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The Ocean Pines Boat Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Harrington Casino on Wednesday, April 22. The cost is \$15 per person which includes transportation, driver gratuity, a buffet lunch and a \$10 credit toward play. The sign-up deadline is April 20. You do not have to be a Boat Club member to participate. To register contact Gerry Clarke at 410-208-9401.

Plant auction set

The Worcester County Garden Club Plant Auction and Sale will take place Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor Museum located at 208 N. Main Street in Berlin. Annuals, perennials, shrubs, herbs and other garden related items will be offered. The rain date is May 3 at 1 p.m. For more information contact Glenda Clarke at 410-632-2504.

BJ's memberships help Veterans Memorial

BJ's Wholesale Club is once again partnering with the Ocean Pines Association to bring a special membership offer, effective April 16 to 30, to benefit the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

In addition to offering special membership benefits, BJ's will donate \$5 of each membership fee to the foundation. The offer, which is available to new and renewing members, is not available for purchase online or at any BJ's location.

Other benefits include receiving \$10 off BJ's \$50 Inner Circle membership fee or \$20 off the \$100 BJ's Perks Rewards membership fee, an additional free three months of membership and a free second membership card for a household member. With this offer 15 months will be added to the expiration date of a current BJ's membership, regardless of when the membership was last renewed.

This special promotion is only offered through Ocean Pines two times a year. The next promotion will be Oct. 19-30. Current BJ's members whose memberships will expire before the next promotional period are encouraged to renew during the spring offer.

BJ's membership applications are available at the Ocean Pines Association administration building at 239 Ocean Parkway or online at www.OceanPines.org. Applications must be returned with payment by April 30.



Grandparents' Day

Worcester Prep pre-Kindergartner **Ellie Phillips**, with grandparents **Franny** and **George Purnell**. Ellie was one of the speakers at the school's annual Grandparents' Day event.

Heroin abuse on the rise

By **Kelsey Reichenberg**

During the past few years, heroin use and distribution has increased in Worcester County, mostly in the northern sections and around the Delaware border.

"There has been a 70 percent increase in heroin-related investigations since 2011," said Sergeant Nate Passwaters of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office's Criminal Enforcement Team during a recent interview. "We have noticed this problem commonly stems from prescription pill abuse. People would crush and snort prescription painkillers back in 2010, and ever since we worked on combatting that issue, we have seen a dramatic take-off in heroin abuse."

The decrease in abuse of OxyContin and other

painkillers can be attributed to efforts of law enforcement and the education of both doctors and the public. Doctors in the area have been further educated on the dangers of prescribing painkillers unless absolutely necessary. The public has also been made more aware of the issue through programs and community outreach, and ever since, heroin has filled the void for those who are unable to easily access the painkillers. The decrease in pain pill usage can also be credited in part to pill reformulation, meaning that they are now more difficult to abuse.

Since these changes, heroin has come to the forefront, concerning law enforcement, health departments, drug court systems, and other fa-

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cilities in the area. Heroin is an opiate, meaning the body becomes physically addicted to it, much like OxyContin. It is cheaper, more accessible, and more powerful than most drugs, and it does not need to be injected, making it more appealing to the younger generation.

Addicts are commonly found spending close to two hundred dollars a day on their habits, and many commit crimes to get the money needed to purchase the heroin. "One addict can lead to fifteen different victims of crime," explained Passwaters. "A great number of people can be impacted by just one addict." In addition, the more they use, the higher their tolerance and dependency for the drug. Because of this, a lot of users seek heroin to function, not to get high.

According to Detective Jeff Johns, heroin use is most commonly associated with those who are in the 17 to 25 age range, yet those as old as 55 to 60 years have been found abusing the drug as well. "We typically see heroin addicts hanging out with other addicts, and they will work together to get money to buy the drug. If they buy in bulk, it's cheaper," said Passwaters. Social networking also factors into the problem as heroin users are able to quickly access related information. It no longer takes days for users to locate their favorite brand of heroin due to friends sharing on social media. The social atmosphere related to the drug can also cause

those who have attended rehabilitation facilities to relapse, sometimes repeatedly, after being clean for a substantial amount of time. The former addicts will return to the same environment and group of people they were with before treatment, causing them to fall back into the same unhealthy pattern of drug use. "We will continue to aggressively investigate and prosecute those involved in the distribution and use of this poison, but we understand that community education plays a key role in preventing new users and addicts," stated Worcester County State's Attorney Beau Oglesby. "Our goal is to stop new users before their addictions take off."

Community outreach is one of law enforcement's main goals in combatting the heroin issue. "We want to reach as many people as possible," said Oglesby. "Joint effort with law enforcement, health care providers, prevention programs, and other agencies is required to work together and make progress." Fewer people will become addicts if the community is educated on the topic. Furthermore, law enforcement hopes that anyone in need of assistance, or knowing someone in need of help, will reach out to programs in the area. It is never too early to begin educating your children and loved ones about heroin, other drugs, and the negative ways they affect lives. If anyone sees anything suspicious, they should call someone without worrying about arrests taking place. There are programs if someone wants help. The Worcester County Health Department can be reached at 410-742-3460. The Worcester County Addictions Cooperative (W.A.C.S.) can be reached at 410-213-02020.



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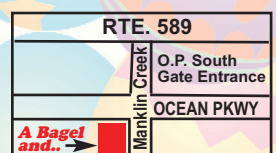
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Members of the Berlin Seahawks with **Anne Watson-Waples** (seated). Ms. Watson-Waples was instrumental in preparing the students for national consideration. Photo by Anne Oglesby

Pop Warner students honored

By **Dolores E. Pike**

Pop Warner Football has been around since 1929. Cheerleading was not incorporated into the organization until the 1970s. The organization stresses not only the value of competition but also scholarship and maintenance of good grades along with ties to good citizenship. This year 28 boys and girls from the Berlin Seahawks, the local team of this national organization, were invited to attend the regional dinner and awards banquet held in Northern New Jersey where the All American Scholastic Awards were presented. These boys and girls all had to have grade averages of 95% in order to qualify. As such they are also invited to attend the national banquet and awards dinner to be held later this year in San Diego, CA. This past Sunday the children were all honored again with a small reception at the Community Center in Ocean Pines

In speaking with Tony Morris, president of Worcester County Football and Cheerleading, he indicated that the top 35% of schoolchildren in the nation participate in Pop Warner Football.

