

Berlin Seahawks Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading will host a fundraising event to be held on Sunday, November 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held at Ocean City Brewing Company 56 Street in Ocean City. The event includes food and drink specials, NFL game viewing, silent auction items, and a 50/50 raffle. This event is open to the public. A percentage of the food and beverages proceeds will be donated to the Berlin Seahawks Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Programs. Reservations are not necessary. No fee at the door. Donations are welcome.

For additional information please contact Jessie Wolfe Parsons (443)235-4930 or Shelly Olafsson (209) 277-0001.



**Congratulations** - On October 17 at The Elks Lodge in Ocean City **Benjamin Kolarik** received the highest Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout. He is an active member of Holy Savior Catholic Church where his "Memorial Brick Garden" project is located.



## Author welcomed

The Worcester County Commission for Women hosted author Catherine Helwig Schneider at a Suddenly Single event held at Lighthouse Sound on October 24. Her book is a memoir entitled "360, Turning My Life Around."

Above: **Beverly Thomas**, **Barbara Passwater** (co-chairs of the Suddenly Single initiative), **Catherine Helwig Schneider** and **Diane McGraw**, event coordinator. Photo by Barbara Loffler.



## Dems meet

The Democratic Women's Club meeting on October 19 featured Worcester County Commissioner Diane Purnell speaking about the importance of education, women's issues and involvement in family life and politics along with personal anecdotes about her own life.

The next Democratic Women's Club (DWC) general meeting is Monday, November 16 and begins with coffee and conversation at 9:30 a.m., followed at 10 a.m. by featured speaker, Seta Martin, a certified yoga instructor. At the meeting, DWC members will also complete their two holiday drives: Blankets for the Homebound and Santa's Sack by gathering up donations of new, small throw and lap blankets for adults served by Meals on Wheels and Coastal Hospice and new toys for children of women inmates at the Worcester County jail. DWC meetings are held in the Assateague Room, Ocean Pines Community Center. For information, contact President Judy Butler [judybutler12@mediacombb.net](mailto:judybutler12@mediacombb.net).

Shown from left: **Doris Fields**, **Joan Roche**, Commissioner **Diane Purnell**, Democratic Women's Club President **Judy Butler**, and Wicomico Democratic Club member **Sarah Meyers**.





*Vin Morris and Susan Morris, platform tennis tournament chairpersons*

## Platform tournament held

By **June Freeman**

Ocean Pines Platform Tennis held their annual fall tournament on Saturday, October 17. The theme was The Battle of the Birds. The designated birds were the Ravens and the Eagles. All the participating members were divided into two teams and every player was scheduled for three twenty-five minute matches. The side that accumulated the highest number of winning games was declared victorious. With the hopes of being the dominant

team, the competitors sported their purple and green team jerseys, hats, sweatshirts and hoodies. In a tightly contested competition, the Eagles defeated the Ravens by a narrow margin. Following the tournament, the players enjoyed a luncheon at DeNovo's. A special mention for a great job of running this tournament goes to Vin and Susan Morris and to their committee members Jean Hoffman, Araceli Popen, and Tom Herrick.

## MCBP seeks seal steward volunteers

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) is currently recruiting and hosting a volunteer training for seal stewards on Friday, October 30 at 5:30 at the Blue Ox on 127<sup>th</sup> Street in Ocean City. National Aquarium's Marine Animal Stranding Coordinator, Jen Dittmar, will conduct the training.

This volunteer opportunity is an 'on call' opportunity. When a seal hauls out, seal stewards will be contacted to see if they are available to man the haul out area to make sure beach and dog walkers keep a safe distance to protect both the walkers and the seal. Educational material and information will be provided at each haul out so that stewards can inform interested on-lookers. Please contact Sandi at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or by calling her at 410-213-2297 ext. 106 if you plan on attending the training.

MCBP and the National Aquarium Marine Animal Rescue Program

(MARP) partnered three years ago to launch an outreach program on responsible seal viewing and sighting reporting. Out of this partnership developed the seal steward program as Ocean City has been experiencing a significant increase in seal sightings.

Their dog like faces and lumpy body make seals adorably appealing and seemingly approachable; however, an up close and personal encounter with a seal can cause serious stress and create a dangerous situation for people and/or the seal. Seals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). It is against the law to touch, feed or otherwise harass seals and when viewing you are required to stay at least 50 yards from the resting seal (that's at least four car lengths).

