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Search Committee to hold meeting

Ocean Pines Association's 2015 Search Committee will host an informative public meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The meeting will be open to association members and anyone interested in a position on the board is encouraged to attend. The purpose will be to outline the function of the Search Committee, describe the qualifications of the candidates they seek, outline the responsibilities of OPA board members and receive input from attendees about finding interested candidates.

The committee's function will be to seek at least four candidates to run for the Board of Directors in the next election to fill two openings. To be eligible a candidate must be the owner of record of property in Ocean Pines as of January 1 of this year, eligible to vote as of May 15 and have completed and submitted an application to the Search Committee or Administration Office no later than 5 p.m. on May 10. An application form may be printed from the association's web site www.oceanpines.org or obtained from a Search Committee member or from the Administration Office at 239 Ocean Parkway. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays (after April 25). If you have any questions, you may contact any member of the Search Committee or the OPA Office.

The 2015 Search committee members are Chairman, Martin Baer 410-491-8350 and members Les Purcell (410-641-7309), Gary Miller (443-618-9972), Mickey Lobb (443-880-2064), Diane McGraw (410-208-2569), Grant Helvey (410-208-2765), Bill Lee (410-641-5896), Dennis Faber (410-600-0221), and Herb Roe (410-208-0422).

Anglers Club to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, March 14, 9:30 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library. Three interesting topics highlight the meeting. In expectation of upcoming trout stocking at Shads Landing, successful anglers will discuss rods, terminal tackle, bait and fishing techniques. Second, a short video taken during the 1998 Nor'easter will show how these storms can affect the local bays. Also, Matt Heim, currently leading the Assateague Coastal Trusts efforts in regards to offshore oil and gas exploration off our coasts, will review this controversial legislation and what effect it might have on our local waters. All welcome.



Helping hand — Mrs. Fenoglietto, a seventh grade Science teacher at Stephen Decatur Middle School, heard a news report on WBOC about the SUMC Spirit Kitchen in Berlin having trouble meeting demands for food, toilet tissue, soap and paper towels. After showing the news report to the students, the students overwhelmingly chose to help. The students organized their own drive for the needed items. The need was there and the Iguana Team stepped up to help! After only a week of collections, students contributed 793 pounds of needed supplies.

Optimist Club works for the kids

By Kelsey Reichenberg

The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club is overwhelmed by the success of this year's Seaside Boat Show, which was held in February.

"Thirteen thousand people attended this year," said Optimist Charles Smith. "It was a huge success, and we raised a significant amount of money for youth programs."

The Optimist Club, known for supporting local youth programs, raises funds annually through the Seaside Boat Show, Springfest, and Sunfest. With the Boat



Show over, the club is now preparing for their appearance at Springfest, which will be held May 7-10. Each year, Optimist members, along with local church groups, make fresh crab cakes to sell at the event. Eight shifts of workers cook and sell over 3,000 of them at both Springfest and Sunfest. The proceeds of all three events are donated to local youth programs, including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior Achievement, Diakonia, Children's House by the Sea and Reading is Fundamental.

The Optimist Club also conducts many of their own programs to raise money, such as annual oratorical and essay contests. In addition, the club's Youth ID program fingerprints more than 1,700 children entering the local school system each year. More than 30,000 children have been fingerprinted during the past 35 years. The Optimists also sponsor

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st. patty's celebration

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Girl Scout cookie program extended

The Girl Scout Cookie Program, originally ending March 8, has been extended through Sunday, March 22. Girl Scouts have worked hard at cookie booths and going door-to-door this winter, but unfortunately cold weather and snow have caused the cancellation of many booths over the past few weekends.

"We are extending the Girl Scout Cookie program by two weeks to help more than 700 Girl Scout troops on the Delmarva Peninsula reach their goals," said Anne T. Hogan, CEO of Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay. "Every year, troops use funds from the program to support their activities and events, including their community service activities. Our first priority for the girls is safety – and inclement weather forced many troops to cancel their booths."

To locate a cookie booth in your area go to www.GSCB.org or girlscout-cookies.org. Individuals interested in purchasing cookies or donating to *Operation Taste of Home* can also call the Cookie Hotline at 1-800-YUM-YUM2.

Girls will also continue taking donations of Girl Scout Cookies for *Operation Taste of Home* and local community groups. The *Operation Taste of Home* cookies are donated to our Armed Forces and 50 local charities on the Delmarva Peninsula, such as food banks and pantries, blood banks, cancer centers and youth programs.

This year local Girl Scouts offer eight cookie varieties, including Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, and Savannah Smiles, as well as two new varieties. Rah-Rah Raisins made with whole grain oats and Toffee-tastic gluten free cookies, rich, buttery cookies with golden toffee bits will have limited availability. All Girl Scout Cookies are free of preservatives and have zero trans fats. Girl Scout Cookies are \$4.00 per box, except for Toffee-tastic, which is \$5 per box.

A leading advocate for and expert on girls, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay builds girls of courage, confidence and character by providing personal leadership development and programs that teach skills for the real world. To learn more about Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, visit www.GSCB.org or call 1-800-341-4007 or 1-800-374-9811.

