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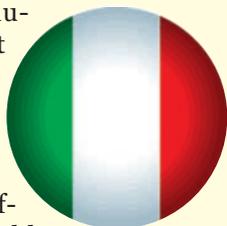
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AARP to meet

Next meeting for AARP will be January 4 at the Community Center in Ocean Pines. Social time will be at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10 a.m. This month's speaker will be Kim Richardson from Home Instead Senior Care.

Church to host Italian dinner

The Church of the Holy Spirit is having an Italian dinner catered by Carrabba's on Sunday, January 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church. The feast includes chicken Bryan, penne pomodoro, caesar salad, focaccia breadsticks, iced tea, lemonade and coffee. Desserts will be available for \$1.



Tickets are \$12 and are available at the church. They are limited, so get yours now. The church is located at 100th St. and Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Call the church office at 410-723-1973 or Monica at 443-235-8942 for more information.

Knights of Columbus bingo to be held

The Knights of Columbus will be holding bingo at Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway in Ocean City on January 8 and 15. Refreshments will be for sale. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30. For more information call 410-524-7994.

4-H to hold meeting

The Worcester County 4-H Berlin Hoot Owls Club will be meeting on January 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 613 William St., Berlin. The event is open to ages 5 through 18. 4-H is largest youth organization in the USA dedicated to positive youth development and cultivating the next generation of leaders.

There will be interesting projects to choose from, outdoor experiential learning, and much more. For more information call 410-632-1972.



Peer learning - Makenzee Purnell and Madison Wilkins work as peers to help each other set goals during "Writer's Workshop" Both students from Deb Schrawder's second grade class were able to be "the teacher" during this time together.

Thank You!

The mission of The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation is to create and maintain, in perpetuity, a suitable memorial to honor and preserve the unselfish contributions to the security and freedom of our country by the men and women of our military services.

The Memorial benefits greatly from the financial donations of individuals and businesses. Additionally many individuals volunteer countless hours throughout the year to assist in the numerous programs like student visitations to events such as the Memorial and Veterans Day celebrations.

Our community is indebted to the men and women who have and are currently serving our country.

Our Memorial is indebted to our community and those it honors.

Thank you to the businesses and individuals that have supported the Memorial during this year.

May the blessings of the season touch all those who support our service men and women.



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Kiwanis prepares gifts

Pictured (L-R): Kiwanians **J. Graham Caldwell**, **Dave Landis**, **Barb Peletier** and President **Mark Joseph** with the holiday gifts prepared by Barb for meals on wheels recipients in Worcester County. Kiwanis has had a long affiliation with meals on wheels, exclusively providing drivers to deliver the meals until a couple of years ago when the membership could no longer do the job. Regardless, there are still a few Kiwanians who deliver meals.



Garden Club members at "Decorate the Pines" (L-R): **Ilene Smith**, **Barbara Ferger**, **Carol Baer**, **Mary Wentworth**, **Darlene Murphy**

Garden Club decorates Pines

The Ocean Pines Garden Club (OPGC) held its annual "Decorate the Pines" event recently. Members constructed swags, wreaths, and other decorations made with natural and artificial greenery and ribbons and bows. Volunteers traveled throughout Ocean Pines hanging the decorations at entrances to neighborhoods. They then enjoyed a chili luncheon as a reward for their efforts. The club also held an artisan round robin at their December meeting. Four members demonstrated their talents in various crafts, proving OPGC members are not just gardeners, but are multi-talented.

The OPGC will install its 2016 officers at a January 14 luncheon at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Monthly meetings will begin in February and will be on the second Thursday of each month at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 10:00 a.m. (unless there is a trip). Visitors and new members are welcome.

Yard waste will not be accepted at Berlin Transfer Station beginning January 1

Yard waste will not be accepted at the Berlin Homeowner Convenience Center (HOCC) beginning January 1 through completion of a project to cap and close the rubble-fill located at the site.

December 31 will be the last day homeowners are permitted to drop off yard waste at the Berlin HOCC. Starting January 1, homeowners should take yard waste to the Central Landfill in Newark for disposal.

"We hope to be able to build up the area and resume accepting yard waste at the Berlin HOCC at some point in the future," Public Works Director John Tustin said. "However, we won't know for sure whether this will be a possibility until the project is complete."

Cleanup of the Berlin rubblefill is anticipated to last three months, with the cap and closure project to begin in spring 2016. The project, funded through general obligation bonds totaling \$3.4 million, is expected to take approximately nine months to complete, once the project is approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

The Public Works Solid Waste Division operates three HOCCs, which are located in Berlin, Pocomoke and Snow Hill. Homeowners who purchase annual permits may dispose of household trash and recyclable goods at the HOCCs.

Yard waste from homeowners will continue to be accepted at the

Pocomoke HOCC. Yard waste from commercial entities is not accepted at the HOCCs and should be taken to the Central Landfill.

HOCCs are closed on Wednesdays and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

In addition to the HOCCs, the County operates the Worcester County Central Landfill and Recycling Center in Newark as well as Recycling Drop Off Centers. Visit www.co.worcester.md.us and click on Public Works Recycling for a complete list of recycling drop off centers in the county.

All you can eat breakfast to be held

On Wednesday, January 6 from 7 a.m. to noon, the First Presbyterian Church, located on 13th and Philadelphia Ave, will be hosting their Grace Parker All You Can Eat Breakfast. The menu includes eggs cooked any style, pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, Milton sausage, country ham, homemade biscuits, hash brown potatoes, grits, coffee and tea. Milk, soda, and orange juice will also be available. It costs \$8 to eat in and \$6 to carry out. For more information call 410-289-9340.

