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Purnell to speak at DWC meeting

Worcester County Commissioner Diana Purnell will be the speaker at the Democratic Women's Club (DWC) meeting on Monday, October 19. DWC meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Coffee and conversation begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the 10 a.m. meeting.



Diana Purnell

All women are welcome to attend these informative and friendly meetings. Please call 814-322-2119 for more information.

RWWC to meet

The Republican Women of Worcester County will hold their October luncheon meeting on Thursday, October 22 at The Captain's Table Restaurant at 15th St and the Boardwalk in Ocean City. Come hear about the Republican Women of Worcester County and their plans for 2016. Cost of the luncheon is \$16 per person. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11 a.m. To make your reservation or for more information, please contact Ann Lutz at 410-208-9767 or annlutz@verizon.net.

Boat Club to meet

The next General Meeting of the Ocean Pines Boat Club will be on October 21 in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center at White Horse Park in North Ocean Pines. There will be a social hour starting at 6:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

A brief Board Meeting will follow at 7:15 pm, after which Mike Healy will make his presentation. Mr. Healy attended and graduated from West Point and Trinity College and is a Dublin Ireland graduate and professional genealogist who specializes in helping people around the world find their Irish ancestors. Mr. Healy will talk about fishing in Ireland where this sport is an integral part of Irish history and culture. He will highlight a planned tour trip to Ireland and include a sign-up sheet for those who might be interested.

Members, guests and prospective members are invited to attend. All residents of Ocean Pines are welcome to join the Ocean Pines Boat Club.



Recognition - Worcester County Garden Club member **Glenda Clarke** received the Mary Ann Royal Award from previous year's winner **Carol Morrison**. This award was established by Norma Polk, the first president of the Worcester County Garden Club and member of the House of Delegates, in honor of her friend Mary Ann Royal. It is given each year to an outstanding member of the Club.

General Manager conducts town meeting

By **Kelsey Reichenberg**

Last Thursday evening, Ocean Pines Association (OPA) General Manager Bob Thompson conducted a town hall meeting. He opened the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation which covered topical items.

The first topic of discussion was the Yacht Club's recent financial success. The club had its largest net operating profit for the summer months in the history of the organization. The profits have increased \$138,425 since this time last year. Thompson was also pleased to announce that the Yacht Club received the "Best Of" award in Metropolitan Magazine as the best wedding and banquet facility. In

addition to the Yacht Club's increase in profit, aquatics in the community have also experienced an increase in revenue, due to a significant increase in the use of pools. The department has realized a \$92,796 improvement over last year's number for the same time period.

There was much discussion about the community's transition from propane gas to natural gas. In response, Mr. Thompson talked generally of discussions between OPA and Chesapeake Energy, the parent company of Sandpiper Energy which is handling the community's conversion. He told attendees

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OPA, BJ's offer to benefit Veterans Memorial

BJ's Wholesale Club is once again partnering with the Ocean Pines Association to bring a special membership offer, effective October 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 \$15 off the BJ's \$50 Inner Circle membership fee or \$25 off the \$100 BJ's Perks Rewards membership fee, one additional free month of membership and a free second membership card for a household member. With this offer 13 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 in April of 2016. Current BJ's members whose memberships will expire before then are encouraged to renew during the fall offer.

BJ's operates over 200 clubs in 15 states from Maine to Florida, including a location in Millsboro, Del. The wholesale club offers a large assortment of products for home and business, savings of more than 30 percent off supermarket prices and acceptance of all manufacturers' coupons and BJ's store coupons.

BJ's membership applications are available at the Ocean Pines Association administration building at 239 Ocean Parkway and online at OceanPines.org.

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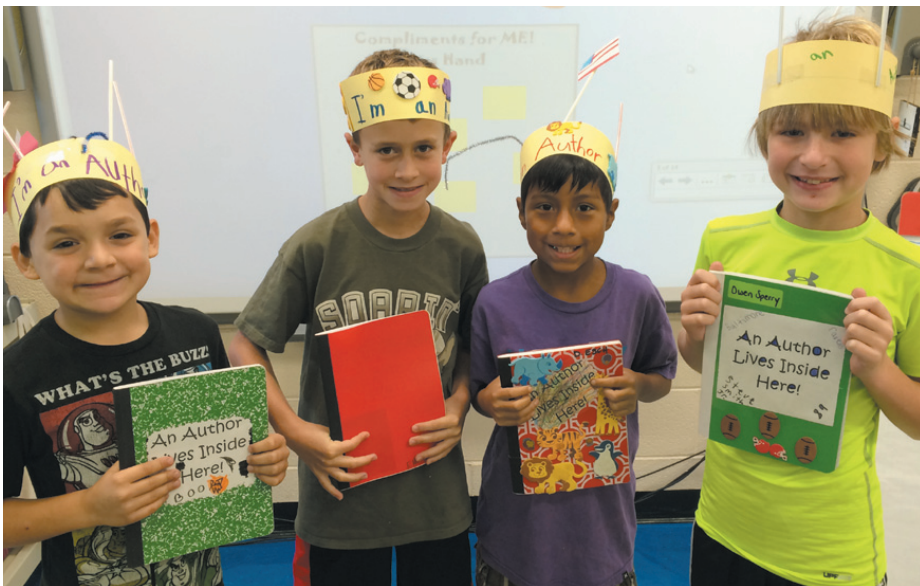
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Well Done — Showell Elementary's **Matthew Reed, Ethan Hitchens, David Esch** and **Owen Sperry** celebrate their hard work during a writer's workshop celebration in Heather Hand's third grade class.