When a seal lays on a beach, it is

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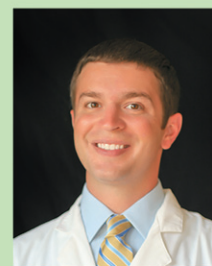



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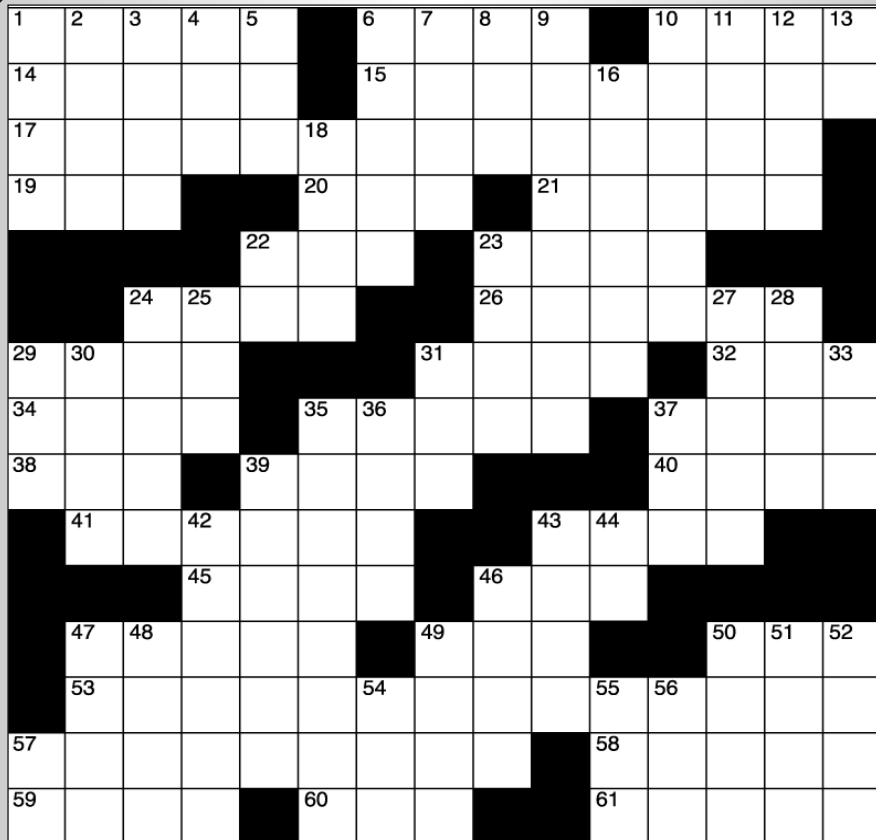
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- 15. Deliberately subverted
- 17. McCullough's 2nd book
- 19. Body of water
- 20. Plural of 22 down
- 21. To get up
- 22. They \_\_\_
- 23. Expression of sorrow
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Door beam
- 29. Arabian sultanate
- 31. Corn dough
- 32. Soft infant food
- 34. Famous movie pig
- 35. "Oleanna" playwright
- 37. One point E of SE
- 38. Cool down
- 39. Surrender
- 40. WWII war criminal Rudolph
- 41. Artificial
- 43. Drains
- 45. Woods component

- 46. Unit of time (abbr.)
- 47. 1955-77 regional defense org.
- 49. Local area network
- 50. 1/3 tablespoon (abbr.)
- 53. Breathe excessively
- 57. Dilapidated ships
- 58. Goes it alone
- 59. Jap. women pearl divers
- 60. Television tube
- 61. (Prev. Portuguese) S. China seaport

**DOWN**

- 1. Tangles
- 2. Dull pain
- 3. Length x width =
- 4. Fishing gear
- 5. Small Chevrolet truck
- 6. 18th Hebrew letter (alt. sp.)
- 7. Ingests
- 8. Decline
- 9. Martinet
- 10. Cruel deviant
- 11. Hen products
- 12. Technology firm
- 13. 40th US

- state
- 16. Albanian capital
- 18. Sensory receptors
- 22. Publicity
- 23. A winglike part
- 24. Sword with a curved blade
- 25. Single
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Research workplaces
- 29. Japanese sash
- 30. Nutmeg covering spice
- 31. Woman (French)
- 33. Foot (Latin)
- 35. Fast rise to fame
- 36. Used to cut and shape wood
- 37. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)

- 39. A consortium of companies
- 42. Stirrup bone
- 43. Transmitted
- 44. Carrier's invention
- 46. Without (French)
- 47. Noah's oldest son (Bible)
- 48. Jaguarundi
- 49. Former Cowboy Leon
- 50. Powder mineral
- 51. Greek colonnade
- 52. Mexican monetary unit
- 54. Preceded the DVD
- 55. Doctrine suffix
- 56. Mauna \_\_, HI, volcano
- 57. Public prosecutor



Answers for Oct 21

Just Good Business...