Resolutions go back a long way

Historians believe New Year's resolutions can be traced back thousands of years to the ancient Babylonians, who lived in a region of Mesopotamia now known as Iraq. At the dawn of a new year, the Babylonians would promise their gods that they would return objects they borrowed and pay any debts they did not repay in the previous year. Babylonians believed keeping these promises would bring them the gods' favor in the year ahead. Romans later adopted a similar practice, promising Janus, their god of beginnings and endings, that they would conduct themselves well in the coming year. Depictions of Janus typically include two faces, which are meant to symbolize his link to both the past (looking back) and the future (looking ahead). Early Christians also had a tradition similar to New Year's resolutions, as they would spend the first day of the new year reflecting on mistakes they made in the past and resolving to improve themselves and avoid making such mistakes in the new year.

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Did you know that New Year's Day is the oldest celebrated holiday?



The Babylonians began celebrating New Year's Day on March 23, around 2000 BC. The end of March was the logical choice for

the New Year because it's the beginning of spring and it's also when new crops are planted. The Babylonians festivities would last eleven days, and each day was celebrated differently. In years to come, the Romans continued celebrating New Year's Day at the end of March, but with every new emperor came change and soon the festivities were celebrated on January 1. This date has no special significance; it was completely random. The month of January was placed at the beginning of the yearly calendar because of the mythical god Janus (the god with two faces: one looked forward into the future, and the other looked backward over the past). He was the guardian of doors and entrances, so naturally he oversaw the New Year's beginning. After Julius Caesar established the Julian Calendar, January 1 was officially established as the New Year.

County offers winter activities

Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) staff are excited to offer a wide host of activities for youth and adults at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill this winter. Whether you are looking for a toddler or youth program, adult league or fitness class, there is a program that's sure to fit your interests.

Little All-Stars, open to children ages 2 to 4, runs on Fridays, January 8 - March 18, from 10 - 11 a.m. This program is a great way for your child to become active while learning the key elements of a variety of sports and activities. Each class will focus on the fundamental movement skills of each sport, including soccer, t-ball, basketball, volleyball, tennis and more.

This winter After School Softball joins the lineup of Youth After School programs. Class will run on Thursdays, January 14 through February 25, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. This instructional program will introduce the sport of softball in a non-competitive environment for those in grades K - 3.

"This is a great opportunity for participants to get hands on instruction and extra practice in the off season in order to better prepare for the spring softball season," said Program Manager Kelly Rados, who will instruct this program. Skills taught will include throwing, catching, base running, batting, fielding, and team-work. Participants will build on their skills each week through practice stations and drills.

Spike Express Youth Volleyball will run on Tuesdays, January 12 - March 29, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for participants of all skill levels ages 9 - 14. Players will work on improving their volleyball skills. Each session will include time for instruction, practice and game play.

The cost of each of these youth programs is \$30 per participant (\$25 for second child). Financial Aid is available to those who show a demonstrated need.

Total Body Bootcamp, for those ages 18 and older, will run Tuesdays and Fridays, January 5 through March 22, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. This is a total body, high intensity style program that utilizes free weights, resistance, and body weight exercises to help participants attain and maintain their physique in ways that are fun, safe, and extremely effective.

"If you're looking for a high inten-

sity workout and don't mind a little enthusiasm from your instructor, you'll love this class," said Program Manager Myro Smalls, who leads this class. For all fitness levels, Total Body Bootcamp is effective, tough, and will challenge all levels of fitness and endurance.

Stroller Fitness will run Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m. This class, open to parents or expectant parents and their stroller aged child, will include warm-up, power walking, stretching, and toning. Stroller Fitness will also give

adults the opportunity to interact with other parents, and children the opportunity to engage in playgroups and form lasting friendships.

The cost for this fitness class is \$40 per person.

For a complete list of our upcoming activities, visit www.Worcetser-RecandParks.org, or contact the WCRC at 410-632-2144. Don't forget to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



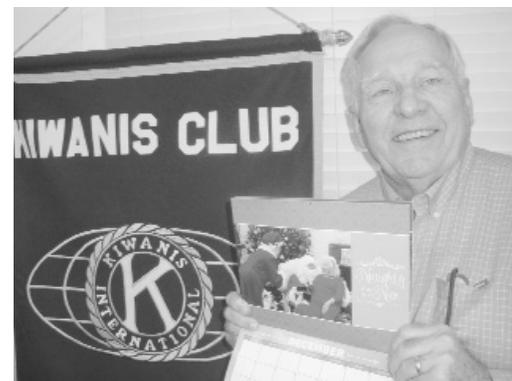
Paws n Claws raises funds

On Saturday, December 5, Paws n Claws in West Ocean City offered pictures with Santa. Many animal lovers brought their beloved furry family members to pose with Santa and Mrs. Claus and raised over \$700 for the Worcester County Humane Society. It was mainly dogs that participated, but **Stephanie** and **Jeff Valdivia** brought in their two horses Spaz and Gotti. This picture shows Stephanie and Jeff with Santa on Gotti.

Santa is at it again

Al Kastner, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City, showed his fellow members the December 2016 calendar from Brandywine Senior Living at Fenwick Island. The picture is of Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the Brandywine Christmas Party, and it is titled "Naughty is the New Nice."

Al and Carol Kastner are most familiar with the Clauses for the last 10 years since they see them at local functions such as Brandywine, the annual Christmas party for the Carousel employees, the Ocean Pines tree lighting, breakfast with Santa, the Christmas pizza party at the Ocean Pines Community Church and at all of the local elementary schools. Carol Kastner was not present as she was still at home, probably talking with Mrs. Claus about all the upcoming appearances. Those Clauses are dedicated, generous and wonderful people.