VOLT loan informational session rescheduled

The Video Lottery Terminal (VOLT) small business loan information session has been rescheduled to take place at the Ocean Pines library on Friday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Worcester County Economic Development (WCED), in partnership with the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation and Maryland Capital Enterprises, invites business owners and entrepreneurs to attend the session. VOLT fund managers will present the low interest loan opportunities that may be available to attendees to help them start or expand existing businesses. To qualify for a VOLT loan, companies must employ fewer than 500 employees, and their annual revenues must average \$35 million or less over three years.

"VOLT loan funds are available to

small, minority, and woman-owned businesses," WCED Deputy Director Merry Mears said. "Most Worcester County businesses meet at least the minimum qualifications for these funds based on the Maryland definition of a small business."

VOLT loan funds are generated from 1.5 percent of all Maryland casino yearly proceeds, as required by Maryland law. Fifty percent of these funds must be used within a 10-mile radius of Maryland's operating casinos, including Ocean Downs.

The session is free, but pre-registration is recommended. To register for the session or to learn more about the advantages of starting or growing an existing business in Worcester County, please contact Mears at 410-632-3112 or

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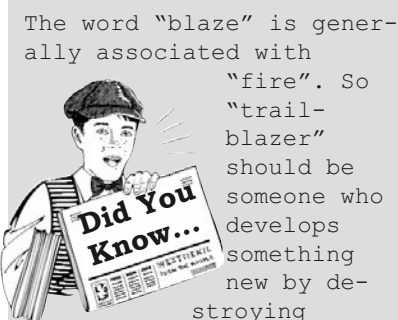
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The word "blaze" is generally associated with "fire". So "trail-blazer" should be someone who develops something new by destroying everything that is old. This however is not the origin of the expression. The expression came into being in the late 18th Century when the American settlers were pushing farther and farther west - towards Oregon, California, etc. Since they were exploring uncharted territory and didn't want to get lost along the way, they used to mark the trail that they had taken. One of the ways that they used to indicate the route they had taken was to remove the bark from some of the trees. This method of marking trees was known as "blazing." And since they were marking a trail, we get the expressions "blazing a trail" and "trail-blazer."

Alzheimer's training offered

The Alzheimer's Association will offer the state required five hour and two hour dementia training courses for Assisted Living providers on Thursday October 22 at Gull Creek Retirement Community in Berlin. The two hour refresher course will be held from 10 a.m. to noon and the five hour course will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both courses meet the Maryland state requirement of dementia training for direct care assisted living workers. The training sessions focus on the skills that are needed to provide care to individuals with dementia and mental health issues. Some of the topics covered include: an overview of aging, memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease; person centered care; behavior management; modifying the environment, and planning and presenting activities. The five hour course also includes pain management for persons with dementia; mental health; mental illness & aging; caregiver stress; and working with families. Each participant will receive a printed training manual and certificate of attendance. The cost is \$45 per person for the five hour course, and \$25 for the two hour program. This fee includes program materials and light refreshments. Lunch is on your own.

The Maryland Board of Social Work examiners certifies that the five hour program meets the criteria for five credit hours of Category I continuing education for social workers and associates licensed in Maryland, and the two hour program meets the criteria for two credit hours of Category 1 continuing education for social workers and associates licensed in Maryland. There is a fee of \$20 extra for the five hour Social Work CEUs, and \$10 extra for the two hour Social Work CEUs.

Pre-registration is required, seating is limited. Please contact Amy Schine, education consultant at 410.749.4940 for more information and registration.

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Welcome - Worcester County GOLD welcomes new members of the Board of Directors (from left to right), **Christopher Woodley, Pam Marshall and Barry Laws.** GOLD is a nonprofit that provides financial assistance to Worcester County families in crisis, vulnerable adults, and children in foster care.

Bias, Cross promoted

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

Dominique Bias has been promoted into the Taylor Bank Management Trainee Program. Dominique started with the bank in May of 2013 as a Customer Service Associate at our Pocomoke branch. She graduated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. Dominique is a resident of Pocomoke, Maryland.



Dominique Bias



Tori Cross

Tori Cross was promoted to Electronic Services Representative. Tori began her career with Taylor Bank in September of 2012 as a part-time CSA at Main Office. In May of 2013 she was offered full-time employment and has worked in East Berlin, Ocean View and Fenwick. Most recently she was offered an internship at Main Office focusing on marketing and electronic services. Tori anticipates completing her Business Degree at Salisbury University fall 2015 or spring 2016. She is a resident of

Pittsville, Maryland.

Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company, founded in 1890 in Berlin, offers a wide range of loan, deposit, and ancillary banking services through 10 offices located in Worcester County and lower Sussex County, DE.

WCCW to meet

The Worcester County Commission for Women (WCCW) will meet on Tuesday, October 20, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services (Conference Room) located at 124 N. Main Street in Berlin. 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 group 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.

Dems to hold collection

The Democratic Women's Club will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products on Sunday October 18 between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. 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.

The balance of a good day

Have you ever had one of those days when you wake up in a happy-go-lucky mood expecting everything will come up roses only to find yourself constantly walking from one pile of manure to another? I mean that figuratively not literally, unless of course you happen to work or live

that is stuck in a bucket, trips on a banana peel, tumbles backwards and hits his head on a ladder from which a bucket tips over and covers him in bright orange paint. There are days when I'm aglow in orange.

Why is it that the ratio of good things happening to not good things happening always seems to be off balance? For instance why can't I find a five dollar bill on the ground more often than I step in doggie nuggets? Why for every compliment I hear I hear five or six or more complaints?

Why is it that for each time I'm able to fuel my car under the canopy on sunny days, I find myself at the gas pump just outside the safety of the canopy on miserably cold and rainy days? Why? Why? Why?