The Berlin Seahawks carry about 50 boys on their football roster and a similar number of girls on the cheerleading team to cheer them on within the comparable age group. Therefore all the children are divided into following age groups: the Mighty Mites (to age 8); the Junior Pee Wees (to age 11); and the Midgets (to age 15).

Participation in Pop Warner is open to children from ages five to fifteen. The Berlin Seahawks practice and play from August to December and meet three to five nights a week

from 6 to 8 p.m. The children have an opportunity to take part in an organized, supervised, safety-oriented environment of sports. The emphasis is on fun for all and fosters attributes that children can carry with them far beyond their Pop Warner years.

For more information on participating in Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading for children or adult volunteers call Tony Morris (443)-783-8628 or Debbie Donahue (443)-783-8623. Sign-ups will be held on April 10-11 at the Community Center in Ocean Pines. There is a current need for a cheerleading coach.

Celebrate Berlin event to be held

The Berlin Heritage Foundation is sponsoring its annual fundraiser cocktail party at Harrison's Harbor Watch on Friday, April 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. This event promotes the Town of Berlin and its local businesses. The evening's menu reflects dishes typical of the area's past, adapted to modern palates. Beverages are also drawn from local sources. Ticket price includes the first glass of beer or wine free.

Live music will entertain guests while attendees may bid on a selection of silent auction baskets. Tickets are \$30 per person if purchased before March 30, or \$35.00 per person at the door. Purchase your tickets by mailing a check to the Berlin Heritage Foundation at PO Box 351, Berlin, MD 21811. All proceeds benefit the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.



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2012 Business of the Year

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Ancient cultures, including those of the Romans and Hindus, celebrated New Year's Day on or around April 1. It closely follows



the vernal equinox (March 20 or March 21) In medieval times, much of Europe celebrated March 25, the Feast of Annunciation, as the beginning of the

new year.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered a new calendar (the Gregorian Calendar) to replace the old Julian Calendar. The new calendar called for New Year's Day to be celebrated Jan. 1. That year, France adopted the reformed calendar and shifted New Year's day to Jan. 1. According to a popular explanation, many people either refused to accept the new date, or did not learn about it, and continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1. Other people began to make fun of these traditionalists, sending them on "fool's errands" or trying to trick them into believing something false. Eventually, the practice spread throughout Europe.

Rural pharmacy patients may suffer

Editor:

There seems to be a great deal of confusion concerning pharmacy benefits between existing United Healthcare commercial patients and the new



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UHC Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) has sold a concept to the state to save money by creating a new UHC MCO but it is very short-sighted for the patients of the eastern shore with negative consequences to occur. In their haste, they neglected to assure practical access for these patients.

Sure, the COMAR regulations specify that 30 miles is the limit in distance

for rural patients to travel from their residence to a pharmacy but that has never been an issue in the past since the independent pharmacies have positioned themselves to fill the void. Those who are disabled and depend on delivery as well as those without transportation will suffer. Drugs don't work if you don't take them and if you can't get them, the results will be increased healthcare costs with hospitalizations as a reality. It obviously makes no sense to save on drug costs but in turn increase total healthcare expenditures with hospitalization. Beginning April 1st there will be over 300 pharmacies that will be left out of the new network which includes all independent pharmacies in the state.

If you think you have to wait for your prescription at chain pharmacies now, can you imagine what it will be like when nearly half of the pharmacies in the state of Maryland won't be able to fill those UHC Medicaid prescriptions?

If you're an existing UHC MCO pa-

tient, you can change to another state MCO by calling 800-977-7388, and choose Option #3.

Please remember that all of this change **ONLY** affects UHC Medicaid MCO participants and your voice can help prevent a catastrophe in your wellbeing. Please note: If you did not get a letter from United HealthCare, this change does not apply to you.

Jeff Sherr

President, Apple Discount Drugs

Holy week services set

Christ the Savior Orthodox Church has announced its Holy Week services beginning with Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 5 at 9 a.m., Bridegroom or Holy Unction Services at 7 p.m. on April 5 through April 8. Matins Services will be offered on Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 7 p.m. Pascha Services begin at 11:30 a.m. on April 11. Following the Pascha Service, a fellowship meal will be offered. The Parish Center is located at 10315 Carey Rd. in Berlin. Father John Parsells will lead the services and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Christ the Savior Orthodox Church is a growing Christian community of people from various ethnic and social backgrounds sharing a common commitment to the Lord, each other, and the Apostolic faith. The church welcomes all families, couples, and individuals who are looking for a deeper experience and salvation offered through Jesus Christ.

The Orthodox Church is the original Christian Church founded by Jesus and continued by his Apostles. Today, some 200 million people identify themselves as Orthodox, most of whom live in Greece, Russia, Romania, Serbia, and other Eastern European countries, as well as the Middle East. Orthodox missionaries were present in Alaska by the late 1700s. The spread of Orthodox peoples throughout the world increased during the 20th century, particularly in the wake of anti-Christian Communist oppression throughout Eastern Europe.

For more information, please feel free to contact: Fr. John Parsells at 302-537-6055 or frjohn@orthodoxws.com or Darrell Wilson at 214-616-6620 or dkwilson@salisbury.edu. Please visit our website at: www.orthodoxdelmarva.org

Platform tennis tourney successful

By **June Freeman**

Spring arrived just in time, giving Ocean Pines platform tennis players the perfect tournament weather. Originally the event was scheduled for Saturday February 28, but due to the

snow it was rescheduled to Saturday, March 21. There was a great turnout with forty participants and many spectators. The players were divided into two teams consisting of the Black Bears and the Polar Bears. The competitors were matched according to skill level while each player had a different partner for all three of their twenty-five minute games. Some of the matches were unisex while others were coed. All the games were hard fought. Winning by a narrow margin, the Polar Bears defeated the Black Bears with a final score of 172 to 162.

Between each set the members snacked on homemade breads, pas-

tries and scones along with fresh fruits and hot apple cider. A luncheon was held at Alex's Italian Restaurant in West Ocean City.