Put a lid on it

Three plastic bowls filled with leftovers sit on the counter after dinner. One is square, one is round and one is sort of oblong. The problem? Finding the correct lid for each. It sounds like a simple enough task doesn't it? All that is

Thinking back, the whole endeavor of saving food for leftovers has often been a struggle for me. It's not just finding the proper lid to go with the correct receptacle bottom but it's also judging the appropriate size to use based on the volume of food to be saved. Saving a half pint of string beans in a quart container has not been an uncommon occurrence for me. Also not uncommon has been my wife's reaction to my poor judgment. "Really? That's just like you to think in

far grander sizes than reality."

There are ways to get around the whole finding the right lid for the appropriate bottom debacle. Aluminum foil is very forgiving when it comes to storing leftovers. There is no need to match a top with a bottom. If you tear off too large a sheet, all you have to do is fold it over a couple times. If the sheet is

too small, tear off another one. Either way is quicker than finding the right lid. However, saving soup and other liquid leftovers in foil is messy.

Zippered plastic bags offer a solution of sorts. They're fast and easy to use (think yellow and blue make green) but from experience I know the difficulty in pouring spaghetti sauce into

them.

Of course the ultimate solution is to not have any leftovers at all at the conclusion of a meal. But that's really not practical as it would no doubt lead to waste. Which brings me to another point. For all the hair pulling time spent attempting to find a lid that is proper in size and shape, let's face it, often once a container is placed in the refrigerator it is forgotten and lost, pushed farther to the back with each successive leftover container that is stored. Is it any wonder why I can't find the exact lids I need? I'm looking in the wrong place. Instead of scavenging through the kitchen drawer I should be rummaging through the back of the refrigerator. Not only will I find sought after lids but I'm sure I'll be able to find a science project or two.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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required is to put a square, round and oblong lid on the respective bottom. Yeah, well things aren't always as easy as they look.

Part of a deep drawer in our kitchen is dedicated to storage lids and covers. Without exaggeration we must have seventy-five to a hundred lids of varying shapes and sizes. We have dark red ones and light red ones. There are pink ones and multiple shades of blue ones. Some are white, some are clear. All are lined up on their sides jammed into a cardboard box. In a nod toward hoped-for organization and simplification, small ones are in the front and large ones are in the back.



Sort of like the recess line at St. Albert the Great elementary school back in the old days when nuns who wore full habits used measuring sticks to ensure conformity.

Over the years my wife has purchased various sets of storage "systems," ultimately discarding the collection of Cool Whip containers that once served as our leftover holders. We have several Tupperware containers as well as an array of Glad, Rubbermaid and Ziploc. Each bottom requires its respective lid; there is no uniformity among the different brands so using a Ziploc lid on a Rubbermaid bottom is out of the question even if they're both round. I miss the good old Cool Whip bowl days: one size container and one universal size lid. Bada bing, bada boom!



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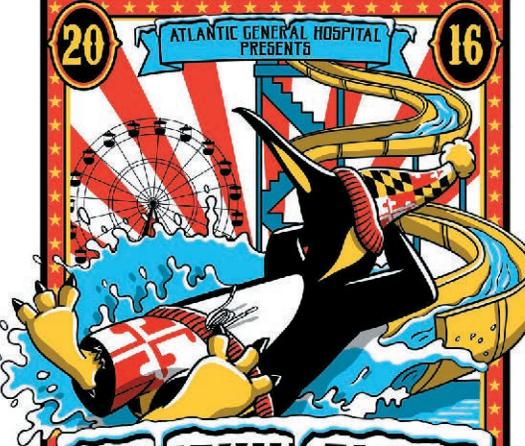
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'Auld Lang Syne' is a New Year's tradition

New Year's Eve festivities peak when the official countdown of the clock begins. After the ball drops and midnight has arrived, revelers cheer to the new year and exchange kisses and well wishes.

Once such wishes have been exchanged, many people begin to sing "Auld Lang Syne." But few know what "Auld Lang Syne" means or why it is sung on New Year's Eve. Confusion regarding this song is almost as notable as the tradition of singing it. Many people mumble through the lyrics because they never bothered to learn them.

"Auld Lang Syne" is a Scottish composition that is well over 200 years old. Written by Robert Burns in the 1700s, the author never intended for the song to become a staple of the holiday season. It was originally a poem that was later put to the tune of a traditional folk song. The title translates roughly in English as "old long since," or "long, long ago." The song pays homage to times gone by and past experiences.

The song has been performed at group jamborees, funerals and other special occasions all over the world, but it is best known for its affiliation with New Year's festivities. The man behind that affiliation may be Canadian musician Guy Lombardo, whose band used "Auld Lang Syne" as a bridge between two radio programs during a live New Year's Eve performance in 1929. Coincidentally, the song was played directly after the clock struck midnight, laying the groundwork for a New Year's Eve tradition. Now "Auld Lang Syne" has forever been tied to well-intentioned resolutions and sappy slaps on the back. Despite selling millions of records, Lombardo became more famous for his New Year's Eve song than anything else.

Confusion over "Auld Lang Syne" remains to this day. It has been the butt of jokes in popular culture, even earning a nod in the movie "When



Harry Met Sally." Harry laments to Sally that he never quite understood what the song meant and ponders whether it is about forgetting about friends or remembering them. Sally sums it up by saying the song is simply about old friends.

That is the interpretation many New Year's Eve celebrants embrace as they toast to the new year and sing their hearts out. For those who never bothered to learn or have forgotten the words to this staple of New Year's celebrations, here is the popularized English translation sung most often.