Church celebration continues

On March 22 at 4 p.m., Atlantic United Methodist Church at 105 4th Street in Ocean City will continue its 100th Anniversary celebration with a Community Hymn Sing. The Hymn Sing will feature choirs from Methodist churches in the area including Bethany United, Community Church at Ocean Pines, and Friendship United Methodist Church. Enjoy the Bell Choir, clarinet and flute and some of your favorite hymns sung by the congregation and choirs. Please join Atlantic United Methodist Church as praise and thanksgiving is offered through the gift of music. A love offering will be received, and a reception will follow the program. Everyone is welcome.



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Mediacom to hold town hall meeting

Ocean Pines will host a town hall meeting with Mediacom representatives on Tuesday, March 31 at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Members of the Mediacom team will be on hand to respond to questions and concerns from Ocean Pines subscribers.

Residents are encouraged to submit questions in advance in order for Mediacom to provide more de-

tailed responses. Questions will also be taken from the floor at the event.

Questions and comments may be submitted by email to info@ocean-pines.org, in person at the Ocean Pines administration building at 239 Ocean Parkway or mailed to Ocean Pines Marketing Department, 239 Ocean Pkwy., Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

Shriners to meet

The monthly meeting of the Ocean City Shrine Club will be held at Peaky's Restaurant in the Fenwick Inn on March 27, and April 24. Social Hour is at 6 p.m. during which the speaker will be part of the program. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. All Master Masons and Shriners and their families are welcome to attend. For information call Robert King at 302-945-5866.

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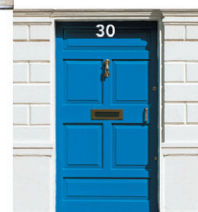
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There are many things the public knows about Saint Patrick's Day, but there's much they may not know about the holiday or Irish-American heritage for that matter.



Here are some facts and trivia that might surprise even the most devoted of Patty's Day revelers.

* Despite St. Patrick being alive centuries earlier, St. Patrick's Day celebrations didn't begin until 1737.

* Saint Patrick angered the Celtic Druids many times by converting pagans to Christianity. The Druids put him in jail on numerous occasions.

* Green is not the official color affiliated with Saint Patrick. It is really blue. However, green became a familiar hue during the nineteenth century more for being associated with the magic of Irish legends than Saint Patrick himself.

* The three-leaf shamrock has more historical significance with regards to Saint Patrick's day than a four-leaf clover. That's because the three leaves were believed to be used by St. Patrick to explain the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity, where God exists as three persons.

Dessert Theater scheduled at Wor-Wic

The public is invited to "Dessert Theater 2015" on Saturday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m., in Guerrieri Hall at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury.

The show, called "Sentimental Journey," will feature a World War II theme, with short plays, monologues and music from the 1940s and 1950s, including a female barbershop quartet, a female trio that will perform songs by the Andrews Sisters and the WW Tunes, a five-piece band.

Desserts, catered by Wor-Wic's culinary arts students, will be served during intermission.

Tickets, which are \$12.50 per person, are available in the college bookstore. For more information, call (410) 334-2802.



Celebrating — Students in Mrs. Julie Vorsteg's Kindergarten class at Ocean City Elementary School celebrated "Read Across America" for Dr. Seuss's birthday. Pictured are **Lylla Bergeman, Joseph Palmisano, Harper Bergeman, Urosh Momchilovich, Harper Hastings and Reed James.**

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a lottery each year to raise money to fund scholarships at Stephen Decatur High School. Over \$1.6 million has been given to seniors during the past quarter century. However, Stephen Decatur students are not the only ones to benefit from the Optimists. Donations are also made to Pocomoke and Snow Hill high school seniors.

The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club started with only 30 members when founded and now has now reached 124 members. The club is a chapter of Optimist International and was founded by the Salisbury Optimist Club on April 26, 1972. Since its founding, it has become more successful each year in raising money for youth programs in the area. The Optimist members meet monthly at Waterman's Restaurant in West Ocean City.

"Those who want to become members must be sponsored by two people and come to a couple of meetings and attend an orientation," Mr. Smith explained. "Then, if they choose to join, they must fill out an application and donate money. The board then votes on the potential members."

Members of the club encourage the public to come out to Springfest, buy a crab cake, and support the club in their desires to fund local youth.



Donation - **Shara Smith** from Verizon Wireless of Ocean Pines donates school supplies to **Edward Reid**, guidance counselor, for needy students at Showell Elementary School.

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Stick shifts, chattering teeth and double vision

Note: Recently I was reminded of the "joys" of teaching a child to drive. What follows is a column from 2006 when I taught my daughter to drive.

Not long ago my daughter learned how to drive a car with a manual transmission. Dur-



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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ing the early stages of her instruction this was quite an adventure for her, those who drove with her and those unfortunate enough to be driving behind her.

It's difficult enough for a teenager to learn how to operate a vehicle what with the all the coordination required to drive, change the radio station and sing loudly. When having to manipulate the clutch and stick shift is added into the mix, the only predictable result is confusion, inappropriate language and a lot of frustrated fellow drivers.

I have always believed that the best way to learn how to do something is to actually do it. Sink or swim so to speak. This is not the only teaching principle for sure but it has been my belief that experience is the best teacher. So off my daughter and I went to the nearest large parking lot. Once we arrived, my daughter got behind the wheel. "Okay, just go straight," I told her. "Depress the clutch, shift into first gear and push on the gas pedal."