A big thank you to the tournament committee for putting in many hours



Left to right: **Diane Harris, Linda Horst, Tom Hershey, Carlyn Crout, Beth Hershey and Clive Walker**

of planning and drying the soggy courts for Saturday morning play. The committee which was co-chaired by Tom and Beth Hershey included Diane Harris, Linda Horst, Carlyn Crout and Clive Walker. For anyone interested in trying the game of platform tennis, call Scot Wheatley at 410-641-7486 for free trial lessons.

Missing bunny ears

Inevitably each Easter my grandmother would present my brother and me and later my sister, with a chocolate Easter egg that had our names scrolled in icing on the top. It was a tradition. We looked forward to them.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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Usually too, she would give us each a hollow chocolate bunny. Inevitably one of the bunny's ears would be missing. My grandfather would break them off for a snack. That also became a tradition.

Since the time our children were infants, my wife and I have had our own Easter tradition: she bought all the Easter treats, prepared the baskets and ensured that each one had a small gift, usually a movie video (later a DVD and later still a BluRay). I sat on the recliner. It's a tradition that worked well through the years. Another part of the tradition was that not long after the baskets were ready, I "sampled" a couple pieces of the candy, usually the Reese's cups for which I have an addiction.

Growing up I remember Easter dinner was pretty standard: a canned ham brought by my Aunt Anna, my grandmother's sister-in-law. She would insert many cloves on the top of it for flavor. What flavor she sought I have no clue. But I can report without hesitation that I never liked the resultant taste. The meal was rounded out with mashed potatoes and carrots. Carrots were a regular part of any meal prepared by my grandmother. We had carrots five days a week when we stayed with her. The only exception was the two nights we had spaghetti and meatballs. So identified was she with carrots that one year my mother gave her a framed picture of the vegetable. That picture hung in the kitchen until the day she passed away. I don't know where it is now.

On Easter my mother always dressed my brother and me in our finest "Sunday" attire. We usually had to wear a tie and jacket and our best shoes. This created problems when our grandfather played touch football

with us on the front lawn. Many times we'd come back into the house with grass-stained knees. Mom wasn't happy but I really don't remember her yelling; probably because we had been with Gramps and he could get away with anything in my mother's eyes even if it meant she had to scrub the stains out of our slacks.

One Easter that has had a lasting impression on me was in 1984. My brother, sister, mother

and I drove to my grandparents' home to spend the holiday weekend. We had a nice time. There was ham without the cloves fortunately and of course carrots. The weather was comfortable. We walked the beach and talked about plans for the coming summer. We headed home Easter afternoon, saying our goodbyes like we had many times before. Not long after arriving home my grandmother called. My grandfather had had a heart attack. My mother and I raced to the hospital about two hours away; we made it in just under an hour and a half. I remember it was a silent trip; we were both inside our heads turning over thoughts and concerns. We made our way to intensive care. Granny was in the waiting area with a neighbor. We went to Gramps' room. I thought he would be unconscious with tubes in him. When we opened the door we found him propped up on the bed playing solitaire. "What are you doing here," he asked matter of factly. It relieved the tension somewhat.

We spent the week with him in the hospital, taking turns to ensure he was not alone. One afternoon I had to leave to take my final exams. I hugged him and left. When I got into the hallway I thought to myself, "I didn't say I love you. Oh, well, I'll see him tomorrow," and I went on my way. Several hours later while taking my exam the dean of students pulled me from class to tell me that Gramps had passed away.

To this day I regret not going back into his room that last time.

Easter that following year was subdued as was each holiday in between. We still got an egg with our names on them and a hallowed chocolate bunny but the ears were still attached and it just wasn't the same.

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Chief provides annual law enforcement review

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

End of the Year Crime Statistics: 2014

I am happy to report that Ocean Pines had a drop in serious crime of nearly 40 percent during 2014 compared to 2013. This is the largest crime decrease in my tenure as Police Chief (from 2003). There are a number of factors which have contributed to this decrease, and my experience as a Police Chief provides statistics with caution, some factors we control, other factors are out of our control. And with every low number, the following year tends to show increases.

I do believe that our increased enforcement efforts have shown some positive effort at crime control. Identifying and arresting criminals puts them out of service, if only temporarily. Increases in arrests and traffic en-

forcement tend to reduce some serious crime. Our community is a very mobile community, with nearly 70 miles of roads and a very busy Parkway. We receive numerous complaints of speeding and reckless driving which we must address. It is important to examine our traffic statistics to see that there is a very healthy number of warnings issued, rather than citations. This emphasizes the need to educate as well as enforce.

Ocean Pines continues to be one of the safest communities, per capita, in the state of Maryland. Of course, if you are the victim of a crime in Ocean Pines, these statistics may not have the degree of significance as it does on other residents. We are not immune to crime or crime patterns. Our proactive enforcement is an effort to keep Ocean Pines safe. Towards that end, we ask our residents to report suspicious activity, and be vigilant. Basic crime prevention efforts, such as locking your vehicle and securing your home when absent, make a huge difference in preventing crime opportunities.

Home Improvement Scam Arrest:

A 62 year old Ocean Pines man was arrested in connection with a home improvement scam. This individual drove around the community soliciting alleged home improvements and yard work. Some work was done, but often residents were asked to pay up front for work which was later never provided. Residents should never pay for the total cost of a work project before the work is completed. Utilize only reputable home improvement companies, with a proven track record.

Trespass Arrest at Recreation Department:

Police were forced to arrest a 19 year old resident who was verbally abusive and refused to follow Recreation guidelines. He had been warned from previous incidents. Police have a duty to assist other association employees in keeping our amenities as a healthy environment for our citizens. Arrests are only made when absolutely necessary.

Traffic Deaths in Maryland Are the Lowest Since 1948:

A total of 442 people died in traffic-related incidents in Maryland in 2014, the lowest number since 1948 and about half the 872 deaths on Maryland roadways in 1968, the deadliest year on record.

The decline continues a steady, decades-long trend in Maryland despite motorists driving billions more miles a year and new distractions such as mobile phones becoming ubiquitous. There were 643 deaths in 2004 and 466 deaths in 2013.

The drop, announced by state transportation officials in Annapolis, included a substantial dip in fatalities related to drunken and impaired driving, which dropped to 133 in 2014 from 152 in 2013 and a five-year av-

erage of 171 from 2009 to 2013.