"Auld Lang Syne"

Should old acquaintances be forgotten, and never brought to mind?

Should old acquaintances be forgotten, and days of old lang syne.

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne,
We will take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

We two have run about the hill-sides and pulled the daisies fine,

But we have wandered many a weary foot for times gone by.

We two have paddled (waded) in the stream from noon until dinner time,

But seas between us broad have roared since auld lang syne.

And there is a hand, my trusty friend,

And give us a hand of yours,
And we will take a goodwill drink
For auld lang syne.

And surely you will pay for your pint, and surely I will pay for mine!

And we will take a cup of kindness yet for auld lang syne.



Platform Tennis held annual holiday party

The Ocean Pines Platform Tennis held their annual holiday party at the Parke on Saturday, September 12. Seventy people attended the festivities. The tables were filled with dozens of homemade appetizers and desserts prepared by the platform tennis members. The main course included ham, chicken, and baked ziti, along with salad and vegetables. The extra food was donated to Diakonia in West Ocean City. There were lots of door prizes which included a gorgeous Christmas wreath and Christmas candle table wreath created by Barbara Ferger. Special thanks go out to Vic Burke, Ginger Burke, Larry Bohanan, and Camille Petito for the many hours of planning and organizing a celebration for platform tennis.

Raffle supports scholarship

The Worcester County Commission for Women have kicked off a new initiative called "Empowering Women Scholarship." This scholarship will be awarded in May to two Worcester County women to further their education.

In an effort to raise funds to support this scholarship program, the Friends of the Women's Commission are selling 100 raffle tickets at \$25 for a chance to win cash and gas cards. Every month between January and June, two tickets will be drawn. The

first prize winner will receive \$50 in cash and the second prize will be a \$25 gas card. Both winning tickets will be placed back in the hat for another chance to win. You can win as many times as your ticket is drawn. On June 21 at the Worcester County Commission for Women meeting, the final two tickets will be drawn for the first prize of \$300 in cash and second prize of a \$50 gas card.

To purchase raffle tickets, contact Nancy Fortney at 410-726-0169 or Michelle Bankert 410-213-1162.

Kids Zumba returns

Kids Zumba is returning to the youth after school line-up this winter. Children in kindergarten through grade 3 will get the chance to be active and jam out to their favorite music. Classes will run on Mondays, January 4 through March 7, from 3:30 - 5 p.m. Classes will feature kid-friendly routines based on original Zumba choreography. Steps will be broken down and games, activities, and cultural exploration elements will be added into the class structure.

The fee for this fun-filled program is \$30 per child, and \$25 for each additional child. Financial Aid is available to those who show a demonstrated need. Proof of eligibility is required. The registration deadline is Wednesday, December 30. A \$5 additional fee will be applied for participants who register after this date.

For more information on Kids Zumba, contact Program Manager, Lea Cataggio at 410-632-2144 ext.109 or lcataggio@co.worcester.md.us.

When the work is done

By **Santa Claus**

As I spring from my miniature sleigh with its eight tiny reindeer, I am home at last. I trudge up the snowy



path of my North Pole home as the smoke curls from the chimney. St. Nicholas home from another Christmas Eve visit. Did I really travel the world yet again? With the stump of a pipe I hold tight in my teeth as I ponder; can it really be 2015?

When what to my wondering eyes should appear but my elves, my faithful helpers. When out on my lawn they create such a clatter, as they burst from the workshop. The bells on their hats alive with song, their chatter leaving wispy trails under the moon on the breast of the new fallen snow. They grab the reins from my hands and I gladly surrender them as I pull off my gloves. I am tired, so tired but happy for I am filled with joy. I have made the world's children happy. I have made them believe once more.

My elves give a whistle and call the reindeer by name, "Here Dasher, now Dancer, come Prancer and Vixen, hello Comet and Cupid, wait Donner and Blitzen." We spoke not a word, as they went straight to their work. And then turned with a jerk as the deer soon flew into the barn like the down of a thistle.

So into my house my courses I fly where not a creature is stirring not even a mouse. Mama is nestled all snug in her bed and settled for her long winter nap. She left the fire low and the kettle is hung by the chimney with care.

I drop my sack now empty of toys and shed my fur, now grimy with ashes and soot that covered me from my head to my foot. I pour the tea to warm away my chill. With a blink of my eyes and shake of my head my eyes soon close by the warmth of the fire. But I hear the elves exclaim as

they move out of sight –
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Online wills are no substitute for real estate planning

By **Mike Mathers**

People frequently ask for my thoughts on legal websites that automatically create documents such as wills, trusts and deeds. My opinion is that anyone buying legal documents online, rather than from an experienced attorney, is taking a big risk that their will could have critical errors, or turn out to be completely wrong for the purchaser's situation. I hope that by the end of this article I can demonstrate that good estate planning is a process, almost a conversation, between the tes-



Mike Mathers

tator (the person writing their will) and the attorney.

First, let's talk about errors. Proper placement of every hyphen, comma and other grammar is essential when you are writing a will because you cannot explain what you meant from the great beyond.

I can illustrate the need for precise grammar with a riddle. Read the following sentence, in which a father divides his coin collection between his two children: "I bequeath my twenty five cent coins to my son Gabe, and my twenty five cent coins to my daughter Julia." Now tell me, which child is getting the collection of quarters, and which is getting the collection of twenty nickels?

In my coin collection example, the problems are obvious. However, in many instances neither the testator nor the attorney can proofread a document alone; they have to do this together.

Consider this example of a phone call between a client and an attorney.

Testator: I am reading the draft of my will, but I don't understand something. It says that I "devise" the gift to my oldest son, but that I am "bequeathing" the gifts to my younger son.