No sooner had I gotten the last words out of my mouth than the car stalled abruptly after shaking violently. This scene repeated itself four or five more times before she finally got the hang of letting up on the clutch as she depressed the accelerator. Each time the car shook and jerked so much it looked like it was having a seizure. I bit my tongue once and banged my head on the windshield. My daughter was undeterred. She kept right on trying regardless of the fact that at one point her father was knocked nearly unconscious.

During one of my near semi-unconscious episodes I flashed back to an earlier time when I was teaching my daughter how to ride her first bicycle. She was just as determined then to succeed regardless of the fact that twice she nearly knocked me over and once ran over my foot. So hazardous was this experience that I wound up wearing more protective gear than a defensive lineman.

My present circumstances found me cruising at about 10 miles an hour with my daughter in an empty parking lot. The car was

moving along slowly but steadily. It was not shaking and my teeth were not chattering, as much. Things were going along just fine until I said to shift into second gear. She pulled down on the gear shift. The car shook violently. "Push down on the clutch," I said. But it was too late. The car was once again shaking uncontrollably. If I hadn't been wearing my seat belt I would have certainly been thrown into the backseat. The car stopped abruptly.

I explained what she should have done. We tried it again. She got into first gear okay. She then shifted into second with relative ease. She made it all the way up to fifth gear. We practiced for a long time. She was getting the hang of it. She even learned how to go in reverse. This maneuver took several attempts, produced a bump on my forehead when I was thrust into the dashboard and required the use of the first aid kit.

My daughter was learning though. She was doing so well that I told her to leave the parking lot and drive home. We both realized this was a big step. But like Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid jumping off the cliff into the water below, we went for it.

She turned out onto the street and headed for home. Things were going fine. She was having no problem at all. She even stopped at a red light without incident. However, getting started when the light turned green proved to be more than a little difficult as there was a bit of an incline to overcome. Try as she might she could not get the proper coordination between depressing the clutch and accelerating. The traffic light went through three cycles, cars were backed up behind us and people on the street just looked on in amazement as our car bucked and convulsed each time the light turned green. So violently did the car shake that my teeth slipped into my back pocket.

It would have been very easy to take over the driving. But in keeping with the sink or swim philosophy, what would have been learned? Besides, my daughter is a very determined young woman who would not have appreciated being told to step aside. Also, having been banged up pretty badly through the ordeal, I was having difficulty with double vision.

Throughout this entire scene my daughter remained calm, despite the honking horns behind her. She finally got the car moving and we made our way home. Since that day my daughter has learned to drive that car like a pro. My bruises have long since healed and my double vision is no longer a problem and my double vision is no longer a problem.

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The After-School Family Fun Swim will run every Tuesday and Thursday March 17 through May 14 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool in Ocean Pines.

The cost for children ages 5-15 is \$2 for Ocean Pines residents and \$3 for non-residents. The adult rate is \$3 for residents and \$4 for non-residents.

Admission is free for children ages 4 and under and for non-swimming adults.

And for kids who are interested in keeping other swimmers safe, Ocean Pines Aquatics will offer two lifeguarding training opportunities at the Sports Core Pool.

A four-session Red Cross lifeguarding class will be offered March 27-29 and April 3. This course will provide the training for individuals to become American Red Cross-certified lifeguards.

The fee is \$275 for residents and

\$325 for non-residents. Class graduates may qualify for a full tuition waiver if employed by Ocean Pines Aquatics. To register, call the Sports Core at 410-641-5255.

Ocean Pines Aquatics will also host a one-day junior lifeguard program on Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Participants ages 8 and up will learn lifeguarding skills, play games, visit the local fire department and more.

The cost of the program is \$75 per person, which includes a t-shirt, whistle, first aid kit and lunch. Space is limited and pre-registration is

required. To register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 or the Sports Core at 410-641-5255.

For more information about any of these programs, contact the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department at 410-641-5255. Information regarding additional Ocean Pines aquatics programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Winter 2015 Activity Guide, is available at www.OceanPines.org.



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Obituaries

Carole Hanford O'Brien Walega

Carole Hanford O'Brien Walega, age 70, passed away on February 25, 2015 at her home. Born in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late James Robert O'Brien. She is survived by her mother, Barbara Hanford O'Brien originally of McLean, VA and her daughter from her marriage to Joseph V. Walega, Kristin G. Walega of Washington, DC. Also surviving is her sister Barbara F. Cromartie of Clarksburg, MD, and brother-in-law David Cromartie as well as nephews, John Cromartie, his wife and daughter Courtney and Grace, respectively, and Daniel Cromartie. She was preceded in death by her son, Theodore Robert Walega and her brother, James Stephen O'Brien.



Carole was a graduate of McLean High School, Stephens College in Columbia, MO, and received credits toward a Master's Degree at The George Washington University. After her studies she pursued a career in nonprofit associations championing causes such as women's leadership and education. In retirement she worked as a realtor serving the Ocean City community. She was a member of the Democratic Women's Club of Ocean Pines. Through this club she volunteered her time organizing food drives and other activities. She enjoyed caring for her beloved pets, Ollie the Havanaese dog and Posh the Persian cat. She also loved travel, reading, and spending time with her friends—especially the person she considered to be her best friend, her daughter, Kristin.