It's as if some force has it out for me. The gods must perk up their spirits during boring days by deciding to pick on little old me; howling with delight I'm sure when because I hit every traffic light along the way, by the time I reach the store to buy aspirin for my throbbing headache, the store just closed.

There are days that despite my best efforts to walk on the sunny side of the street, I'm shadowed constantly by a rain cloud. And as added irony, I'm without an umbrella, raincoat or hat. I'm just a comic-tragic character for the gods' amusement.

To be sure though there are days when more good fortune shines my way than not. And I'm not talking about winning a lottery or anything like that. It can be as unspectacular as the day I found three dollars in my pants pocket, made it through a usually congested intersection without waiting, was served fries that were actually still hot and was told by the auto mechanic that the problem with my car was a quick fix and there would be no charge. That may not sound like a good day to most but everything is relative I guess. Any day you can squeeze in a little good fortune while the gods are distracted is a good day.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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on a farm that such situations are just part of everyday life.

I had one of those days not long ago. Things were going fine until just after 11 a.m. one Saturday morning when in very quick succession the laundry room closet door broke, the shade on a bedroom lamp came undone, my car tire picked up



a nail and it was discovered that we were out of bread. Now maybe this doesn't sound like an overwhelming course of events. Each situation taken alone is a minor annoyance quickly remedied. However, when everything happens in the span of just under a half hour it's a logical reaction to believe that somehow, somehow you're cursed. That's how I felt. But then again I have a persecution complex that is easily inflamed. Who said that?

When a succession of unfortunate occurrences take place I'm reminded of the circus clown who while attempting to free his foot

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This year's vaccine provides protection against three strains of flu virus expected to circulate this season. All people, including pregnant women and those with medical conditions, are strongly recommended to get a flu vaccine each year.

People age 65 years and older have a choice of two flu vaccines available to them at the Worcester County Health Department. They can choose to receive a regular flu vaccine or a high dose flu vaccine which may result in a stronger immune response against the flu. At this time the high dose vaccine has not been received, please call the health department prior to arrival to assure this vaccine is available.

Flu vaccine is available for Worcester County residents at the health department locations in Pocomoke, Snow Hill and Berlin. Community clinics will be held from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the following dates:

Mondays, October 19, October 26, and November 2 at the Pocomoke Health Center.

Fridays, October 16, October 23, and October 30 at the Berlin Health Center

Fridays, October 16, October 23, and October 30 at the Snow Hill Health Department.

Worcester County Health Department will bill Medicare and Medicaid for flu vaccine. Medicare or Medicaid cards must be presented at the time of service. For all others, the suggested donation for the flu vaccine is \$15. No one will be denied service due to inability to pay.

For more information visit the Worcester County Health Department's website at www.worcester-health.org or call us at 410-632-1100.

Pig, oyster roast scheduled

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department will hold its 2nd annual Pig and Oyster Roast on Friday, October 23 at the Main Station in Bishopville. There will be raw and steamed oysters, fried fritters, roast beef, gun raffle and 50/50 raffle. The event will take place between 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Call 410-352-5757, email BishopvilleVFD@gmail.com, or stop by the station between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday.



Chat math - Showell Elementary students, **Aubrey Cooper** and **Lilly Nathan**, used math vocabulary when having a "math chat" to share and discuss their math responses in Deb Schrawder's second grade class.

Zombie Walk returns

Register for the 2nd annual Zombie 5K/1-mile walk benefiting the Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) youth scholarship fund. This event takes place on Sunday, October 25 at the John Walter Smith Park in Snow Hill.

The race starts at 8:30 a.m. and open registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Open to all ages, a 5K course will be offered for runners and a 1-mile course for walkers. Both courses will begin outside and will finish inside the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) Indoor track.

The registration fee is \$25 per runner for the 5K course or \$20 per walker for the 1 mile course. Families

of four can register for the 5K course for \$90 or the 1 mile course for \$70. All participants will receive an event t-shirt.

Prior registration is encouraged. An additional \$5 will be applied if registering the day of the event.

Prizes will be awarded to the top runners and participants are invited to dress up in a Halloween costume.

For more information on this event or to become an event sponsor, contact Lea Cataggio at 410-632-2144 ext.109 or lcataggio@co.worcester.md.us. Visit our website at www.Worcester-RecandParks.org to sign up for email announcements.

Gala to help warriors

The American Legion Family of Synepuxent Post 166, Ocean City, MD, will honor Wounded Warriors on October 17 with a gala starting at 5 p.m. with cocktails and dinner at 6 p.m.

The Gala is open to the public and tickets are \$30 a person with all proceeds going to help Wounded Warriors through "Operation Com-

fort Warrior," "Heroes to Hometowns" and the "Veterans Support Centers of America." If you would like to purchase tickets for the event they are available at the American legion, 2308 Philadelphia Ave. in Ocean City. For more information please call the Post at 410-289-3166.

meeting

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that OPA has been working with Sandpiper Energy to set up a successful plan comprised of short and long term goals for conversion. He was reluctant to provide a timeline of when the agreement between the community and company would be executed. Nor could he predict when the conversion would begin.

In addition to the natural gas issue, Mr. Thompson talked about capital projects such as the racquet complex project. OPA is waiting on the approval from the county and the state to begin expansion on the sports facilities in the community. If approved, the expansion would include additional tennis, racquetball and pickle ball courts.

As the meeting progressed, Mr. Thompson announced that leaf collection is underway in Ocean Pines. Republic Services will pick up four trash bags of leaves per customer per collection day in addition to residents' regular trash. 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. Additionally, a vacuum truck will be deployed to vacuum leaves raked from the ditches. Residents can also drop off 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 through Saturday from November 17 to December 20 from 7 am to 3 pm.