Attorney: That's right. A devise is a gift of real property, and a bequest is a gift of personal property. Is it correct that you want to leave the house to your oldest son, but the contents to your youngest son?

Testator: That's exactly what I want.

The client, on his own, could not proofread the draft of his will for legal errors. He had to ask the attorney if the legal terms were used correctly. The attorney, on the other

hand, could not proofread it from a goals perspective. Only the client could confirm that each gift was going to the correct beneficiary. Careful estate planning is a conversation between testator and attorney. Unfortunately, that conversation is not part of the fill-in-the-blanks law approach found online.

Another risk of skipping the testator-attorney conversation is the risk of never asking important questions. History is filled with examples of important questions that no one thought to ask at the time:

"Why does this horse statue sound hollow?" - The Trojans.

"Does my ticket price include a lifeboat?" - Passenger on the Titanic.

"How well can you perform under pressure?" -The 2010 Baltimore Ravens to ex-kicker Billy Cundiff.

The purpose of the testator-attorney conversation is to leave no question unanswered. First, this is the time to clarify the meaning of words

like Revocable and Irrevocable Trust, Life Estate Deed, Personal Representative, and other easily confusable terms. Without this conversation, you run the risk of getting exactly what you asked for, *but not what you wanted*. Second, this is an opportunity for the testator to examine his own goals by talking about his or her family, the meaning of certain heirlooms, and other personal matters. Estate planning is about tailoring legal documents to your unique personal and financial needs.

To conclude, the in-person collaboration of the attorney and the testator is an essential part of forming your goals, and then signing a precise document that you trust to carry out your wishes. Accept no substitute.

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AGH to offer diabetes training

The Diabetes Outpatient Education Program at Atlantic General Hospital will be offering diabetes self-management training classes on January 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The classes will be held at the Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive in Berlin.

The series of four, two hour sessions will address blood glucose monitoring, foot care, nutrition, exercise, and other self-management skills to help individuals better manage their diabetes. The program is recognized by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for quality education, and program staff in-

cludes a Registered Nurse and a Registered Dietitian, both of whom are Certified Diabetes Educators.

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Just Good Business...

KK Nails is ready to serve you

By **Jean Marx**

With the holiday season in full swing, a trip to KK Nails can give you a feeling of refreshment and beauty as you head into New Year's festivities. The salon is located at 11007 Manklin Creek Road near the Food Lion in Ocean Pines. As you enter, you will see a lovely array of colors to choose from for your manicure and pedicure. You can have the colors applied to your own nails or you can splurge on beautiful acrylic or gel nails that can prolong both the life and admiration of your manicure.

This salon, as well as the Da-Vi nail salon located inside the Berlin Wal-Mart, is owned by the Luu family. Looking for an opportunity to own and operate a family business, the Luus recognized the potential of bringing their skills to this country from their home country of Vietnam without an immediate need to master the English language. Seven family members including the leaders, Harry and Nancy Luu, run both stores. The first store in Ocean Pines was opened in 2000 near Taylor Bank and they relocated to their present location in 2007.

The Luu family is proud of the legacy that they have put in place. The family members range in age from 18-37 and all have successfully learned English over time. The younger generation has learned the nail skills from their parents but they also have the opportunity to go on to college while working at the salon over the summer. The proudest accomplishments for the older Luu family members are being able to support themselves and offering educational opportunities to their children beyond what they had. The family is a wonderful American success story.

Nancy and her brother Kevin kindly sat with me for this interview. Kevin describes that there are many cultural differences between Vietnam and America. One example is in the salon's primary clientele, women. Kevin points out, "Women here are so friendly that they can easily talk to each other even without knowing each other. Women in Vietnam are more passive and don't participate in many activities outside the home. In Vietnam, we don't discuss a lot of politics, geography, or history in public and I love that women as well as men can freely do it here." Kevin and his family enjoy the camaraderie in the salon regardless of whether the mostly-female clients are new or long-time customers.

When citing the reasons behind the

success of KK Nails, both Kevin and Nancy highlight the importance of providing excellent customer service while offering a great product. According to Nancy, "I love and respect all of my customers. You are like family to us. We appreciate whenever you come in and I want to thank you for all of the years you have supported us. We try to get better and better every year to be the best we can." A second reason is the family's commitment to giving back to the community. They donate to many community organizations because they see how much the community helps each other.

In offering advice to people about running a successful business, Kevin says, "It starts with treating people the way you want to be treated and then

working hard, having integrity, being dedicated to great customer service, and giving back to the community. They are all connected." Nancy and Harry embody the essence of the family's commitment to working hard. Kevin offers his

praise for them by saying, "They live and breathe nails. They have put a lot of effort and time into the business to make it into what it is today."

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Remembering Louise

By **Judy Boggs**

My friend and colleague, Louise Gulyas, was a larger than life character. The words “indomitable spirit” come to mind when I think of her. She had that in spades. In the too-short 20-some years I knew her, she had overcome much: the loss of her beloved husband Steve; and, more recently the death of her daughter Mimi. Her personal persona of a sassy manner, constant smile and can-do spirit belied her frail health. At one point, at the recommendation of her physician, she lost more than 100 pounds. She told

winter; and there was her strong support of the arts in O.C., and numerous other business and recreational activities.

When her leadership caught the attention of the Republican Central



Judy Boggs (left) with Louise Gulyas (right)

everyone, “I’ve lost a whole person, and now I have to buy this new person a whole new wardrobe.” And she proceeded to do just that. In the years I knew her, Louise suffered more broken bones than anyone I can think of except Evel Knevel!