I realize there are times when residents question the need for increased traffic enforcement, but these statistics should give comfort to the fact that our efforts do make a difference. Stricter drunk driving laws and an increase in cab and bus service as an alternative to driving have all helped make our community a safer place. Last year saw a 23 percent decrease in traffic accidents in Ocean Pines, which may indicate that increased traffic enforcement contributes to public safety.

Disturbed Individual Threatens Neighborhood:

A 51 year old Ocean Pines resident was charged by police with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Police received a citizen complaint on the man who was threatening his neighbors with a baseball bat. When police confronted him, and attempted to take him into custody, he resisted. Our officer received assistance from both the Maryland State Police and the Sheriff's Office. This is a good example of how our Police Mutual Aid Agreement benefits our community. When we are needed to assist the state or county in areas surrounding Ocean Pines, we do so. And in this case, when we need support inside Ocean Pines, they assist us.

In this particular case, the suspect was later evaluated for mental health issues.

Domestic Assault Arrests:

As the largest year-round residential community in Worcester County, we often receive domestic disturbance complaints. In cases where evidence of physical injury occurs, arrests are made. Since our last Bulletin, police made a total of six domestic assault arrests. In one domestic case, both parties were arrested. Maryland law mandates arrests, when certain legal criteria are met.

Construction Material Theft:

Police charged a 26 year old Ocean Pines man with stealing lumber from a construction site in Ocean Pines.

Drug Arrests:

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Tour of Italy trip offered

The Salisbury Cruise Club currently has space available on their upcoming 10-Day Tour of Italy from September 16 through 26. This escorted tour includes bus transportation from Salisbury and Ocean Pines, round trip non-stop air fare from Philadelphia, hotel accommodations for three nights each near Venice and in Florence and Rome, with daily American breakfast at the hotel and dinner included each night in local restaurants. Daily guided tours are also included with two days in Venice, Lake Garda area, Ferrara, Tuscany (Pisa and Lucca), Florence, Siena, and two days in Rome featuring tours of the Vatican, Monumental Rome and Ancient Rome. Per person prices are \$4,600 based on double occupancy including transportation. For further information about this group tour or to request registration information, please contact Salisbury Cruise Club President, Kelly Shannahan, at 410-546-1237 or by email at salisburycruiseclub@gmail.com or

plan to attend the next meeting of the Salisbury Cruise Club on Friday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jackson Memorial Building of Trinity United Methodist Church in downtown Salisbury.

The meaning of Passover

By **Steven Robert Cohen, JD**

Jews all over the world will be celebrating the holiday of Passover or Pesach in Hebrew. Passover 2015 begins Friday evening, April 3, and ends Saturday evening, April 11.

Passover is a festival of freedom. It commemorates the Israelite's Exodus from Egypt, and their transition from slavery to freedom. The main ritual of Passover is the Seder, (which means order in Hebrew) which occurs on the first night (or, outside of Israel, the first two nights) of the holiday—a festive meal that involves the re-telling of the Exodus through stories and song and the consumption of ritual foods, including matzah (unleavened bread).

The Seder is of a religious nature with a carefully prescribed ritual that makes the dinner quite unlike family dinners held on civil holidays. The ritual (or order) is laid out in the hag-

adah, a book that is followed during the Seder.

At the center of every observance of Seder lies the Seder Plate. On the plate are six food items. Each of the six items arranged on the plate has special significance to the retelling of the story of Exodus from Egypt, which is the focus of this ritual meal. The seventh symbolic item used during the meal—a stack of three matzos—is placed on its own plate on the Seder table.

The six traditional items on the Seder Plate are: Matzah, a crisp unleavened bread that commemorates the unleavened bread eaten by the Jews when they left Egypt in such a haste that there was no time for the dough to rise. Maror and Cazeret are bitter herbs (usually romaine lettuce or horseradish) which symbolize the bitterness and harshness of slavery. Charoset is a mixture of apples, nuts, wine and cinnamon which symbolizes

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On Sunday April 19, from 1 - 3 p.m. the Democratic Women's Club will collect non-perishable food, toiletries, and paper products at the South Fire Station, located on Ocean Parkway (South Gate). Supplies will be shared with a local food ministry. Call 410-641-8553 for additional information.

Boating classes offered

The United State Coast Guard Auxiliary graduated its first Safe Boating Class of 2015 at the Ocean Pines library on March 12. Fourteen more area boaters know the meaning of 'Red, Right, Returning' when they are the 'give way' versus 'stand on' boat in passing situations and the hyper-critical importance of a designated driver on the water.

The State of Maryland requires that everyone born after 1 July, 1972, needs to pass the Maryland Safe Boating Class and have their certificate with them when operating a powerboat; however, it's highly recommended that everyone who wants to be informed about safe boating regardless of their age or experience take the class. Besides the state mandated material - legal responsibilities, safety equipment, navigation, good boating practices, the class covers other pertinent subjects like marlinspike (knots & lines

handling), local Ocean City water knowledge, a virtual boat ride to practice emergency reactions, ditch bag



Auxiliarist **Bob Cooke** demonstrates the inventory of his ditch bag to the class. Bob carries his bag whenever he goes boating to provide needed supplies in case of an on water emergency. Bob's bag includes useful items such as tape, batteries, tools, radios, fasteners, charts, tide tables, compasses and lots of other vital supplies that have been gather though years of marine experience. (USCG AUX Photo by Dan Collins)

content analysis, marine radio protocols and, of course, a couple of sea stories.

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

Future Safe Boating Classes are scheduled for the Ocean Pines library: April 7-9, May 5-7, June 9-11 and July 7-9.

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

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



Construction - Ocean City Elementary kindergarten students in Mrs. Christine Lieb's class are at work constructing cubes from toothpicks and gummy candies as part of a unit on geometric solids. Motivation is high when students know they get to sample some of the leftover materials when they have finished. Pictured are **Kaden Ortt** and **Ethan Peled**.

Moore to speak at spring dinner

One hundred fifty years ago this month on April 9, 1865 General Ulysses S. Grant accepted the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee ending the Civil War, which had torn the nation apart. Just six days later the morning of April 15, 1865 President Abraham Lincoln died from the wounds he received from an assassin's bullet the previous evening at Ford's Theater in Washington, DC.