Working together - Karin Lertora's third grade students at Showell Elementary investigated the mass of different objects. Working together, from left to right, are **Coilin Gallagher, Alyssa Monteverde, Clara Robinson, Jason Wyatt, and Joey Parks.**

Toddler, infant programs offered

Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks (WCRP) offers parents of toddlers and infants opportunities for socialization and physical fitness this fall at the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC).

Toddler Gym is open to children ages 18 to 48 months and takes place each Tuesday morning this fall from 10 to 11 a.m. A parent/guardian must be present each week to participate with their child(ren). The cost is \$30 per child for the entire 12 week session (\$25 for each additional child).

This program will give toddlers an opportunity for social time through play, and will introduce children to different movement and motor skills. The class will allow time each week for parents and children to explore the gym space and use different types of equipment. The class will also include small group games, songs, and activities that will encourage children to move freely in open spaces.

Stroller Fitness is returning for another fall session and will help you get fit with your little one in tow. The class is open to parents, or expected parents, and their stroller age child on Thursdays, starting September 24 through December 17 from 10 - 11 a.m. The class will include warm-up, power walking, stretching, and toning. The class also provides parents the opportunity to meet other parents, engage in playgroups, form lasting friendships, and provide an enriching and fun environment for children. The cost is \$40 per person. Classes will be held at the Worcester County Recreation Center

(WCRC) in Snow Hill.

For more information on either of these programs, contact Kelly Buchanan at 410-632-2144 ext.103 or kbuchanan@co.worcester.md.us. Visit our website at www.WorcesterRecandParks.org to sign up for email announcements.

Track or Treat event set

Worcester County Recreation & Parks invites you to join them for Track or Treat, a safe trick or treat event, at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill Friday, October 30, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This family fun event is open to youth ages 12 & under.

Local vendors will have goodies to hand out to kids and kid friendly games will be offered. Children should come dressed in Halloween

costumes and bring bags to collect goodies.

There is no admission fee for this event, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information on this event or to become a vendor, contact Lea Cataggio at 410-632-2144 ext.109 or lcattaggio@co.worcester.md.us. Visit our website at www.WorcesterRecandParks.org to sign up for email announcements.

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Wellington was dead and Christopher Boone was holding him so the policeman thought he killed the dog. Christopher said he did not and Christopher does not lie. "I like Wellington and I just wanted to say hello but I didn't know someone had killed him." But the policeman grabbed Christopher and the boy hit him and he held on. Christopher immediately began screaming because he feels pain when people touch him. And that's how Christopher wound up in jail.

Thus readers begin with the opening scenario of Mark Haddon's novel "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," a story narrated by Christopher, a 15 year old boy who is different. At no time in this book does the author refer to Christopher as having autism nor does he profess in interviews to be knowledgeable about

the condition. He merely describes the boy's innermost feelings, interactions with people and details and draws graphs of the boy's structured reasoning, which borders on mathematical genius. Readers may afford their own conclusion as to Christopher's diagnosis. According to a recently published book "Neurotribes: The Legacy of Autism and the Future of Neurodiversity" by Steve Silberman, the disorder was not formally recognized and named until the 1940s.

After explaining the situation to the police, Ed Boone drives Christopher home. On the way he tells his father he is going to find out just who did kill their neighbor Mrs. Spears's dog. After all Sherlock Holmes is his favorite detective and Christopher knows how to apply proper reasoning just like the great man did. Ed severely admonishes him to "keep his nose out of other people business" but Christopher begins to question the neighbors anyway. It is like pulling on that wayward thread on your sweater when all of a sudden the whole garment begins to unravel. Christopher discovers

things not meant for him to know and Mr. Haddon allows us to see how the boy's mind accepts, interprets and ultimately misunderstands the information. It leads him to journey on his own to London where he becomes terrified of the subway trains and rides on an escalator for the first time in his short life.

As Christopher enumerates the points of his reasoning Mr. Haddon weaves the story so it is hard not to feel empathy for the boy. And his reasoning can be so simple. He tells us why red is his favorite color and yellow is not. So therefore it is logical to put red coloring in yellow food so he

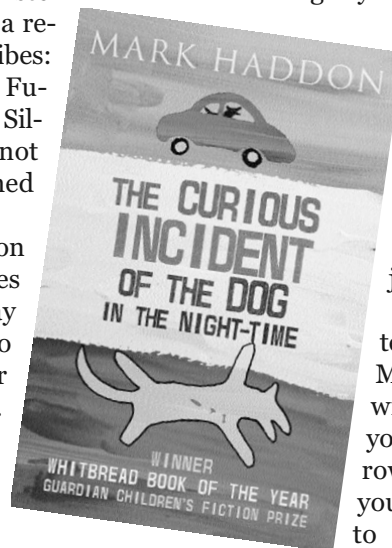
can safely eat it. Lest you think this is a joke, be reminded that Christopher does not tell jokes.

What is interesting about Mr. Haddon's writing is that you feel not sorrow as much as you feel an ache to understand this boy. He then

turns around and puts you in the parental shoes. You feel the frustration that at times leads to the intense anger that besieges them and maybe gives reasoning, right or wrong, as to why they act as they do. I applaud Mr. Haddon for being able to burrow so

deep into his readership's mind that we can learn over the space of a very personal story to feel compassion for Christopher as well as for his parents. These are all hurting people.