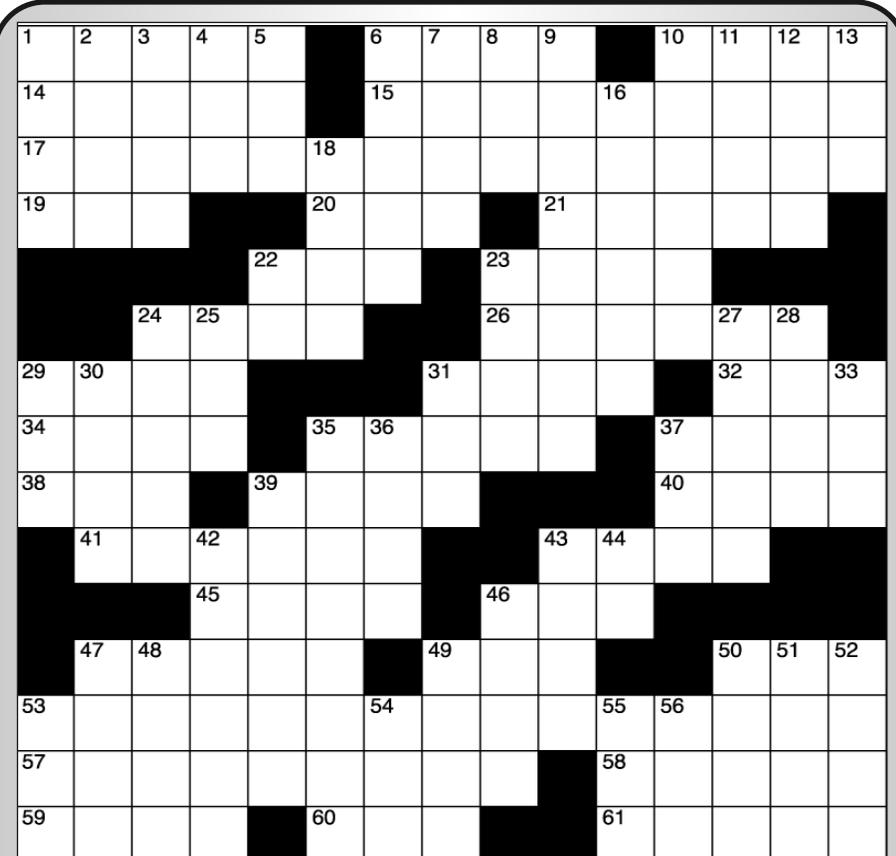
Louise was a true matriarch to her family of two sons and two daughters, supporting and ministering to them in times of need: serious illnesses, numerous operations, even amputations. The devotion to her family was matched by her devotion to “her” town. Throughout the times of serious health and family issues, Louise continued to actively support her beloved Ocean City. It was her relentless pursuit of a Christmas celebration in Ocean City that fostered the very first Festival of Lights that attracts thousands of visitors to Ocean City every

Committee, Louise was recruited to run for Worcester County Commissioner, a position she won and served well for 16 years.

As a County Commissioner, Louise made up her own mind on issues and stuck to her decision (despite sometimes being lobbied to change her position). She prided herself on NOT being “Politically Correct.” One memorable morning I was walking down the hallway that housed all of the Commissioners’ offices and I heard Louise’s “no nonsense” voice declaring, “The answer is NO! GET OVER IT!” That was her frequently-used strategy to indicate conversation on that subject was closed.

I called Louise on her cell phone the evening before she died and re-

please see louise on page 11



ACROSS

1. Elephant's name
6. Support
10. Mures River city
14. Bastard wing
15. One was named Desire
17. PGA Tournament prize
19. A way to leave unchanged
20. Unchangeable computer memory
21. Harangues
22. 6th Hebrew letter
23. Well informed
24. Turfs
26. In a way, obeyed
29. Lawyers group
31. Increases motor speed
32. Political action committee
34. Light pokes
35. Struck down
37. Central Philippine Island
38. Japanese sash
39. Afresh
40. Bluish green
41. Inspire with love
43. Without

(French)
45. Counterbalance container to obtain net weight
46. Express pleasure
47. Cheap wine (Br.)
49. Signing
50. ___ compilation, compiling computer language
53. Have surgery
57. Being trompe-l'œil
58. Extremely mad
59. Day
60. Small coin (French)
61. Snatched

12. Expresses pleasure
13. Not wet
16. In a way, takes off
18. Macaws genus
22. 'Fast Five' star's initials
23. Sharpen a knife
24. Oral polio vaccine developer
25. Former CIA
27. Fencing swords
28. Aba ____ Honeymoon
29. Bustle
30. Minor boat
31. Propel a boat
33. Passage with access only at one end
35. Underwater airways
36. Small, slight

37. Box (abbr.)
39. ___ Blake, actress
42. Repents
43. Merchandising
44. Exclamation of surprise
46. With fireplace residue
47. A small lake
48. Bait
49. Tip of Aleutian Islands
50. K____: watercraft (alt. sp.)
51. Norse variant of 'often'
52. Adolescent
53. Visual metaphor (Computers)
54. River in Spanish
55. Cowboy Carson
56. Powerful gun lobby

DOWN

1. Cry
2. Wings
3. Baseball play
4. Flower petals
5. Drive against
6. Velikaya River city
7. A single unit in a collection
8. Stray
9. Bring back
10. Repented
11. Receipt (abbr.)