Joe Moore

On April 18, 2015 these events will be commemorated at the Spring Dinner Meeting of the Worcester County Historical Society in the Community Center (new Fire Hall) in Pocomoke City. The guest speaker, Joseph Moore, well-known local attorney and author, will tell about life on the Eastern shore during the Civil War and the major events in the nation at the end of the war.

The menu for the evening will be the ever-popular chicken 'n dumplings dinner prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Pocomoke Fire Company. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30. Several local authors, including Gordon Katz and Mindie Burgoyne, will be present to sign their books.

Tickets for the dinner, which will be open to the public, are \$22 each.

Checks should be mailed to Robert Fisher, WCHS, treasurer, 230 South Washington Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863. For more information people can call 410-632-1265.

Flea market is April 11

Attention bargain hunters and treasure seekers! Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks will be hosting their annual Spring Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday April 11 from 8 a.m. to noon. Spaces are still available. You can clean out that attic or garage, turn your trash into cash, or fundraise for your favorite cause or organization. The flea market will be located at 235 Ocean Parkway at the Ocean Pines Community Center. If you wish to be a vendor, call (410) 641-7052.

Rapp to speak at Dem meeting

Jim Rapp of the Rackliffe House will be the guest speaker at the Democratic Women's Club meeting to be held Monday, April 20 at the Ocean Pines Community City. Coffee and conversation begin at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All women are welcome to attend. For more information, call 814-322-2119.

Letters sent to The Courier for publication consideration must be signed and include a telephone number where the author can be reached to verify authenticity, if necessary. Letters are not corrected for spelling or grammar and priority will be given to letters of 300 words or less. Letters must be received by Friday at 5 p.m. They can be e-mailed to:



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Welcome Easter as I'm sure everyone is tired of the winter. It is a great time to gather the family and enjoy all the events that the Ocean Pines Association has to offer. It is fun to attend the egg hunt in the park and the Easter bonnet contest for the kids. We usually have a Smithfield spiral ham and turkey breast for dinner with all the trimmings. Try this colorful salad to accompany your Easter meal and follow it up with a delightful lemon dessert.

Ribbon Salad

2 - 3 oz. pkgs. lime Jello
2 - 3 oz. pkgs. cherry Jello
1 - 3 oz. pkgs. lemon Jello
1/2 cup marshmallows
1 #2 can crushed pineapple
1 8 oz. Pkg. Cream cheese (room temperature)

1 heaping T. mayonnaise

Prepare lime Jello, chill until set. Prepare lemon Jello using 1 cup boiling water and 1 cup of the pineapple juice from the can of crushed pineapple plus water to make a full cup. Add marshmallows and melt over low heat. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Add crushed pineapple, cream cheese and mayonnaise. Beat with mixer. Chill and pour over lime Jello. Pour cherry jello over lemon mixture when it has set. Chill for at least several hours. Prepare a day ahead to assure firmness.

The following lemon tarts make a delicious dessert for your Easter dinner.

Lemon Tarts

1 package Pillsbury 2 - Pie Crust (in

refrigerated section)

Lemon Meringue filling

3 T. corn starch
1-1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1 T. grated lemon rind
Yolks of 3 eggs
1-1/2 cups boiling water
6 egg whites
6 T. Sugar (for meringue)

Roll out crust and cut into 12 rounds. Fit into muffin tins. Prick sides and bottom of the dough. Bake at 425 degrees until edges brown, about 3 to 4 minutes.

Combine corn starch, sugar, lemon

juice and rind. Beat egg yolks, add to corn starch mixture. Gradually add boiling water. Heat to boiling over direct heat and then boil gently for 4 minutes stirring constantly. Pour into baked tarts.

Beat egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Gradually beat in sugar. Spread meringue over top of tarts carefully sealing in all the filling by spreading to touch sides of crust right to edges. Bake in 425 degree oven for 4 - 5 minutes until lightly browned. After baking, add a twist of lemon on top of each meringue. Cool on wire rack. Serve cool.

*A very happy Easter
bevvisch@aol.com*

Easter, spring event to be held

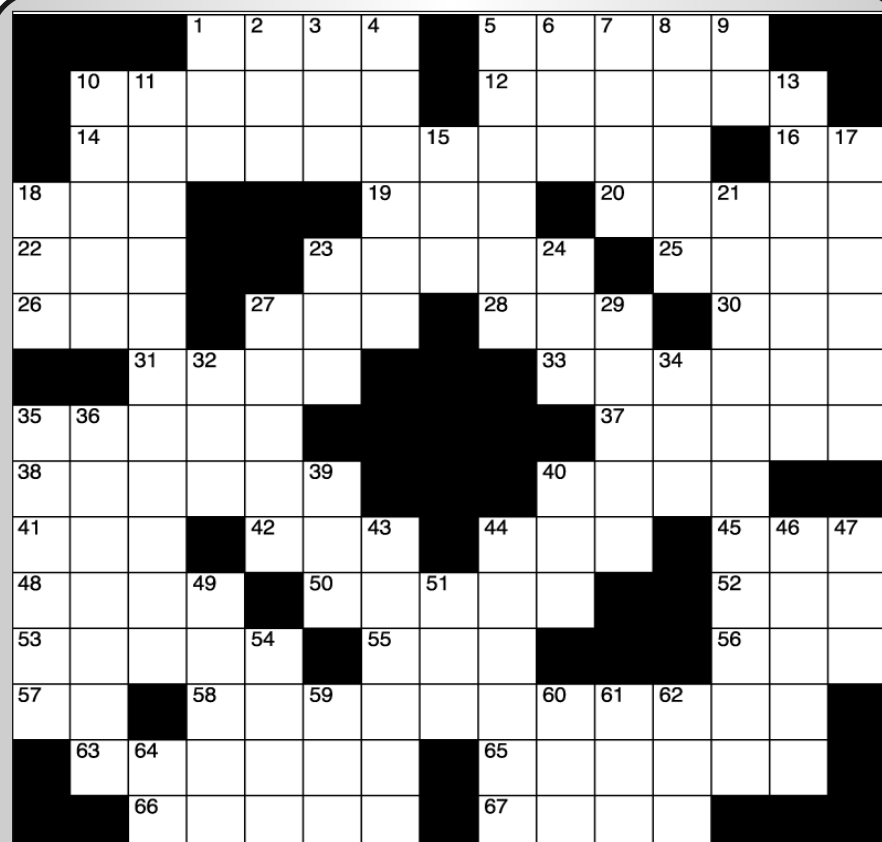
Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks will hold an Easter/Spring Celebration on Saturday, April 4 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at White Horse Park. Enjoy egg hunts, Easter bonnet contest, carnival games, crafts, pony rides, moon bounce, refreshments, and more. Free admission, some attractions have a nominal fee. Candy donations and volunteers are needed in order to run a successful program. For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at (410) 641-7052.