Memorials celebrating the life of Carole will be held on March 28, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club in Ocean Pines, MD and on April 11, 2015 from 1p.m. to 3 p.m. at Normandie Farm Restaurant in Potomac, MD. A donation in her memory may be sent to the Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation (www.believeintomorrow.org).

Letters of condolence may be sent via: www.burbagefuneral-home.com



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The Pinesteppers

Square dancing has been documented in 17th century England and dates back to our English and French ancestors with traces of Scottish, Scandinavian, Spanish and other elements incorporated into the dance. Cicero, the great Roman, once said that “no-body dances unless he is drunk or un-

other squares and rounds. Later Mr. Ford established a broad program for teaching squares and rounds, which included radio broadcasts and programs for public school children.

We are fortunate in our Ocean Pines community to have a lively and fun group called the Pinesteppers.

Betty's Corner

By Betty Cianci



balanced mentally.” Although Italy saw the renaissance of the dance in the 15th century, it is France that may be called the mother of the dance since much of the terminology shows a definite “French Connection.” An example includes the call “dos-a-dos” which means back-to-back.

Dancing masters were men well acquainted with dances of that period, immigrated to America. They brought with them the dances of their homeland and shared their knowledge with others. American country dancing basically consists of four couples who form the sides of a square. An interesting and informative note is that currently 19 states have designated square dancing as their official state dance.

It has been written that Henry Ford once vacationed at Wayside Inn at Sudbury, Mass. While at the resort, Mr. Ford became extremely interested and enthused in their dance programs which included the Virginia Reel and

gional Dances which includes week-ending at Virginia Beach, Chincoteague, the Outer Banks and several other vacation-type places. They also attend dances for various charities, such as the heart fund, and entertain at nursing homes.

If you are interested in joining the Pinesteppers for fun, friendship and good times give Arlene Hager a call at 302-436-4033. You may also send her an e-mail at hagerthehorrible52@gmail.com. Arlene mentioned that the Pinesteppers are looking forward to enlarging their membership. New dance classes will begin on Wednesdays in September at the Community Center from 7-9:30 p.m. Those interested are invited to come and observe. Fun times will be waiting.

An unknown author wrote, “Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to be over, it’s about learning how to dance in the rain.”



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Women's history month celebrated

The Commissioners of Worcester County have proclaimed March as Women's History Month to encourage citizens to take this occasion to learn more about the history and accomplishments of women in America.

The Worcester County Commission for Women will be celebrating Women's History Month at a luncheon to be held on Wednesday, March 18 from 11a.m.-2 p.m. at the Clarion Resort Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. The luncheon "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives" will recognize Worcester County women whose lives exemplify exceptional vision and leadership.

Rose Brous of Ocean City will be honored as the 2015 Woman of the Year. Gladys Virginia Burbage Markham, a teacher and administrator, will be recognized as a Special Honoree. Lois Evelyn Carmean Harrison (1909-2007) will be honored as the 2015 Woman in History for her extraordinary life, worthy of celebration and remembrance.

Six Worcester County students will be honored as Women of Tomorrow. The award categories are Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, and Grades 11-12, with each category

recognizing an awardee for first place or honorable mention.

The 2015 Women of Tomorrow are: Olivia Grace Boyce (Pocomoke City Middle School), Chloe Pauline Goddard (Snow Hill Middle School), Hannah Elizabeth Black (Snow Hill High School), Madison Amalie Mendiaz (Snow Hill High School), Delilah Purnell (Stephen Decatur High School) and Jennah Lupiwok (Stephen Decatur High School). These outstanding young women will be recognized for their leadership abilities, academic achievements and for making a significant positive impact on their community.

The event will feature exhibitors, awards and a silent auction and raffles. The cost to attend is \$37.00 per person, which includes your choice of either Sautéed boneless chicken with a Grand Marnier demiglace or Vegetarian gluten-free. Tables of eight may be reserved. A cash bar will be available.

You may register online at www.FriendsofWCCW.org, call 410-202-8688, email: sandyfen57@yahoo.com or mail a check to FWCCW, P.O. Box 1712, Berlin MD 21811. Proceeds from this event will benefit the McGuffey literacy program that provides summer reading materials to Worcester County students in grades 1-3.



Rose Brous, the Woman of the Year 2015



Survivors — Showell Elementary third graders, **Denny Bontempo** and **Noah Edge**, play a wolf survival game while studying adaptations in Mrs. Deb Schrawder's class.

Home repair workshops offered

The Women's Commission of Worcester County invites you to attend a Suddenly Single workshop "Home Repairs 101" to be held at the Home Depot in Berlin on Saturday, April 11. There will be two one-hour sessions of the same workshop: Session 1 begins at 10 a.m. and Session 2 begins at 11 a.m. An instructor will answer questions and give some basic instructions on home repairs.

The mission of "Suddenly Single" is to assist women coping with the loss of a partner's support through illness, death, separation or divorce to move forward, and to achieve social, educational, and economic equality while maintaining health and well-being.

To attend a "Home Repair 101" workshop, call 410-641-6517 or email lindaknierim@yahoo.com. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited and there is no charge for this workshop. For questions about "Suddenly Single" project, call Beverly Thomas at 410-641-8299.