It is worth noting when readers recognize a book that makes the quantum leap from the children's fiction side of the library over to adult fiction. It happened with J. K. Rowling's and her Harry Potter series and with Markus Zusak with "The Book Thief." And now it has occurred again with British author Mark Haddon's novel "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time." The book garnered further attention when it was crafted for the stage in England and then crossed the pond to the New York stage where it won several Tony awards this June. I must say here that I had the good fortune to be treated to attend the play on Broadway this summer. I was so impressed by the presentation that I immediately had to read the book, which is equally as commanding and thus recommended here.



Academy 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 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. rain or shine. Vendors are invited to participate, \$25 per 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.

Project 22 film to be shown

A free showing of "Project 22," a film by veterans for veterans and their families to end the epidemic of veteran suicides with a message of hope and healing will be shown Friday, October 16 at the Zenna Wellness Center located at 10 South Main Street in Berlin. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 443-373-7069.



Sorting - Showell Elementary third grade students (left to right), **Raelyn Bonebrake**, **Chloe Waggoner**, and **M.J. Gilmore**, classify buttons in Karin Lertora's science class.



Completed - After more than a year of work and a decade of planning, the Bishopville pond project is now complete. The pond, before restoration, had a spill way that prevented fish from the St. Martin River reaching and spawning upstream. Now, with the spill way gone and "fish ladders" installed, fish and eels can swim further upstream, spawn, and return to the river. Maryland Coastal Bays and Maryland Department of Natural Resources played a major part in making the new pond come to completion. Members of the Bishopville community, DNR, and MD Coastal Bays helped celebrate the ribbon cutting. Shown third from left: Marine scientist and Acting Executive Director of Maryland Coastal Bays, **Dr. Roman Jesien**; holding ribbon Worcester County Commissioner **Jim Bunting**; and holding scissors Maryland Senator **Jim Mathias**. Photo by Ted Page.

Worcester GOLD to host golf tourney

Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) will hold its inaugural 18-hole golf tournament on November 6. The event, in a scramble format, will be held at the "must play" Rum Pointe Seaside Golf Links near Assateague Island.

"This is an exciting venture for GOLD," said event co-organizer, Mary Burgess. "Golf tournaments are noted for raising funds and awareness for good causes. There is no better cause than helping local families and children in need."

The 18 holes of fun will begin with registration at 10:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. The \$100 per player fee includes 18 holes, a cart, and box lunch. Desserts, awards, and Lucky Ticket Auction will follow immediately after the tournament. Mulligans will be available for \$1 each per golfer at registration. "A 50/50 raffle will be available for anyone feeling particularly lucky that day," said Terri Bradford, event co-organizer.

Awards include Winning Team; second and third place winners; longest drive for male and female players; and closest to the pin for male and female players. The first golfer who makes a

hole-in-one on the designated hole will be the winner of a car sponsored by Pohanka of Salisbury.

Sponsorship opportunities for the day include platinum, gold, silver, and bronze. Hole and cart sponsorships are available, as well as business card advertising. To participate in the tournament or take advantage of one of the sponsorships, visit GOLD's website: www.worcestergold.org. The deadline for registration is October 30.

Among the tournament prizes will be nights at local hotels, gift certificates to various restaurants, rounds of golf at area courses, and a host of other outstanding prizes.

GOLD Board President Carol Jacobs expressed her thanks to those who have already signed on to be involved. "This golf tournament will assist GOLD in providing for those less fortunate in Worcester County. Last year, nearly 5000 acts of kindness were extended to local families and children in Worcester County through GOLD."

For additional information about the tournament, contact Mary Burgess at 443-880-3740 or marybinoc@aol.com or visit the GOLD website at www.worcestergold.org.

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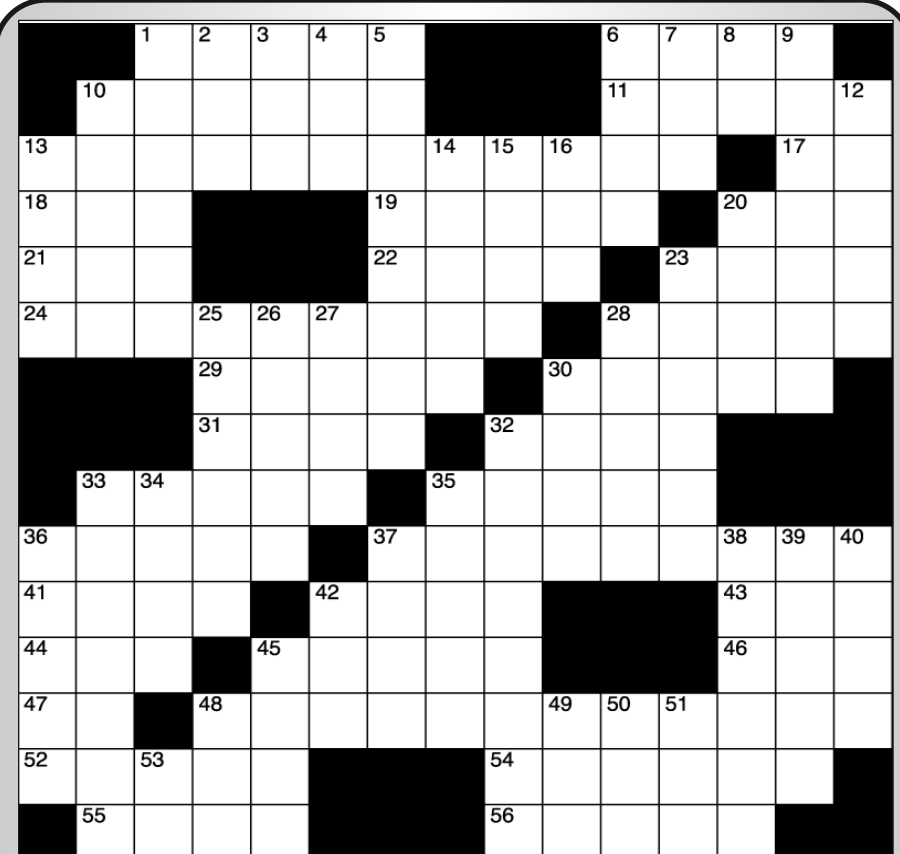