15th Annual Ocean Pines Community Easter Sunrise Service

If it rains, join us at the school at 6 a.m.
For more information call 410-641-6000

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Ocean Pines Yacht Club**



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1. Piece attached on one side
5. Flat-bottomed boat
10. Oblong cream puff
12. Czar nation
14. Jump rope fast
16. Ma's partner
18. Ink writing implement
19. Wet spongy ground
20. "Gunga Din" screenwriter
22. Root mean square (abbr.)
23. Stroke
25. Former ruler of Iran
26. Provide with a top
27. Chit
28. Actor DeLuise
30. Point midway between E and SE
31. S.E. Asian nation

panion
42. Fix conclusively
44. 7th day (abbr.)
45. Pouch
48. Employee
stock ownership
plan
50. Fastened with
adhesive or mask-
ing
52. Don't know
when yet
53. Eagle's nest
55. Early modern
jazz
56. Auricle
57. Atomic #81
58. Social class of
manual laborers
63. Groups of re-
gional animals
65. Release draft
animals
66. Musical nota-
tions
67. Bearing or
manner

DOWN

1. Grippe
2. Scientific workplace
3. Afflict
4. Construction of parts off-site
5. Cut back shrubs
6. Road furrow
7. The Nazarene

author	36. Of one
8. Fire residues	39. Allow
9. 3rd tone	40. Sorrowful
10. Excessive fluid accumulation	43. Dining hall furniture
11. Fellow plotter	44. Partition between 2 cavities
13. Inability to use or understand language	46. Reduce in amount
15. 12th calendar month	47. Where passengers ride
17. Greek capital	49. Sacred fig tree (alt. sp.)
18. Communist China	51. Poet Edgar Allan
21. Philadelphia sandwich	54. Sea eagle of Europe
23. Neverland's Peter	59. An awkward stupid person
24. Medical man	60. Black tropical American cuckoo
27. Domesticates	61. Whisky
29. Murdered in his bathtub	62. Electrically charged atom
32. Dreaming sleep state	64. Atomic #89
34. Drunkard	
35. Double	



Answers for Mar 25

Eyes on the Skies

Mapping the structure of the Milky Way

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



As the first full month of spring, one might hope April will bring warmer weather for stargazing. The constellation Leo the Lion now appears prominently in the evening sky, and is joined by Bootes the Herdsman for the first time this year.

The conceptual topic for April is the use of radio astronomy to explore and map the Milky Way galaxy. Over the years, astronomers have developed several techniques to scrutinize the stars, by detecting infrared, x-rays and ultraviolet radiation among others. Radio waves, well-known as carriers of entertainment and news, also reveal much about the cosmos.



Many hobbyists are familiar with the faintly glowing band that graces the late summer skies. The appearance of this “river through the skies,” reflects that Earth is located within what is called the Milky

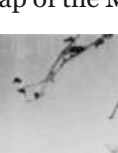
Way. However, astronomers can see only a small fraction of the galaxy's 100 billion stars.

In the 1920s, it was found that the Milky Way is filled with a thin haze of dust. The dusty haze becomes increasingly prominent with distance and the remotest stars are cut off entirely from astronomers' inspection. Radio astronomy offered a method to pierce the veil and learn more of the Milky Way's hidden secrets. Radio waves are not attenuated by the dust but travel freely, just as a radio station transmits clearly even on foggy days.

In the 1930s, Karl Jansky and Grote Reber were the first to build radio receivers for astronomical research. One of their most striking discoveries was the strong radio emission from Milky Way's central region. Today, astronomers know that this is due to a massive black hole, consuming gas and dust from the inner parts of the galaxy.

A breakthrough in radio astronomy occurred in the early 1950s. As-

tronomers Jan Oort and Hendrik van de Hulst theorized that hydrogen gas should emit a particular wavelength of radio wave. This so-called “21 centimeter line” is associated with an atomic property scientists call “spin.” In 1951, Harvard astronomers succeeded in detecting this radio wavelength from galactic hydrogen, thus confirming the theory.



Radio Telescope 1937

Venus can be seen and remains visible at least until about 9:30. Another bright planet – Jupiter – can be seen as early as 7:45 p.m., well up in the southern skies.

April is a good time to view Leo the Lion. Just as Orion is the most familiar constellation of winter, Leo plays this role for springtime, as the majestic lion rides high overhead in the evening skies. Even as the sky becomes dark around 8:30 p.m., Leo is already well up above the eastern horizon. Leo resembles a reclining lion, with the characteristic backward question mark shape representing the head and mane and an elongated triangle shape delineates the hind legs.

After about 9:30 p.m., the northeast sky should reveal another well-known pattern, the kite-shaped constellation Bootes (boh-OH-teez) the Herdsman. Bootes features the bright orange-tinted star Arcturus at its southernmost tip. After about 10 p.m., the brilliant winter star Sirius



Grote Reber's Radio Telescope 1937

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County emergency alerts keep residents informed

Friday, March 13, an assailant robbed the BB&T Bank on Racetrack Road outside Ocean Pines. Within 30 minutes of the crime occurring, at the request of the Maryland State Police (MSP), Worcester County Emergency Services (WCES) used an emergency notification system to call the 10,147

would like area residents to know how to distinguish between a typical telemarketing phone solicitation and an instant notification call going out to area residents and businesses via landline or cell phone to apprise them of disasters and other emergencies that develop.

to residences in either affected areas or countywide based on the extent of the emergency. Such calls could include information about evacuations, hazardous materials spills and widespread health notices.