Retired nurses to meet

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WINE about it

by Jean Marx

Scandinavian Wines

Today we are going to cross the globe to Europe for a wine tour in Scandinavia. This may sound perplexing since these countries are certainly not in the top five or even 10 winemakers in the world. In fact, their entry into the winemaking world is just within the last quarter century, which may beg the question of why we are making this journey. The answer is to satisfy my own curiosity. I will be traveling to Sweden soon to visit my daughter who is studying abroad there this semester and I hope to also pique your interest.

The first thing to mention is that because of the cold, northern climates, grapes have not traditionally grown well in these countries of Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. The governments of the last three countries control the production and sale of alcohol. With the advent of the European Union in 1993, the free market forces have started to allow some entrants into these countries' wine markets. Another factor has been warming temperatures in recent years, advances in

technology and a growing interest in winemaking. The growing season is short; however, there are some greenhouses and similar structures called orangeries that grow grapes, and the region gets the benefit of the Gulf Stream current that warms the Nordic seas. To give a true sense of how far north these countries are, their latitude encompasses northern Canada, Alaska and Siberia. While these factors explain why Scandinavian countries are not known for making wine, a wine movement in these countries does appear to be afoot.

Denmark was the first and is therefore the most experienced wine-making country among

the four. The Danish government has not had the monopoly on alcohol that the other countries have had. Two established vineyards are Ornberg Vin and Vinhuset Kvist & Vitus. The Ornberg Vin winery is best known for its white wine and its dessert wine named Mynster, and the Vinhuset Kvist & Vitus vineyard is popular for sparkling wine and apple wine.

In Sweden, the government-run liquor store is called the Systembolaget. Swedish vineyards are not allowed to sell their wines directly to

consumers but the vineyards are able to serve them at their restaurants on-site. The Gute vineyard in Gotland is an example of a vineyard with a restaurant that features its red, white and rosé wines. Consumers who want to buy bottles of the wines need to then order them through the Systembolaget. In the Blaxsta winery near Stockholm, a winegrower named Goran Amnegard has won international awards for his "ice wine" which is based on naturally-frozen Vidal grapes. This very Nordic-sounding wine definitely sounds intriguing.

In recent years independent wine merchants have been allowed to sell wines directly to Swedish customers via the Internet. Some of these merchants are in neighboring Denmark. While the current Internet-based sales just represent 1% of the wine sales in Sweden, the percentage is growing and is beginning to draw the attention of other European wine producers and merchants.

In Norway, the government-run liquor store is the Vinmonopolet and as in Sweden, Norwegians are not allowed to buy wine directly from a vineyard. Two popular wineries are the Lerkekasa in Telemark and the Kvelland vineyard in Vest-Agder. In

Lerkekasa, the wines are made with grapes as well as other fruits and berries. The Kvelland vineyard has been in existence since 1999 selling both red and white wines.

In Finland, the government's alcohol monopoly is Alko. In 1995 the country joined the European Union with farm subsidies given that vary by geographical zone to help the farmers deal with the country's harsh climate. With Alko and the EU subsidies, farms are restricted in the selling of products they ferment. Nonetheless the restrictions have been easing and farmers since 1995 have been allowed to sell their wines on-site. Most of the wines sold in Finland are not made from grapes but rather from fermenting other fruits like apples, blackcurrants and rhubarb.

While it certainly sounds like these Nordic countries are in their fledgling stages of wine production, it also means that the industry is ripe for growth in the future. With the Internet, entrepreneurs, and increased tourism that Scandinavian wines could generate, we just may find ice wine and other fruit-based wines from these countries for sale in the next decade.