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 - 11. Foots
 - 13. Veggie toy
 - 17. Overdose
 - 18. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
 - 19. So. Am. plain (Span.)
 - 20. Point mid-way between N and NE
 - 21. Single
 - 22. Inactive
 - 23. Mother of Hermes
 - 24. Gives a new meaning
 - 28. Silent players
 - 29. One who adds Cluny trim
 - 30. Men or boys
 - 31. God of War
 - 32. Self-immolation by fire ritual
 - 33. Inevitable events
 - 35. Add pi-quancy
 - 36. Skin lesions
 - 37. Cannabis
 - 41. River of NE Turkey
 - 42. 2 family struggle
 - 43. A young swine
 - 44. __ student, learns healing
 - 45. 55300 MN
 - 46. Opie actor Howard
 - 47. World's oldest news gathering organization (abbr.)
 - 48. Luke's Jedi mentor
 - 52. Japan's knife & scissor city
 - 54. Medical antiseptic & dye
 - 55. Early female flyers
 - 56. Loses heat
- DOWN**
- 1. No longer practicing
 - 2. Military mailbox
 - 3. Cowboy Carson
 - 4. 7th Greek letter
 - 5. Nautical ladder rungs
 - 6. Hmong
 - 7. Fellow
 - 8. Maltese
 - 9. Coal blacks
 - 10. Japan Airlines bird
 - 12. Different concepts
 - 13. Secure a ship with ropes
 - 14. Elder
 - 15. Belongs to famous computer
 - 16. Point mid-way between NE and E
 - 20. Moniker
 - 23. Environment
 - 25. Fills with joy
 - 26. Transportation charges
 - 27. Frosts
 - 28. Counterpart
 - 30. 2nd largest Hawaiian island
 - 32. Grimly humorous
 - 33. A dog's front foot
 - 34. Mures River city
 - 35. Steam bath
 - 36. South African Music Awards
 - 37. Sound made by a cat
 - 38. Clothing protectors
 - 39. Wife of Amphion
 - 40. God of fire (Hindu)
 - 42. Favorite weekday (abbr.)
 - 45. Japanese sashes
 - 48. Klutz
 - 49. "___ Koo," Debbie Harry debut album
 - 50. Tokyo
 - 51. Hardly any
 - 53. Cathode



Answers for Oct 7

That's how my garden grows...



By Betty McDermott

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

September offered us a welcome relief from the heat of summer and now we can enjoy more of the same this month. Although fall is here, I am still picking beautiful, red, ripe tomatoes. My "Sweet Million" cherry tomato plant continues to produce many clusters of sweet tomatoes. It is not unusual to pick as many as 20 to 30 tiny tomatoes at a time. This Sweet Million tomato plant was given to me as a gift from a local greenhouse owner and he asked me to try it. Well, it has been a very prolific producer of tiny tomatoes for the past three months and it is still going strong. It truly is "the gift that keeps on giving." If you are a lover of sweet, cherry tomatoes, then this is the plant for you.

This month brings with it many chores before frosts and very cold weather arrives so let's get right to them.

It is time to clean up your garden beds in preparation for winter. Your summer annuals are probably still doing well but when the first frost comes, they will be done. This is a good time to plant asters and winter pansies.

If your perennials have grown too large, now is the time to divide them and transplant those divisions.

It is time to cut back the dead blossoms on your hydrangea plants. Cut those branches back just above a new outgrowing bud as this will be the new growth and blossom for next year.

Do not cut back or prune your roses as this should be done only in February or March when the new buds are evident. It is fine to dead head the spent blossoms but wait until spring to prune.

Don't forget to bring in your tender house plants if you put them outside this summer but first you must bug proof your plants. Hose them off with a light spray before you bring them indoors, or you may be bringing in insects and critters you don't want inside your house. Remember to do the underside of the leaves and branches as you hose them down.

It is bulb planting time again. Here are a few pointers on planting bulbs such

as tulips, daffodils, narcissus and jonquils. Plant bulbs by mid to late October as they will establish faster and bloom earlier. Additionally, the soil still retains some summer heat which will foster their establishment. Place your bulbs in groups, not singly or in rows; group odd numbers for a more natural look and try to cluster the same colors together to create a more impressive look. Bulbs should be buried at a depth of at least twice their height. The bottom of the bulb should be in firm contact with the soil or else it will not root properly. Add a bulb fertilizer and mix with a little soil before placing the bulb in the hole. Plant bulbs in well-drained soil; do not plant in very wet or moist soil as the bulbs may rot. Do not buy bulbs and leave them in poor storage conditions for long periods of time; try not to plant them too late in the fall. The larger the bulb, the larger the flower in spring. Don't skimp on cheap bulbs. Did you buy those gorgeous chrysanthemums this fall, like I did? Well, here is a tip on saving those gorgeous plants for another year. Just remove them from the container, dig a big hole in a spot where they will receive some sun and plant them in your yard. Make sure you dead head the blossoms and water them well. Next year you will have new chrysanthemums to enjoy all over again. Good Luck!

Well, I must tell you that my interesting and beautiful hummingbirds have left my feeders and gone south to warmer climates. I miss them very much as they were so entertaining. I even found a container of nectar left in my refrigerator which I did not get a chance to use. I think they were here until the second week of September. I have washed all the feeders and stored them away for another year. Now it is time to get out the hanging bird seed feeder, and enjoy the change of scenery.