WCES only utilizes the call out system for eminent emergencies. A call from WCES will appear in the caller identification window with the local number 410-632-2751 and be immediately followed by *Worcester County*. Upon answering, callers will hear an automated voice informing they are about to receive an important message. Callers will hear an automated message about the nature of the emergency and any necessary precautions to take.

The automated system uses smart technology and is able to distinguish between whether a call is received by an individual, fax or answering machine and can identify if a caller hangs up before listening to the call. The system is capable of making 75 to 100 calls at a time.

Residents who would like to receive emergency notification via their cell phone must register their cell phones with WCES at www.co.worcester.md.us where they will see a link to

the county's Self Registration Portal. No cell phone companies provide the county with cellular phone numbers. Registration is limited to two cell phones per residence due to the additional time involved with calling multiple phones listed under the same physical address. It is not necessary to register Verizon landline phones as these are provided directly to WCES by the phone company. During an emergency, residents should not rely solely upon the system to receive updates prior to or during an emergency, due to the unknown variables associated with large-scale disasters or disruptions to cell phone coverage in diverse areas. In the event of emergency, residents are asked to continue to monitor public access systems, such as radio, television and internet news sources.

Please be assured that Worcester County Government will never use this system to contact residents for any reason other than to report immediate emergencies, nor will any information residents provide on the portal be shared with outside agencies.

For more information, contact WCES Director Fred Webster at (410) 632-1311.

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area homes and businesses in the vicinity that could be in harm's way to apprise them of the incident and to warn that the assailant remained at large. Unfortunately, 1,268 callers, who may have thought the call to be a telemarketer, hung up without ever hearing the message.

In the wake of this event, WCES

WCES uses the GeoCast Web service from Cassidian Communications. This tool allows WCES to reach a large population of residents and businesses in a quick and concise manner with information on an imminent emergency. It utilizes telephone company phone listings and cell phone listings that include physical addresses to place calls

Pines Public Works yard to open

The Ocean Pines Public Works yard will be open to residents April 18 through May 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Yard debris may be dropped off during this time.

The Ocean Pines Public Works yard is located at 1 Firehouse Lane behind the south gate fire department. Residents with questions should contact Ocean Pines Public Works by calling 410-641-7425 or emailing Linda Martin at lmartin@oceanpines.org.

Additionally, Republic Services customers may place up to four bags of leaves or yard debris curbside for each scheduled pickup. This is in addition to regular trash pickup. Trash collection days for residents south of Route 90 are Tuesday and Friday. For residents north of Route 90, the collection days are Monday and Thursday.

Republic will also pick up branches if they are tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Ocean Pines residents interested in enrolling with Republic Services should call 410-749-1551.

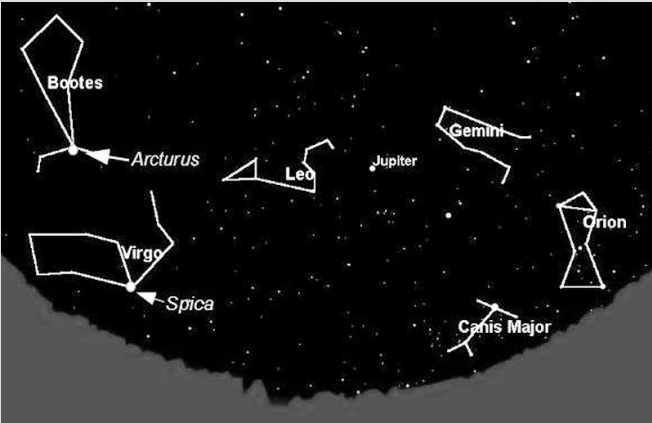
Tide and Sun Chart				
* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide				
DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., April 2	7:01 a.m. 7:16 p.m.	12:54 a.m. 1:14 p.m.	6:44 a.m.	7:24 p.m.
Fri., April 3	7:40 a.m. 7:55 p.m.	1:34 a.m. 1:49 p.m.	6:43 a.m.	7:25 p.m.
Sat., April 4	8:18 a.m. 8:34 p.m.	2:12 a.m. 2:24 p.m.	6:41 a.m.	7:26 p.m.
Sun., April 5	8:57 a.m. 9:13 p.m.	2:50 a.m. 2:59 p.m.	6:39 a.m.	7:27 p.m.
Mon., April 6	9:35 a.m. 9:52 p.m.	3:29 a.m. 3:36 p.m.	6:38 a.m.	7:28 p.m.
Tues., April 7	10:14 a.m. 10:32 p.m.	4:10 a.m. 4:15 p.m.	6:36 a.m.	7:29 p.m.
Wed., April 8	10:54 a.m. 11:15 p.m.	4:54 a.m. 4:57 p.m.	6:35 a.m.	7:30 p.m.

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will begin to sink lower towards the horizon and the bright beacon will set just after midnight. One can imagine the bright star Arcturus, which is then reaching ever-higher in the eastern sky, as a sign that the winter is over and the spring is now beginning.

A total lunar eclipse takes place on the morning of Saturday, April 4 but will be visible only for those living further west, in the Central, Mountain or Pacific Time Zones. For east coast residents the eclipse begins at about 6:15 a.m. on that morning, when the moon is very close to the horizon, just a few minutes before it sets.

A conjunction will occur on April 19 at about 8:30 p.m., when the thin crescent moon will appear about five degrees to the left of Mercury and Mars over the western horizon. However, Mercury and Mars are not very bright and the glow of twilight makes them difficult to locate. Binoculars are recommended.



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charged with Possession of Marijuana in separate incidents. Marijuana is still illegal in Maryland, although minor amounts can be written on civil citations, now.

Drunk Driving Arrests:

Since our last Bulletin, police have arrested 5 individuals for Drunk Driving in Ocean Pines.

Snow Storm Events:

As in every community, police must patrol during inclement weather. In recent years the department switched over to all wheel drive Ford Explorers to aid in this process. This has greatly aided us in keeping police vehicles available to respond to emergencies and stranded motorists during snow and low level flooding.