Answers for Dec 23

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| DATE | HIGH TIDE | LOW TIDE | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
| Thur., December 31 | 11:29 a.m. 11:58 p.m. | 5:20 a.m. 5:58 p.m. | 7:17 a.m. | 4:50 p.m. |
| Fri., January 1 | 12:01 a.m. 12:19 p.m. | 6:14 a.m. 6:47 p.m. | 7:17 a.m. | 4:50 p.m. |
| Sat., January 2 | 12:54 a.m. 1:11 p.m. | 7:08 a.m. 7:33 p.m. | 7:17 a.m. | 4:51 p.m. |
| Sun., January 3 | 1:50 a.m. 2:05 p.m. | 8:04 a.m. 8:20 p.m. | 7:17 a.m. | 4:52 p.m. |
| Mon., January 4 | 2:46 a.m. 2:59 p.m. | 9:00 a.m. 9:08 p.m. | 7:18 a.m. | 4:53 p.m. |
| Tues., January 5 | 3:38 a.m. 3:50 p.m. | 9:55 a.m. 9:57 p.m. | 7:18 a.m. | 4:54 p.m. |
| Wed., January 6 | 4:26 a.m. 4:38 p.m. | 10:47 a.m. 10:45 p.m. | 7:18 a.m. | 4:55 p.m. |



Art fun - Students enjoy painting in Golda Davis' Art class at Seaside Christian Academy. Pictured are first graders, **Cami Moreland** and **Charley Davis** proudly showing their masterpiece.

Pickleball comes to the county recreation center

Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks will offer Pickleball for the first time this winter. This drop-in program will be played indoors at the Worcester County Recreation Center on a badminton-sized court and with a slightly modified tennis net.

If you do not know what Pickleball is, it is a paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can easily develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Pickleball combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. The game is played with a hard paddle and a smaller

louise

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ceived her "glad you called" upbeat greeting and the expected willingness to chat about "what was going on" with her since she left rehab and returned to the hospital. About two minutes into our conversation I heard Louise sigh loudly and said "Oh, my nurse just walked in the door. I'll call you back!" She didn't call. She died Thursday morning. When I remember that phone call, I think regretfully of all the things I didn't have time to say. But then I hear a voice saying "Get Over It, Judy" . . . and I smile.

Judy Boggs and Louise Gulyas served together as Worcester County Commissioners between 2002 and 2014.

version of a wiffle ball. All equipment will be provided.

Drop-In Pickleball will be held on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. beginning on January 7. The cost is \$3 per session or \$25 for the 12 week quarter.

The great thing about Pickleball is that it takes such little time to learn how to play. After your first twenty minutes of instruction, you are well on your way to enjoying a new recreational sport. Pickleball is great for all ages.

For more information on Drop-In Pickleball, contact Program Manager Kelly Buchanan at 410-632-2144 x103 or kbuchanan@co.worcester.md.us. Visit our website at www.Worcester-RecandParks.org for a complete list of all our programs or to sign up to receive email announcements.

nails

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In Vietnam and in China, the New Year is a time of a fresh beginning and new outlook on the year ahead. KK Nails is anxious to refresh you as you progress through the holiday season and look to the New Year. Gift certificates can be purchased in any denomination. The salon has recently been remodeled and utilizes a system Harry invented to purify the air and remove strong odors. As a satisfied customer, I can attest to the inviting, friendly atmosphere and the new outlook I feel each time I visit KK Nails for one of their great services.

Toddler, preschool programs available

Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks (WCRP) offers parents of toddlers, and preschoolers, opportunities for socialization and physical fitness this winter at the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC). Both Toddler Gym & Little All-Stars, offer parents and children under school age, the opportunity to be active and make friends in a fun and safe environment.

Toddler Gym gives toddlers an opportunity for social time through play. The program is open to children ages 18 - 48 months and takes place on Tuesday mornings from 10 - 11 a.m., beginning January 5. Each week parents and children will have time to explore 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.

Little All-Stars, will offer a way for children to become active while learning

the key elements of a variety of sports and activities. The class is open to children ages 2 - 4 years old and will be held on Friday mornings, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. beginning January 8. This program will introduce and encourage children in skill development and team work while enhancing self confidence and social interaction. Each class will focus on the fundamental movement skills of each sport, including soccer, t-ball, basketball, volleyball, and more.

The cost for Toddler Gym and Little All-Stars is \$30 per child, per class for the twelve week session.

For more information on any 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 for a complete list of our youth programs or to sign up for email announcements.

Pines to offer adult dodgeball

If you have not played dodgeball since you were a kid, sign up for the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department's Wall-to-Wall Dodgeball, a ramped-up version of the old-school game.

The popular adult league offers a way to relieve memories, have fun and get fit. It will meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. beginning January 23 at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Each team may have up to 15 players on its roster; six will play on court at a time (two must be women.) Registration is open to teams and to individuals, who may register as free agents

for teams needing additional players.

The cost to participate in the league, which is open to Ocean Pines residents and nonresidents, is \$300 per team.

A team meeting will be held Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. For more information or to register, please call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, is available at OceanPines.org.

AGH to offer grief support

Atlantic General Hospital will be offering a free Grief Support Workshop beginning on Monday, January 4.

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

This is done through:

-Understanding the grief process.

-Having a safe place to talk about the loss and the emotions manifested by grief.

-Exploring individual solutions while living with the loss.

-Embracing new roles and respon-

sibilities.

Grieving the death of a loved one is a process that is distinct for each person. There is no timetable or defined route. This workshop is designed to help those left behind to understand and manage their grief as they move forward toward hope and healing.

The workshop is facilitated by experienced Pastoral and Supportive Care Services leaders each Monday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. January 4 through February 8, 2016.

For more information and to register for this free workshop, call Gail Mansell at (410) 641-9725.

