

## Foundation to host Memorial Day ceremony

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation invites all to attend the annual ceremony honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The ceremony will be held Monday, May 28, at 11 a.m. at the Memorial site on Rte. 589, between Cathell and Manklin Creek roads.

The ceremony will feature patriotic music and pageantry, honoring the service men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms. We will also honor our local Gold Star mothers and American Ex-POWs. Mike Beatty, aka DJ Batman, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Music will be provided by Frank Nanna and the WWIIunes, featuring Todd Crosby. Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Delmarva Chorus will also perform.

Golf carts will be circulating from tent to parking lot for those needing some assistance. Please bring a lawn chair, as seating under the tent is limited. The ceremony will move to the Ocean Pines Community Center in the event of inclement weather.

## Jr. golf scholarship tournament scheduled

The Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council will host the Taylor Bank / Ocean Pines 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Jr. Golf Scholarship Tournament at Ocean Pines Golf Club on Wednesday, June 13 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

This year's event is being held in honor of long-time Ocean Pines Golf Club member Chuck Shelton, who passed away this spring. It benefits junior golf in the area by helping support junior golf clinics and an annual tournament for junior golfers. It also raises funds for scholarships that are presented to local high school seniors who have expressed an interest in golf.

The public entry fee is \$80 per person, which includes greens fee, cart, team prizes, men's and ladies' closest-to-the-pin prizes, door prizes, continental breakfast, on-course refreshments and

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**Auction success** - P.E.O.'s local Chapter AK of Ocean Pines raised over \$4,000.00 at its May auction held at Ocean Pines Community Center. P.E.O. is a philanthropic educational organization which helps women pursue their educational goals by giving grants, scholarships, loans and awards. P.E.O. has raised over \$321 million dollars and helped more than 105,000 women.

*Above are (left to right) organizers of the P.E.O. auction **Bonnie Machen, Karen Gerhart, Ginger McGovern.***

# Community Calendar May

## GOP women to meet

The Republican Women of Worcester County will host its May luncheon meeting on Thursday, May 24 at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City. The guest speaker will be Pastor David Whitney who will speak about the Maryland Constitution. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11 a.m. To make your reservation and/or for more information, please contact Ann Lutz at anlutz60@gmail.com or at 410-208-9767.

## Pocomoke River summer camp planned

Worcester County Recreation and Parks (WCRP) staff are pleased to announce the return of the Pocomoke River Camp, which is open to youth in grades fourth through eighth.

Campers will have their choice of canoe, kayak, or paddleboard for the first three days on the river. They will also go fishing and learn about different wildlife and the environment. On the last day, campers will be transported for an extended day trip for more exploring.

The camp will take place Monday-Thursday, June 25 to 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. In the event of inclement weather, the makeup date will be Friday, June 29.

The cost per camper is \$75. To register or learn more, contact Trudy Porch at 410-632-2144, ext. 2520 or tporch@co.worcester.md.us. Visit [www.worcesterrecand-parks.org/](http://www.worcesterrecand-parks.org/) to learn more about the exciting lineup of WCRP summer camp programs. Also, be sure to like us on all of our social media platforms.

# REMEMBER MEMORIAL DAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Father's Day
20	21 Veteran's Day (Obs.)	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

## Knights to host AYCE breakfasts

Join the Knights of Columbus for a buffet breakfast, All You Can Eat on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. May 27, June 10, June 24 are the next three. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$6 for children. The menu includes two styles of eggs, sausage, bacon, fried potatoes, creamed chipped beef, toast, pancakes, French toast, coffee and juice. Call 410-524-7994 with questions.

## Monday

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

## Sweet Adelines

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

## Monday/Tuesday

**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.

## Tuesday

**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.

## Tuesday/Thursday

**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.

## Wednesday

**Kiwanis Club Meeting**  
Weekly meetings at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open 7 a.m.

## 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.

## 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 Pinestepers 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.

## Thursday

**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 or Kate at 410-524-0649 for more activities. BeachSingles.org.

## 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.

## Friday

**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.

## First Saturday

**Creative Writing Forum**  
Every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Berlin Library. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, non-fiction, and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciation, market leads, and writing exercises.

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lunch at Taylor's Neighborhood Restaurant following the tournament. The entry fee for Ocean Pines golf members with a cart package is \$50 and \$65 for members without a cart package.

Players may sign up individually or as a foursome. Individuals or incomplete teams will be paired.

Taylor Bank is the event's title sponsor; the Optimists of Ocean City/Berlin have also made a generous donation to this year's tournament.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available, including personal and business tee signs and tee sign packages. Sponsors are also

being sought for long-drive and closest-to-the-pin holes.