# A Sincere Patient Focus at Chesapeake Hearing Centers

By **Jean Marx**

Chesapeake Hearing Centers love to go the extra mile for their patients. Located at 11002 Manklin Meadows Lane, the Ocean Pines office is as welcoming as it is convenient. From the moment you walk into to the office, you will be greeted warmly by the receptionist, Alanna Phillips, and then by audiologist Dr. Kristin Wilson or one of the doctoral students under her tutelage. The staff members operate in unison and know that anytime they need assistance or consultation from another of the company's six offices, help is just a phone call away.



Dr. Kristin Wilson (l) at a MAC Center workshop

What first attracted Dr. Wilson to audiology was an indelible experience with her grandmother. According to Dr. Wilson, "My grandmother started to develop dementia while I was in college and in one of my audiology classes, I learned about the effects of sensory deprivation caused by untreated hearing loss. I learned that it could lead to memory loss and even dementia." As Dr. Wilson was starting the final year of her doctoral program, she stepped through the doors of the Chesapeake Hearing Centers' Severna Park office and was greeted with the company mission statement on the wall to treat people as you would like to be treated. It was exactly in line with how Dr. Wilson was raised; she felt her grandmother speaking to her that this was the place for her.

The founder of Chesapeake Hearing Centers is Dr. Charles Hutto. He started the practice 40 years ago as the first private practice in the state of

Maryland. What drove Dr. Hutto to set up his practice is a similarly-inspiring story. He and his wife adopted their son Ernie who had previously been institutionalized for eight years for cognitive disabilities. It was later discovered that Ernie's main malady was severe hearing loss. At that point, audiology became Dr. Hutto's passion.

The dedicated staff at Chesapeake Hearing Centers takes the time to educate their patients and family members on what it is like to have hearing loss. It can be difficult for people who don't have trouble hearing to understand what the patient is going

through. Dr. Wilson explains, "When you lose your hearing, it is not like you can't hear at all; sometimes you can hear and sometimes you can't. One of the most common types is high-pitch hearing loss that affects many consonant sounds at the beginnings or endings of words. You have to focus really hard just to understand the conversation." By explaining to patients and their families what is going on, it can ease frustration and help everyone re-connect. Additionally,

many mini-seminars are conducted in the office such as explaining the causes and symptoms of tinnitus (ringing of the ears) and vertigo (that can be associated with problems with the middle ear).

In addition to offering the latest technology in hearing aids, Chesapeake Hearing Centers is a member of Audigy Group that partners with the top 5% of audiology private practices in the country. Patients can go to any Audigy Group provider and obtain the same excellent products and servicing of their hearing aids as they would have had at their home location. Other examples of the latest technologies available are assisted listening devices such as amplified phones, amplified alarm clocks, and a "Made for iPhone" app called Halo. Halo allows people to talk, listen to music, or use other phone-streaming apps directly

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# Ghosts, apparitions are part of the paranormal

While many people are content to limit their hunt for ghosts to Halloween, plenty of others devote their time to the study of the paranormal.

Parapsychology is the study of paranormal activity and beings, which may be intertwined with spectrology, or the study of ghosts and phantoms. Those who spend time studying ghosts and phenomena that defies explanation do so to get closer to the truth and better understand strange occurrences.

## Differences between apparitions and ghosts

Apparition and ghost are often used interchangeably, but such usage is incorrect. The term apparition is used for any kind of visual, paranormal manifestation, while a ghost is just one type of apparition. Other apparitions may be inanimate objects, animals, lights, or orbs. Ghosts are defined as spiritual entities, which usually are human. Typically ghosts are conscious of themselves and their surroundings.

## Soldier contributions sought

This year the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City joined with Star Charities' Annual Collection of Christmas Gifts for Soldiers. Black containers with the sign "Holiday Day Gifts for Soldiers," can be found at eight locations including all the local libraries, the Ocean Pines Community Center and the VFW located at 66th Street in Ocean City. It is a month-long campaign that will end on October 31 when members from the Maryland National Guard will pick up the containers in order to package them and ship them overseas in time for the soldiers to receive them for Christmas. Non-perishable items, especially toiletries, are needed.

People have various explanations as to why ghosts continue to stick around long after their bodies have expired. Some may be comforting living relatives, while others may be seeking revenge. Ghosts may not understand they are actually dead and, as a result, may frequent the places they found most comforting while they were living. Some ghosts are confused and just do not know what is going on.

## Seeing a ghost

Some people are simply more in tune with the paranormal world than others. Those with an open mind may have a better chance of crossing paths with a ghost and recognizing the encounter. Many ghost-hunting organizations and scientists capture electronic voice phenomena, or EVP, on tape as an indication that ghosts may be present. Those interested in learning more about ghosts or those who hope to seek ghosts can explore the International Ghost Hunters Society, the Ghost Investigators Society or GEIST web for more information on

EVP and ghost sightings.

Another way to potentially encounter a ghost is to visit an area where many people died suddenly, such as a former battlefield. According to Studies of the Paranormal, a

person is more likely to encounter a ghost in a home or another building than at a cemetery.