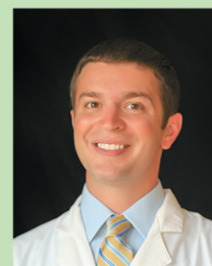


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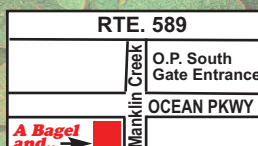
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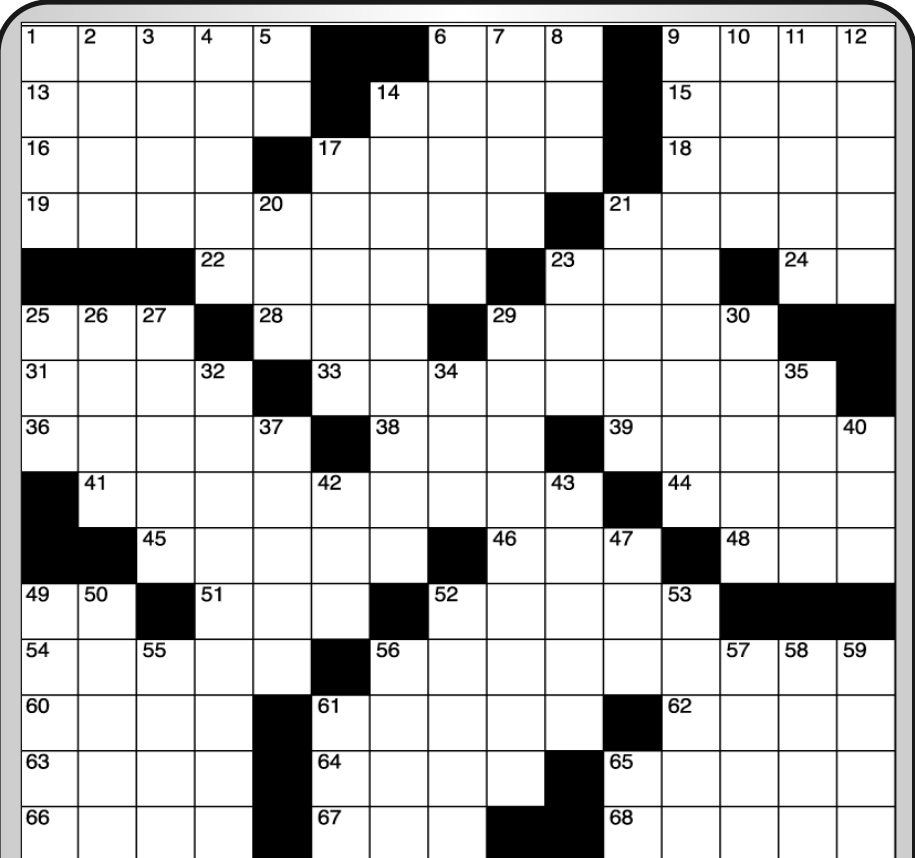
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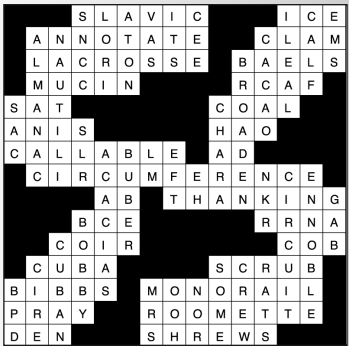
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Answers for Mar 4

That's how my garden grows...

By Betty McDermott



Hello Fellow Gardeners,

Goodbye February. We won't forget how cruel you were for a long, long time with all your snow and freezing temperatures. Let's welcome March and hope it will be a more pleasant month.

Well, it does not surprise me if all of you gardeners did not get a chance to do the chores I wrote about in my February column. You will just have to make sure you do them in March as well as the new ones I will list for this month. Hopefully, we will have some warmer days in March and you will be excited to be outdoors cleaning up and prepping your garden beds. So let's get started.

* Just to remind you about early spring pruning. This is often done in February but can be done in March or very early April on the following: crepe myrtle, Rose of Sharon, roses, butterfly bush (cut back to six inches), hibiscus (cut to the ground) and tall grasses.

*If you did not get a chance to clean up your vegetable or flower beds last fall, it is time to do that now. Remove all weeds and debris and work up the soil. While we are on the topic of soil, I would like to address the preparation of soil before any spring planting is done. We are all aware of the poor, sandy soil in this area and I would like to provide you with some tips for improving your soil before you do any planting.

For an area of about four feet by eight feet, you will need to add about two cups of fertilizer, such as 10-10-10 and about one 16 ounce coffee can of lime. The lime is needed to bring up the pH level. Mix all of this into your soil. Then add more top soil and at least two to three inches of rich compost. Mushroom compost is one of the best compost additions unless you create your own compost. Work up the soil by turning it over and over until all is mixed in well. The last step is to water it all. Now, you are ready for your early spring planting. Just wait for the soil to warm up a bit.

*By the middle to the end of March your soil should be ready for planting those early spring crops, such as, pota-

toes, peas, spring onion sets, leeks, beets, cabbage, kale and radishes. Make sure the soil has warmed up enough to germinate the seeds and promote growing. You can warm up your soil if it seems cold by laying down black plastic mulch over the planting area for a period of time. Just remember this: no vulnerable vegetable or annual plants should be planted outside until Mother's Day, which is May 10, or you could lose them to a light frost. That is not true for the early cold weather plants mentioned above, however.

*For those of you who have hydrangeas, here are some tips. If your hydrangeas present blue blossoms, now is the time to add three to four tablespoons of Epsom salt around the base to give the blossoms a much deeper shade of blue during their blossoming period. Work the Epsom salt well into the soil and then water them. If you want to use what the horticulturists recommend, you can purchase a bag of granular aluminum sulphate and follow the directions on the bag or box. Hydrangeas are most often pruned in the late summer or early fall after blossoming has finished. However, you can remove any hard sticks you see protruding from the base of the plant now.

* For you gardeners who start your seeds indoors in flats, now is the time to begin. Just remember, you will be married to those plants until you can transfer them to the outdoors, after Mother's Day. It is a huge commitment of time and patience but it is a very satisfying feeling. I did it for years and finally gave it up about three years ago. Do I miss it? Yes, sometimes but I have a wonderful gardening friend who always remembers me with a few tomato plants and a couple of cucumber plants that he starts from seed. After Mother's Day, I plant them in large containers and enjoy my bounty.

Well, happy gardening and think spring, a nice warm spring. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

"You don't have a garden just for yourself, you have it to share."