The entry deadline is June 6. The fee may be dropped off at or mailed to the Golf Shop at Ocean Pines Golf Club at 100 Clubhouse Drive, Ocean Pines, MD, 21811. Checks should be made payable to "Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council."

For more information, contact tournament chair Scotty Wheatley at 410-641-7486.

## Free youth tennis clinic planned

In an effort to introduce tennis to a new generation of players, Ocean Pines will offer a free clinic for youth ages five through 16 at the Manklin

Meadows Racquet Sports Complex on Saturday, May 26 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The clinic kicks off a season of "Net Generation" tennis at the facility. The United States Tennis Association programs, which will be offered in Ocean Pines under the leadership of newly hired tennis instructor Terry Underkoffler, are designed to suit players based on their skill level and developmental readiness.

According to Underkoffler, who is also a teacher and award-winning coach at Worcester Preparatory School, the Net Generation approach provides coaches the flexibility to modify lessons to better meet the needs of the players and facilitate development, making learning more

fun.

"Net Generation is a new kid-friendly approach to tennis that hopes to inspire the next generation of young tennis players," Underkoffler said. "We want to excite our children about what we have to offer at the Ocean Pines Racquet Sports Complex and make it a family destination for fun and sport."

The free clinic will be led by Underkoffler and members of the Worcester Preparatory School tennis team. Participants are asked to bring an age-appropriate tennis racquet. Registration may be completed by calling the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-

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## Water, beach safety taught at Pines pool

Worcester County Public School fourth-graders are diving into beach and water safety courses at the year-round indoor Sports Core Pool in Ocean Pines.

“Learning to save themselves as well as how to respond to an emergency can really change the outcome of a bad situation,” said Ocean Pines Aquatics Director Colby Phillips. “Worcester County is surrounded by water and, with drowning being one of the top five leading causes of death in children, it is extremely important for our children to gain as much education on water safety as possible.”

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Worcester County has a total area of 695 square miles, of which 468 square miles are land and 227 square miles are water.

Data from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control shows that every day, about ten people die from unintentional drowning. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger.

“So much time and energy have been put into this program to cover all aspects of water safety,” said Phillips.

“When creating the program we have reached out to the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, the Ocean City Beach Patrol, the Ocean Pines Swim Team, water safety instructors and the Stephen Decatur High School swim team.”

Area students ages nine to 10 are currently participating in the safety course, which includes rip currents awareness.

“Each day the students rotate through stations and each day one station is a swim lesson based on their skill set,” said Phillips. “They are taught reach-and-throw techniques, how to use personal flotation devices and how to administer first aid as well as other fun water safety-based activities.”

The safety program is funded by the school district and is a newly launched partnership between the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department and Worcester County Public Schools.

Phillips, who believes the children are enjoying the program, said, “We keep it entertaining for them and keep them moving so they don’t get bored.” She went on to say, “The team has really enjoyed working with the children.”

## OPA board candidates announced

The Ocean Pines Association (OPA) has announced the names of the nine eligible candidates for election to the 2018-2019 OPA Board of Directors.

Association Secretary and Board Director Dr. Colette Horn, with the assistance of the assessment/membership coordinator, conducted the required eligibility verification of candidates for this year’s election. As per Resolution M-09 and under the provisions of 5.13(e) of the Association’s By-Laws, nine candidates met stated requirements. There were 10 registrants in all. One of the registrants did not meet the qualifications as set forth in the OPA Bylaws and Resolution M-09.

The candidates are: Frank Daly, Esther Diller, Paula Gray, Arie Klapholz, Mark Mitchell, Ted Moroney, Gregory Turner, Steve Tuttle and Scott Wagner

Key dates in the election process include: Candidates’ Draw for Ballot Position (June 8 at 11 a.m., Community Center); Candidates’ Forum (June 20); Voter Eligibility Deadline (July 3); Ballots Mailed (July 10); Second

Candidates’ Forum (*if warranted*) (July 14); Ballot Deadline (August 8) Ballots Counted (August 10); and, Annual Meeting (August 11 at 10 a.m., Community Center).