Naloxone Training:

Naloxone is an emergency spray which can be given to suspected drug overdose individuals. Maryland has had a recent epidemic in heroin related drug deaths. Over the years, Ocean Pines had several heroin-related deaths. To improve our response to emergency overdoses, the entire police department received training in the administration of Naloxone spray to an individual who may be overdosing. The Worcester County Health Department conducted the training through a grant and issued vouchers for the procurement of Naloxone for each police officer. This may save lives in our community.

Promotion to Corporal:

After a very competitive promotional process, I am happy to report that PFC Tish Ottey was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Tish is a detective in the department and works very hard at clearing major and minor criminal cases.

Thank You to all our Neighborhood Watch Personnel and Citizens who keep Ocean Pines a wonderful and safe community.

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Inaugural race, walk set in Berlin

The Worcester County Arts Council announces the inaugural 5K Race/Walk for the Arts to be held on Saturday, May 16 in historic downtown Berlin.

The event is a fundraiser to increase the awareness and importance of arts in communities.

Runners of all ages are encouraged to register.

For event details, schedule and registration go to: www.octrirunning.com. Each race entry includes a free one year membership to the Worcester County Arts Council.

For details on how to get involved on the sponsorship level, please download the Sponsorship Commitment form directly from the Worcester County Arts Council's website: www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org and return it, with your tax deductible contribution by April 15. This will ensure that your sponsorship will be included in all promotional materials.

For volunteering opportunities, please contact the Arts Council's office at 410-641-0809.

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the mortar that was used by the Jewish slaves to build the storehouses of Ancient Egypt. Karpas is a vegetable, usually parsley, celery or boiled potato dipped in salt water which symbolizes the pain felt by the Jews who could only eat simple foods during their slavery in Egypt. Zeroah is a shank bone which is a reminder of when the Israelites marked the doorposts of their homes with the blood of a lamb as a signal that death should pass over them. Beitzah is a roasted egg symbolizing spring. For more information contact Rabbi Susan Warshaw at Temple Bat Yam at 410-641-4311 or rabbiswarshaw@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Community Calendar

When submitting items for the calendar please include the event name, date, where held, time and a little about the event. Items being considered for the calendar need to be in by noon on Friday. E-mail to thecourier@delmarvacourier.com

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

Tuesdaysand Thursdays

Poker players wanted for Gentlemen's Poker in North Gate area Ocean Pines. Game played

every Tuesday & Thursday evening 5:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. on Pinehurst Rd. Ocean Pines. Call 410-208-0063 for more information.

Wednesdays

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Elks Bingo

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

Delmarva Hand Dancing

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

Rotary Club

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

Square Dancing

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

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

Wednesday Night Bayside Beginnings Al-Anon family meetings are held at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Thurs. & Fri.

Church Thrift Shop

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

Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

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

open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 410-641-5433.

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** at The Woodlands/Independent Living Apt. Bldg. 1135 Ocean Parkway-Ocean Pines, Md. 21811

Third Sunday

Sharing Sunday

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

Third Monday

Democratic Women

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

Third Tuesday

Widows & Widowers Social Club.

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

Third Wednesday

Survivors of Suicide Meeting

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

Fourth Wednesday

Marine Corps League

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

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Vet memorial to celebrate anniversary

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a special cocktail party on Saturday, May 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. The anniversary party will be held under the big tent on the grounds of the Worcester County Veterans Me-

morial at Ocean Pines, nestled by the edge of the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond and walking trail off Cathell Road and Ocean Parkway.

The catered event will feature heavy appetizers, beverages and a cash bar. Live entertainment will be pro-

vided by Frank Nanna and the "WWIIunes" with a special appearance by featured artist, Todd Crosby.

To make a reservation contact Barbara Robert at 410-208-3249 or Mary Adair at 410-208-0376.

The cost is \$25 per person. Mail your check payable to "WCVMF" to Barbara Robert, 1301 McHenry Court, Ocean Pines, MD 21811. Proceeds from the event will be used for the WCVMF's educational program for all 5th graders in Worcester County. Sponsorships and memberships are also available.

The Memorial honors men and women who have served in all branches of our military as well as the dead and wounded the missing and our Gold-Star Mothers. Sharyn O'Hare, Ocean Pines Board Member, Board Member Emeritus of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation and Event Co-Chair, commented, "This is a very special place, a place of tears, a place of peace, a place of unity, and place of pride for our community. There have been thousands of footsteps that have walked these bricks and pavers through the years. Hundreds of Veterans have been honored at this memorial. Thousands of school children have toured and received an introduction to this "hallowed ground" which represents the best each of us carries within ourselves."

The annual Memorial Day Celebration, held on Monday, May 25, at 11



a.m., is a free event where everyone is welcome to attend. Visit www.OPVETS.com for additional information.

Motorcoach trip to New York offered

Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) is offering a day trip to New York City this spring.

On Saturday, April 25 spend the day in New York City. This On-Your-Own trip is your day to play in the Big Apple and check out the sights. Visit the Statue of Liberty, climb the Empire State Building, or go see the Rockettes Spring Spectacular show. Tour the Museum of Modern Art Exhibit or the Butterfly Conservatory at the American Museum of Natural History. Take a walk through Central Park Zoo or

visit the 9/11 Museum and Memorial. Shop-till-you-drop at Macy's, Saks, Lord & Taylor, and FAO Schwarz.

The cost for roundtrip transportation is only \$60 per person.

For more information or to register for this Motorcoach Tour trip, contact Lea Cataggio at 410-632-2144 x109 or lcattaggio@co.worcester.md.us. Find us on the web at www.Worcester-RecandParks.org for a complete list of all our programs or to sign up to receive email announcements.

Summer children's program to be offered

The on-campus child development center at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury is accepting registrations now through May 8 for Camp Jordan, a summer day camp program for children from five through 12 years old that runs from June 15 through August 21.

Camp Jordan features a different theme for each week of the 10 weeks and consists of instructional, fun-filled activities. Parents can register their children for all 10 weeks or choose which weeks work best for them.

The children have an opportunity to learn about Americana, animals, astronomy, geography, the Eastern

Shore, health and fitness, music, and space and rocketry. Indoor and outdoor activities include arts and crafts projects, computer games, cooking, dance and karate. Age-appropriate field trips and water activities are also offered.

Weekly programs run Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.worwic.edu <<http://www.worwic.edu>> or call the child development center at 410-334-2962.

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