-Augusta Carter

Courier Bookshelf

by Dolores E. Pike



The Grande Dame of English authors, P. D. James undertook, even for her, a formidable task late in life; to return to the story of "Pride and Prejudice" where Jane Austen ended and continue as a detective novel. It became Mrs. James's final book, written at nearing 90 years of age, and is entitled "Death Comes to Pemberley." As for Miss Austen's novels she focused not upon crime but manners as she believed an inbred society wanted its heroes and heroines to behave during their intellectual and moral developments. She eschewed the detective genre saying, "Let other pens dwell on guilt and misery. I quit such odious subjects as soon as I can."

Providing readers with a synopsis of "Pride and Prejudice" in a prologue enti-

tled "The Bennets of Longbourne" Mrs. James begins her novel in 1803 when Elizabeth Bennet has been married to Mr. Darcy for six happy years. She is now the mistress of his formidable estate, Pemberley, along with

its 16 servants. She has put all previous romantic involvements, including Mr. Wickham, into the past. As Elizabeth Darcy she is deep in the preparations for an autumn ball that will take place there the next day. Her sister Jane Bingley, husband, children and entire retinue have already arrived, prepared to spend several days. Other relatives as well as close friends have come too, filling up the many bedrooms of the sprawling mansion.

In the evening prior to the annual ball all have gathered for dinner and convened afterward in the music room by the pianoforte for "lively tunes" by Georgiana Darcy and her suitor. A coach unexpectedly arrives with Lydia Wickham, Elizabeth's estranged sister, hysterically screaming, "Wickham's dead! Denny has shot him!" But it turns out to be the reverse; it is Captain Denny that is dead and Wickham merely drunk. Subsequently the Wickhams, previously

banned from Pemberley, are sequestered there pending an official inquest and Mr. Wickham's eventual removal to jail as Captain Denny's murderer. So Mrs. James begins the criminal investigation encased in a typical Austen familial entanglement.

In covering the circumstances behind the case Mrs. James subjects readers to an overcomplex resolve in the book's final pages. She presents a dizzying number of players...half-sister, baby, cohorts, confidantes, companions, lovers...in situations of adultery, mistaken identity, deceit, lying, blackmail, scandal and plans gone awry. She spins the story out of control with detail and relationships and readers' heads along with it. Thankfully this only consumes a few pages before the end of the book and up to this time the story remains Miss Austen's domain.

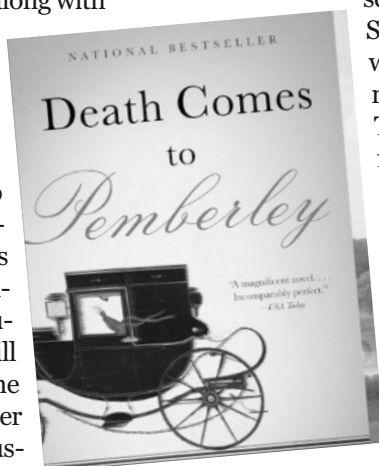
In this age of television and movie crime shows it is unique to undertake a novel that takes place 200 years prior to all the scientific investigation and equipment needed for crime solving. One character's line found in the book might cause readers to smile. An investigator's observation to the medical advisor relates, "...your clever scientific colleagues have not yet found a way of distinguishing one man's blood from another." And smile yet again when the doctor making a housecall at Pemberley remains overnight in order to attend his distraught patient.

Many of the characters, who originally appeared under Miss Austen's pen, can be found here along with some lingering attachments and recriminations. Readers who have followed her books might be delighted to see Mrs. James take up the thread. But the writing speaks more of Jane Austen than anything Mrs. James might have subjected her favorite detective, Adam Dalgleish, to pursue. And I believe to her credit Mrs. James has successfully recreated the Austen style. Jane Austen fans might

be pleased to find their favorite author and characters reborn...well, at least re-activated.

Readers reluctant to let go the characters of favorite books want them to continue and publishers to find competent writers to supply a sequel. In one such instance mystery writer Jeffrey Deever wanted to follow-up recreating the style of Ian Fleming's James Bond. In explanation he said, "I did it as a lark because I loved Bond as a kid. I thought I could bring him into present day as a young agent. Some diehard Bond fans weren't happy." As to why Mrs. James's might want to do the same, merely an apology to Jane Austen at the beginning of "Death Comes to Pemberley" will have to suffice in place of a reason.

A serial of three 60 minutes episodes, also titled *Death Comes to Pemberley* was made for BBC.



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Sat., March 14	2:22 a.m. 2:46 p.m.	8:50 a.m. 8:59 p.m.	7:13 a.m.	7:06 p.m.
Sun., March 15	3:26 a.m. 3:51 p.m.	9:52 a.m. 10:02 p.m.	7:12 a.m.	7:07 p.m.
Mon., March 16	4:29 a.m. 4:52 p.m.	10:53 a.m. 11:05 p.m.	7:10 a.m.	7:08 p.m.
Tues., March 17	5:28 a.m. 5:50 p.m.	11:50 a.m.	7:09 a.m.	7:09 p.m.
Wed., March 18	6:23 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	12:06 a.m. 12:44 p.m.	7:07 a.m.	7:10 p.m.