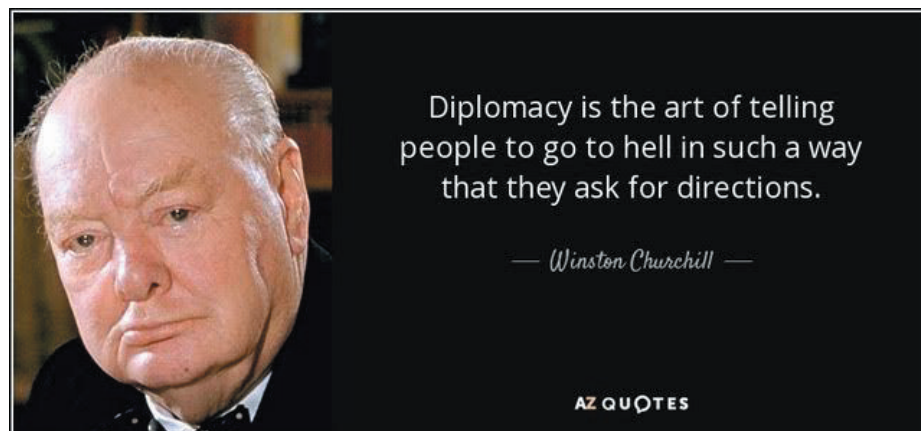
For more information, contact Ocean Pines Elections Committee Chairperson Steve Habeger at elections@oceanpines.org or Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at (410) 641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.

## Police give flyers not tickets

Police officers in Ocean Pines are flagging vehicles for parking restriction violations this spring season, but officers are not writing tickets. They are using a “bright new, friendlier approach” to curb the violations.

Ocean Pines Police have launched an educational campaign that instructs officers to give drivers who are parked along Ocean Parkway a “friendly flyer” that promotes pedes-

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We here highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain; that the nation shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

*President Abraham Lincoln  
The Gettysburg Address*

*On Memorial Day, may we always remember the sacrifices made by the men and women of our Armed Forces.*

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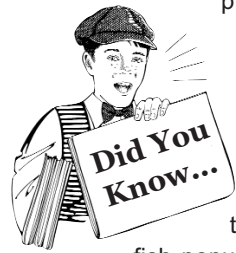
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According to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), overfishing occurs when more fish are caught than the population can replace through natural production.



Overfishing is a significant problem and has reached a point where many important commercial fish populations, including Atlantic bluefin tuna, have declined to a point where the survival of their species is threatened. One of the main causes of overfishing is illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing. In fact, the WWF estimates that illegal fishing accounts for as much as 20 percent of the world's catch.

# Concerns raised about Art League funding

**Editor:**

Last week at a budget hearing, the Worcester County Commissioners voted to discontinue funding to the Art League of Ocean City, thereby ending the public private partnership that was established between The State of Maryland, Worcester County, the Town of Ocean City, and individual donors. This type of cooperation is rare, and it has taken decades to bring it to fruition.

Since opening the new Ocean City Center for the Arts in 2013, the Art League has filled a cultural void in the area, and has become a place where people of all ages come for personal growth, creative expression, and com-



munity involvement.

The facility is open every day year-round, and admission is always free. In 2017, over 20,000 people visited the art center, with 3,050 of them taking classes and more than 350 artists exhibiting their work there. There is no other facility of its size and scope in Worcester County, and the members include 60 local business. It draws residents and visitors from throughout the region who hunger for cultural experiences.

Without the funding from the County, the Art League would not be able to offer many of the free programs to those who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity. These include: After School Art Academy at Buckingham Elementary, Exceptional Abilities with Pocomoke and Cedar Chapel schools, and art classes for the Berlin youth group of Worcester County Youth and

Family Counseling.

However, perhaps the most compelling reason for Worcester County to continue its contribution to the Art League is the value it brings to tourism. Events like the Ocean City Film Festival, Artists Paint OC, and the Sand Castle Home Tour bring many visitors to Worcester County and support local businesses.

An investment in the arts is an investment in both the community and the economy. We respectfully ask the Worcester County Commissioners to continue to honor the public private partnership that has been formed to give our children the opportunity experience the arts and to keep our economy growing.

**Rina Thaler**

Executive Director  
 Art League of Ocean City

## Hill challenges Horn

*Commentary by Joe Reynolds*

Association member Brett Hill filed as a candidate for the OPA Board of Directors. OPA Director and corporate Secretary Colette Horn declared Hill ineligible to run for the Board of Directors.



In a May 16 email to Horn and the Board of Directors, Hill wrote, "Your disqualification of me is not only legally wrong but appears to be personal. This is the exact reason why I filed to run for the board. The board needs to be focused on man-

aging the business of the community, not playing with Resolutions to accomplish personal agendas."

So, what is the issue? Horn is saying Hill is ineligible to run because one or more properties he owns personally, or in conjunction with an LLC ownership, has unpaid assessments as of May 15. It does not appear Hill is disputing that fact. What Hill is stating is that under the bylaws of the OPA, he has until July 3 to make any payments to qualify as a candidate.

The OPA bylaws seem to support Hill's position.