Have a wonderful, restful October and enjoy all October has to offer.

*"A thing of beauty is a joy forever:
Its loveliness increases"*
John Keats

Fenwick Wine Cellars has a bit of everything

Growing up on a farm that grew apples, peaches, cherries, and grapes, Adrian Mobilia would one day parlay this knowledge and experience into

enced, we enjoyed not only the wines but also the education provided about each of them by the tasting room manager that day, Katie Duke. Of the

cated us that the Fredonia wine is a good introductory red for red wine novices. She was right that it was very light and tasty. For more seasoned red wine drinkers, the Merlot is Katie's personal favorite with its light chocolate finish. Katie also mentioned that the winery holds "Sip and Scoop" events with their neighbor, The Blue Scoop Ice Cream Shop, where they pour their wines atop favorite ice cream flavors. One example is to pour the Concord wine atop Blue Scoop's Peanut Butter ice cream. As Katie describes, "It's like a decadent peanut butter and jelly sandwich and is just delicious."

exploring their attractive gift shop. Chief among the gift ideas you will find are uniquely-shaped bottles in such shapes as a Lighthouse, a Pirate Ship, a Christmas Tree, and a Heart in a beautiful array of colors. Adrian and his father discovered these bottles several years ago, and the bottles filled with Fenwick Wine Cellars wines make terrific gifts.

Stop into Fenwick Wine Cellars to see all that this local winery has to offer. You can savor a Vin-o-Slush or sample a variety of their tasty wines and even take home a specialty-shaped bottle as a gift or a special memento for yourself. It's an outing you'll be pleased to make again and again.



by Jean Marx

making excellent wine. His thriving business, Fenwick Wine Cellars in Selbyville, Delaware, still buys fruit juices made with 100% fruit from his family's farm in Pennsylvania located along the shores of Lake Erie. As a fourth-generation farmer, Adrian not only learned about working with grapes firsthand, but he also studied horticulture at Penn State and how to run a business through his MBA degree from the University of Buffalo.



white wines we tried, Reflections, the Niagara, and the Riesling were my favorites. They had just the right amount of sweetness to be refreshing, yet were also crisp and fruity. Niagara is the

winery's best-selling wine with customers describing it as taking a

grape off the vine and popping it into your mouth. The Steuben wine with flavors reminiscent of strawberry was also very nice; I took Katie's wonderful suggestion to sample it with a slice of buffalo wing cheddar cheese made by Chesapeake Bay Farms in Berlin. It was scrumptious; the spiciness of the cheese was cooled down beautifully by the Steuben's sweetness.

Of the reds we tried, the Ambrosia stood out nicely, offering a smoky flavor with hints of berry. Katie edu-

Another hit with customers particularly on a hot day is Fenwick Wine Cellars' Vin-o-Slush that uses red and white sangria to make a wine-slushy drink similar to an adult Slurpee. These Vin-o-Slush concoctions have become so popular that they are now packaged into convenient make-at-home pouches sold for \$11.99. All you need to do is add the wine and stick it in the freezer for three to four hours. An additional offering at Fenwick Wine Cellars is a Party Package for large group sizes. Everyone gets a gourmet cheese plate, wine tasting, a private bartender, a keepsake wine glass, and free transportation to and from the winery within a 20-mile radius. The packages are popular with bachelorette parties and other special events.

Another favorite at the winery is

The notion of running a winery first came to the family on the Pennsylvania farm. The family had been selling their grapes to Welch's for three generations and as wineries began to gain popularity, the family decided to keep a portion of their grapes to see what they could do with them. The winery took hold, and young Adrian took notice.

Adrian opened his winery, located at 38016 Fenwick Shoals Boulevard in Selbyville in January 2010 with three local grapes grown on the vineyard grounds – the Niagara, Concord, and Chambourcin. Harvesting is done from mid-August through September and bottling is done on-site. Tastings are offered Sundays - Thursdays from 12 noon - 6 p.m., on Fridays from 12 noon - 7 p.m., and on Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

In the wine tasting we experi-

Tide and Sun Chart

* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide

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Thur., October 15	9:36 a.m. 9:54 p.m.	3:17 a.m. 3:53 p.m.	7:09 a.m.	6:23 p.m.
Fri., October 16	10:16 a.m. 10:34 p.m.	3:55 a.m. 4:35 p.m.	7:10 a.m.	6:21 p.m.
Sat., October 17	10:57 a.m. 11:16 p.m.	4:35 a.m. 5:21 p.m.	7:11 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
Sun., October 18	11:42 a.m.	5:19 a.m. 6:11 p.m.	7:12 a.m.	6:19 p.m.
Mon., October 19	12:03 a.m. 12:32 p.m.	6:10 a.m. 7:06 p.m.	7:13 a.m.	6:17 p.m.
Tues., October 20	12:56 a.m. 1:28 p.m.	7:08 a.m. 8:03 p.m.	7:14 a.m.	6:16 p.m.
Wed., October 21	1:57 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	8:09 a.m. 9:00 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	6:15 p.m.

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WCHS to hold open house

In conjunction with Adopt-A-Shelter Dog month, the Worcester County Humane Society will hold its second Annual Open House on Saturday, October 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to come see all of the dogs and cats that are available for adoption along with improvements that have been made to the shelter. There will be kids activities, a bake sale, demos starting at 11 a.m. by K-9 Heeling, and at 2 p.m. there will be a Worcester County K-9 Unit demonstration. In addition, lunch will be available with a \$5 donation.