Friends help commissioners beautify Government Center

A group of faithful friends visited the Commissioners recently to help trim the giant Christmas tree in the first floor atrium of the Worcester County Government Center in Snow Hill for the holidays. They are Worcester County Developmental Center (WCDC) clients, and they've been helping us beautify the Government Center for roughly the past 15 years.

The ornaments that cling to the branches of the nearly ceiling tall tree were all handmade by WCDC clients in years past. These lovely baubles reflect our coastal heritage

and consist of strung cerith and mini conch shells, starfish arrayed with sparkles, and pine cones dressed with bright red berries and ribbon, as well as other adornments symbolic of the Eastern Shore.

This year, our friends arrived on December 1 about noon and greeted the Commissioners and county staff with wide smiles, warm hugs and shared laughter. Their enthusiasm for this traditional holiday task spreads to all they meet. This is an occasion we all anticipate, and it instills the WCDC clients with a certain amount of pride to be able to

take part in decorating this classic holiday fixture. However, it's an opportunity we feel fortunate to be able to participate in as well and look forward to their visit.

Both the WCDC clients and Commissioners work side by side, handing one another ornaments and suggesting prominent spots to hang them. We'd like to extend our hearty appreciation to them for joining us again this year to decorate the atrium and tell you a little about them.

The WCDC in Newark, Maryland has been in existence since 1971 and provides opportunities to adults with disabilities. The WCDC hosts diverse programs and services designed to empower individuals with intellectual disabilities, providing

them with meaningful employment and activities that leads to their success, independence, and overall feeling of self-worth. The annual tree decorating event is just one of the volunteer activities that WCDC clients participate in each year in our community, and we are grateful for the kindness and enthusiasm they bring to this momentous task.

Decorating the tree warms the hearts of all who participate in the event, and not just because it beautifies the government center, but because it brings together people of diverse backgrounds for a common cause that benefits all, and that fits right in with Worcester County Government's motto "Citizens and government working together."

Christmas tree drop off sites available

The Solid Waste Division of Worcester County will host its annual collection of Christmas trees through January 15. Trees can be dropped off at the Central Landfill in Newark and the Berlin, Pocomoke and Snow Hill Homeowners Convenience Centers (HOCC) at no cost to area residents only.

"Despite the future closing of the Berlin HOCC for yard waste on January 1," we will still be providing containers at that site and the Pocomoke HOCC for Christmas Tree Recycling," Public Works Director John Tustin said. "Citizens may bring their trees to the HOCC for

disposal until January 15."

Snow Hill area residents may dispose of their trees at the Central Landfill. Businesses and organizations that sold trees will not be permitted to drop off trees at the convenience centers, but may take them to the Central Landfill where applicable tipping fees will be assessed.

The trees will be ground into mulch for use at the Central Landfill. Remember, you can make a difference by recycling!

For more info, contact Recycling Manager Ron Taylor at 410-632-3177.

Key Club rings the Red Kettle Bell



At the Salvation Army Red of Kettle Kickoff in Salisbury the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City was recognized as the 2014 campaign Civic Organization winner with 272 volunteer hours ringing the bell. Club members were assisted by members of the Stephen Decatur High School Key Club who also rang the bell at the Walmart located on Rte. 50 in Berlin. Pictured are two Kiwanis Key Club members, **Isabel** and **Skylar**, ringing the bell after school.

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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. & 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** 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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Empty Bowl project kicks off

The Empty Bowl Project is a unique opportunity to fight hunger locally. The third Annual Empty Bowl Project, sponsored by First Shore Federal Bank, benefits the Diakonia food pantry and the programs of the Art League of Ocean City.

The Empty Bowl Project is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger and a unique opportunity to use art in a way that helps the community. Empty Bowl events take place across the United States and a dozen other countries, and have raised millions of dollars for organizations to help fight hunger.

The public is invited to hand-make ceramic bowls during free bowl-making sessions in January and February at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St., bayside Ocean City. The bowl-making sessions lead up to the Soup Dinner on Saturday, March 19 at the Arts Center.

No experience is necessary at the bowl-making sessions, and all materials, including instruction, are free. The bowls are left at the Arts Center to be glazed and fired, and then used for the Soup Dinner. If bowl-makers want to keep their own bowls, there is a \$20 fee paid at the bowl-making session that includes a ticket to the Soup Dinner.

The one-hour bowl-making sessions begin on January 5 and continue through February 16. Both daytime and evening sessions are available. A complete schedule of sessions is available on-line at www.artleagueofoceancity.org.



Registration is encouraged by calling the Arts Center at 410-524-9433 or by registering on-line.

The Soup Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Arts Center. For a \$20 donation per bowl, those who attend will receive a hand-made bowl that they may fill with delicious soup donated by local

restaurants. There will also be breads, desserts, a cash bar, a silent auction and live music. Guests are asked to keep the bowl as a reminder of all of the empty bowls in the world.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the visual arts in the Ocean City area through education, exhibits, scholarships, programs and community art events. The arts center is supported by memberships, corporate and civic funding, donations and sales of art.

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

Kof C to host simple supper

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their simple supper on January 17, February 24, March 23 and April 27. The supper will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway in Ocean City. It will be \$5 per person, and there will be a cash bar. For more information call 410-524-7994.

HELP WANTED

Worcester County Developmental Center, a non-profit organization that provides opportunities to adults with disabilities has the following full-time openings:

Food Services Instructor/Driver

Serve as instructor in the kitchen, provide supervision and training to the individuals, manage all menus, order foodstuff and prepare meals for the day program alongside the individuals. Must have cooking experience and a clean and valid driver's license.

Residential Coordinator

Serve as lead staff person in the home, responsible for planning and supporting the individuals in their daily activities. Must have a clean and valid driver's license and experience in DDA field.

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