According to experts, many ghosts are not around to harm others. However, poltergeists, which are another type of spirit or disembodied energy, can be destructive. Some believe they create loud noises, throw objects and even start fires.

Ghosts may be the subject matter of Halloween scary stories and movies, but plenty of people are convinced they are real and move among the living seen and unseen. Various organizations exist to study ghosts and other paranormal activity.



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Fri., October 30	10:15 a.m. 10:37 p.m.	3:52 a.m. 4:43 p.m.	7:24 a.m.	6:03 p.m.
Sat., October 31	11:06 a.m. 11:28 p.m.	4:43 a.m. 5:38 p.m.	7:25 a.m.	6:02 p.m.
Sun., November 1	10:58 a.m. 11:22 p.m.	4:37 a.m. 5:35 p.m.	6:26 a.m.	5:01 p.m.
Mon., November 2	11:53 a.m.	5:34 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	6:28 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Tues., November 3	12:21 a.m. 12:51 p.m.	6:34 a.m. 7:31 p.m.	6:29 a.m.	4:59 p.m.
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hauling out, a normal behavior associated with pinnipeds (seals, sea lions and walrus) of temporarily leaving the water between periods of foraging activity for sites on land or ice. Hauling-out is necessary in seals for mating, giving birth, predator avoidance, thermal regulation, social activity, parasite reduction and rest. As the seals that we experience in our area are temporary visitors, their hauling out here is primarily for rest or distress. Therefore, close encounters by humans and dogs put both at risk. Seals will bite and serious infections can be transmitted to you or your pet.

If you should encounter a seal on the beach this winter, please call MARP's direct line at 410-576-3880 or 1-800-628-9944 and register your sighting on the MCBP website - [mdcoastalbays.org](http://mdcoastalbays.org) - so a trained observer can evaluate the condition of the seal to determine if it's doing its normal thing or is in distress.

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through their hearing aids.

Chesapeake Hearing Centers offers hearing screenings free of charge. Dr. Wilson suggests that people obtain a screening every 2-3 years or every 1-2 years if they believe they are experiencing some hearing loss. As Dr. Wilson says, "The important part is to know your hearing status and your options for treatment. There is never any pressure to purchase devices."

If you are considering a hearing screening, the Ocean Pines office of Chesapeake Hearing Centers is your local, friendly and knowledgeable resource. You are sure to find a genuine desire in all the staff to help people, starting at the top with Dr. Wilson. "I've been here for six years, and every day I walk through the doors excited because I know how lucky I am that I get the chance to do something that I love to do, with other professionals who share the same mission and goals that I do: To help others through better hearing."

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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.

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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](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).





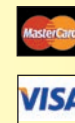
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For Art's Sake...

# Edward Hopper

By **Stasia Heubeck**

Edward Hopper was born in 1882 in the New York town of Nyack on the Hudson River. He was influenced by the Impressionists and never embraced the new art of the early 20th century, which included Cubism, Fauvism and the Ashcan School. Solitude, defined lines and interior lighting were hallmarks of his distinct style.

His most famous work, "Nighthawks," is a large painting, five feet wide, that pictures four people in a diner. Because it was exhibited shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, many critics thought it reflected America's feelings at the time of World War II. The characters in the painting might have felt secure in their bright, comforting environment with the plate glass separating them from the unknown. Another work by Hopper, "House by the Railroad," influenced Alfred Hitchcock's depiction of the Bates Motel in the movie, "Psycho."

Hopper built his career slowly and methodically. With his family's encouragement, he attended the Correspondence School of Illustrating and the New York School of Art where he learned painting, etching and print making. After several trips to Europe, including Paris, the center of the art world, he struggled to become a success. He was offered one-person exhibitions, including one at the Frank K. M. Rehn Gallery in New York, where every painting was sold. His "House by the Railroad" was the first painting acquired by the Museum of Modern Art, which opened in 1929.

When he was 41 years old, he married Josephine Nivison, also 41, who was his only model. She was open, sociable and promoted his career. Hopper, on the other hand, was quiet, secretive and introspective. His wife, Jo, is quoted as saying, "Sometimes talking to Eddie is just like dropping a stone in a well, except that it doesn't thump when it hits the bottom." For over 50 years he lived in a Greenwich Village Apartment in Washington Square where he died on May 15, 1967

at the age of 85. His wife died 10 months later.

Hopper's career has spanned five decades. His art has influenced many film-makers and modern artists and is



still in demand. In December 1956 he was on the cover of "Time Magazine." "Hotel Window" (1956) was sold several times until Steve Martin sold it at Sotheby's for \$26.89 million. "East Wind over Weehawken" (1934) sold at auction at Christie's for \$36 million.

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