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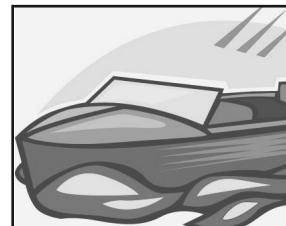
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House of Delegates Session Highlights

By Delegate Mary Beth Carozza, 38C



Delegate Mary Beth Carozza (District 38C) released the following updates from the 435th session of the Maryland General Assembly:

Governor Hogan Announces Heroin Initiatives

On Wednesday, February 25, Governor Larry Hogan announced four initiatives to combat Maryland's heroin and opioid crisis. Among the Governor's initiatives were two executive orders to create an inter-agency council and a Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, both to be chaired by Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford. With the support of Del. Carozza and Sen. Addie Eckardt (District 37), Dr. Michael Finegan of Salisbury was appointed to the task force. The task force will hold listening sessions in local communities to help determine the best way for each of Maryland's jurisdictions to handle Maryland's growing heroin epidemic.

Appropriations Committee Work

Last week, Del. Carozza's Health Subcommittee held hearings on the budgets of a number of agencies, including the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Medicaid and behavioral health programs and the Department of Disabilities. The full Appropriations Committee heard from Department of Budget and Management Secretary David Brinkley regarding the Governor's budget priorities. The state's Fiscal Year 2016 budget is due on the floor of the Full House of Delegates for debate in approximately two weeks.

Updates from the Eastern Shore Delegation

Members of the Eastern Shore Delegation held a productive public meeting on February 27 with representatives of several organizations, including the Maryland Department of the Environment.

MDE Secretary Benjamin Grumbles stressed, under his

leadership, MDE would improve its customer service and outreach to work with businesses, farmers and residents on the Shore on enforcement in a positive and commonsense manner. Del. Carozza also thanked Secretary Grumbles during the meeting for his Department's ongoing assistance with the Newark wastewater project in Worcester County.

Read Across America Day

Tuesday, March 3, was Read Across America Day in Annapolis. Delegates and Senators were given the opportunity to donate books to the school library of their choice to mark the occasion. Del. Carozza elected to donate a copy of the children's book "Chesapeake Rainbow" by Annapolis author Priscilla Cummings to each of the elementary schools in Legislative District 38C.

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Ocean Pines Poker Club

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

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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

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Mon., Wed. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

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

Tuesdays

Families Anonymous

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

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

Tuesdaysand Thursdays

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

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

Wednesdays

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Elks Bingo

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

Delmarva Hand Dancing

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

Rotary Club

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

Square Dancing

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

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

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

Wed., Thurs. & Fri.

Church Thrift Shop

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Thursdays

Story Time

Stories, music and crafts at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 at Ocean Pines library. Call 410-208-4014.

Beach Singles

Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna's at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577, Kate at 410-524-0649 or Dianne at 302-541-4642.

Legion Bingo

American Legion in Ocean City opens doors at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7. For information call 410-289-3166.

Gamblers Anonymous

Group meets at 8 p.m. at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Call 888-424-3577 for help.

Fridays

Knights of Columbus Bingo

Bingo will be held behind St. Luke's Church, 100th St. in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Call 410-524-7994.

Sundays

Sunday Night Serenity **Al-Anon Family Group** 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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In February, two back-to-back snow storms hit Worcester County. Thanks to the exemplary performance and outstanding level of cooperation between public safety and public works personnel, county residents could get back on the roads soon after both storms subsided.

The first storm hit February 17. A full contingent of Roads Division employees plowed snow from 4 a.m. until 6 p.m. that day and then put in another 12-hour shift the following day. They repeated this process of plowing after the second storm hit on February 26. The evening prior to the first storm, staff sacrificed their family time, reported for duty at 9 p.m., and bunked down at Public Works to assure that wintry conditions would not impede their ability to report to work to clear the roads. The second storm involved a very early report time of 4 a.m. to do the same. The result of their efforts was that all county roads were virtually snow free

within 12 hours of each storm, after which staff worked to clear drifts and other obstructions.

"We have 520 miles of county roads that are mapped into 19 different sectors," Public Works Director John Tustin said. "We deploy one plow truck to each sector. It takes eight hours to clear each section."

A number of other departments played vital roles in maintaining public safety and operations before, during and after the storm as well. Worcester County Emergency Services (WCES) and Sheriff's Office officials remained in close communication with each other and with state and local government offices in pre-planning for and responding to hazards that developed during both storms. The County Emergency Operations Center hosted multiple weather conference calls with the National Weather Service to brief all agencies on the potential winter weather threat with both storms.

"WCES staff and allied agencies cooperated in keeping the public safe during the storm," WCES Director Fred Webster said. "WCES had sufficient staffing on all shifts to answer calls for service, and our administrative staff tracked the storm, responded to public concerns and directed County resources as needed."

Sheriff's Deputies traveled the County and identified areas of concern. Maintenance Division crews cleared parking lots, sidewalks and buildings to provide our employees and the public with safe passage to county facilities. Water and Wastewater crews kept water and sewer operations up and running. Solid Waste crews worked diligently to clear snow and ice from the Central Landfill and Homeowner Convenience Centers as quickly as possible, and Fleet Division mechanics kept all vehicles in safe operating condition.

Public servants in Worcester County train in advance to handle any number of emergencies that could arise. The very nature of their job responsibilities demand that they be on hand when disasters strike. We recognize the collective efforts of our staff and thank them for unselfishly working numerous hours without breaks to assure the safety of Worcester County citizens.

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