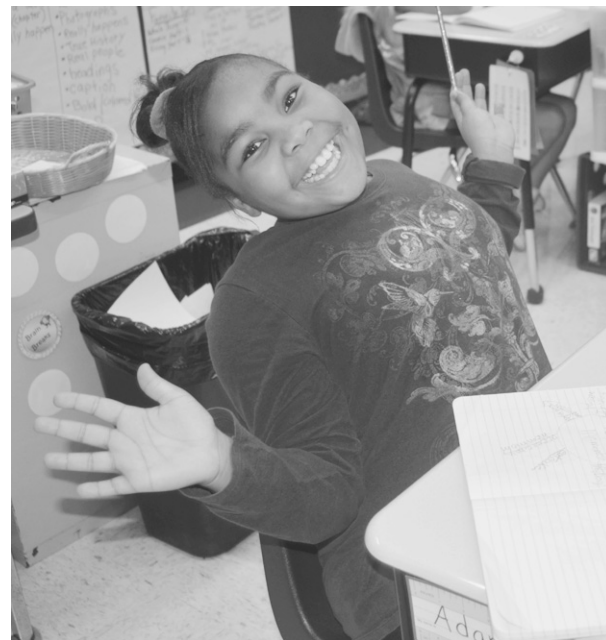
Though October is officially Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog month, the Worcester County Humane Society is calling it "Celebrate Me Home" month in hopes that anyone who has adopted a pet from the shelter will bring them back for a visit. There will be a Blessing of the Animals at 1 p.m. for any animals that are brought in for a visit.

The shelter is also offering \$25 cat adoptions on the day of the open house. Applications must be turned in on October 24 to receive the discounted adoption fee.

The Worcester County Humane Society is a no-kill shelter. It is located on 12330 Eagles Nest Road in Berlin. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Sundays and Wednesdays. Some of the sweet shelter kitties can also be seen by visiting Petco in West Ocean City. For more information call 410-213-0146 or visit the website www.worcestercountyhumesociety.org Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for more updates.

Labyrinth session set

Learn all about labyrinths on Tuesday, October 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the Family Life Center located at the Community Church at Ocean Pines. For more information call 410-641-5433.



Journal Entry - Showell Elementary's **Adayna DuPont**, a third grade student from Karin Lertora's class is excited to work in her Writer's Workshop journal.



Fun games - Students in Mendy Fiori's first grade class at Ocean City Elementary School are engaged playing a phonics and rhyming game during Integrated Language Arts. Pictured are **Ashton Winter, Mia West, Brian Flores-Cruz, Reed James and Daniel Hummel.**

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Community Calendar

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Mondays

Ocean Pines Poker Club

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

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

Sweet Adelines

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

Mon. & Tues.

Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge

Open bridge games Monday at 12 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. at OP Community Center. Call Mary Stover 410-726-1795

Mon., Wed. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

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

Tuesdays

Families Anonymous

From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at room 37 in the the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Rte. 589. For more information call Carol at 410-208-4515.

Take off Pounds Sensibly Meeting.

Berlin group No. 331, Worcester County Health Center 9730 Healthway Dr., Berlin, 5:30-7:00 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly on Tuesdays. Info: jean-duck47@gmail.com

Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

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

Wednesdays

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Elks Bingo

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

Delmarva Hand Dancing

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

Rotary Club

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

Square Dancing

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

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

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

Wed., Thurs. & Fri.

Church Thrift Shop

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

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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** 7:30 p.m. at The Woodlands/Independent Living Apt. Bldg. 1135 Ocean Parkway-Ocean Pines, Md. 21811

Third Sunday

Sharing Sunday

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

Third Monday

Democratic Women

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

Third Tuesday

Widows & Widowers Social Club.

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

Third Wednesday

Survivors of Suicide Meeting

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

Fourth Wednesday

Marine Corps League

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.

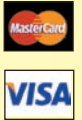



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Wolnik is crafter of the month

The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines has selected Jane Wolnik as the October Crafter of the Month. Jane has been a member of the crafters group for about six years and enjoys a variety of artisan and craft projects. She likes to focus her items around seasons of the year and upcoming holidays. Currently she has small quilted bags for sale in the club's Artisan Craft & Gift Shop located at the entrance of White Horse Park. The bags have a multitude of uses and are created using Halloween and Pink Ribbon themed materials for October. Among her other creations for sale in the gift shop are quilted table runners, crocheted scarves, and beaded bracelets. Jane serves as treasurer for the Pine'eer Craft Club and is also a member of Quilters By The Sea and a volunteer at the AGH Thrift Shop.



Jane Wolnik

The Artisan Craft & Gift Shop operated by the Pine'eer Craft Club is located in White Horse Park, directly opposite to the main entrance of the Ocean Pines Community Center. The shop is now open weekends year round and the fall hours are Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information about the Pine'eer Craft Club contact President Sharon Puser at 410-208-3032. The crafters meet on the third Thursday of each month in the Ocean Pines Community Center at 9:45 a.m. for refreshments and a 10 a.m. business meeting. A monthly craft follows each meeting.

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Fire safety - The county commissioners present Worcester County Fire Marshal Jeff McMahon with a proclamation recognizing October 4-10 as Fire Prevention Week and October as National Fire Prevention Month in the county. This year's theme is Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm. "Half of all home fire deaths occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep, and maintaining working fire alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home plays a key role in reducing home fire deaths," Worcester County Fire Marshal Jeff McMahon said. Learn more about fire safety at www.nfpa.org.



Respect - Showell Elementary third graders, **Peyton Redmond, Jada Donahue, and Addison Conley**, learned about treating others the way you want to be treated by using toothpaste. They learned that just like toothpaste, after saying something unkind, the words are out there and you can't take them back. The girls in Heather Hand's class tried many different things to get the toothpaste back in the tube, but they were not successful.

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