Quoting from the bylaws:

"Section 5.02. Candidates for Election. The eligibility requirements for election to the Board of Directors are as provided in this Section.

"(a) Eligibility. All candidates must be one of the owners of record of real property in the Subdivision on the first day of January of the year in which the election is to be held and eligible to vote under Section 3.01(c).

"3.01(c) Payment of the annual charge levied by the Board of Directors is a prerequisite to the right to vote. No member may vote if, thirty-five (35) days prior to the voting deadline, the member has failed to pay the annual charge, including any assessed interest levied by the Asso-

ciation. The voting rights of a member may also be suspended during any period the member is in continuing violation of the Declarations of Restrictions after the existence of the violation has been declared by the Board of Directors."

There is some conflicting or confusing language in board Resolution M-09 with regard to full assessment payments by May 15. However, regardless of the language in any board Resolution, the bylaws prevail. The bylaws clearly state that the only eligibility requirement for board candidates is to the meet the bylaws eligibility to vote requirement.

In other words, if an association member is eligible to vote, the association member is also eligible to run for the Board of Directors. When it comes to payment of assessments and eligibility to vote, the bylaws are perfectly clear — one is eligible to vote if assessments are paid 35 days prior to the voting deadline. This year, in terms of assessment payments, that would place voting eligibility and board candidate eligibility at July 3. Thus, Hill qualifies to be a board candidate so long as any assessments are paid by July 3.

One can only wonder why Horn did not look more closely at the OPA bylaws unless Hill is correct about it being personal.

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# The ultimate sacrifice

From the time the ink dried on the final signature affixed to the Declaration of Independence in 1776, our nation has expected much of those who have worn a military uniform in service of this country.

We have demanded valor in the heat



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of battle. We expect that success be wrestled from the grip of defeat. And as if that were not enough, we have demanded self-sacrifice in pursuit or defense of a fundamental right we often take for granted, freedom.

From declared wars such as the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I and World War II to undeclared conflicts such as the naval war with France, the First and Second Barbary Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the most recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq and other periods of conflict throughout our history, our nation has been blessed to have defenders step forward from the ranks of the citizenry.

Whether wearing the uniform of the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy or Coast Guard, the sons and daughters of this nation have put themselves between the enemy and our country.

Although the motives of political leaders who deploy our military are sometimes questioned, there is no questioning the resolve and dedication of the individuals who have comprised our military. Americans of all nationalities, races, creeds and colors have worn the nation's uniform.

Some of these Americans were drafted, others volunteered. Regardless they took up the banner of the United States and served their country. They did a job that was at times thankless, at times heroic and at all times dangerous.

Understood by everyone who has worn a military uniform is the reality that they may not return or may not make it home whole in body.

This sentiment is not just for those service men and women going off to war. It is also a reality for those stationed around the world. Sometimes just wear-

ing a U.S. military uniform can make one a target for vengeance and terrorism. For that matter just being an American can make us a target.

It is easy to forget that the liberty we take for granted was secured by fellow citizens who took up arms and laid down their lives to defend this country.

During the fall of Saigon in 1975 people were so desperate to not fall under communism that they ran alongside taxiing jets attempting to jump aboard or latch onto landing gear so

when it retracted it would pull them up into the underbelly of the plane. Many of them never made it.

During the Cold War no one tried to escape over the Berlin Wall from West Germany to East Germany. People were shot dead trying to come the other way though.

When was the last time you heard or saw someone attempt to escape the freedom of the United States?

Monday is Memorial Day. It is more than a three-day weekend, more than a series of holiday sales and more than the beginning of the summer season. It is a day set aside to honor the common people who, in extraordinary, frightening situations, died on beaches, in foxholes, in rice patties, in jungles, on the open sea and in P.O.W. camps while in service to this nation under God. It is a day to remember those men and women who never returned to their families because they gave their lives protecting our way of life.

They never had another opportunity to take for granted the pleasantness of playing catch in the backyard with a child, dancing spontaneously with a spouse when a favorite song comes on the radio or deciding which fishing hole would yield the most results. Instead their images are frozen in time within the pages of school yearbooks and family albums. Their memories are animated in the far-away glances of a saddened parent, spouse, sibling or child.

Memorial Day is a reminder that sacrifice is the ballast of freedom. We should keep that in mind as we enjoy a holiday barbecue in the company of friends and family, deciding whether to have another hamburger or hot dog.

May the brave men and women we honor Monday rest in peace and their memory be as vibrant as they once were. God bless!

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# Board of Education makes administrative changes

At the May 15 Worcester County Board of Education meeting, several administrative appointments were approved, and administrative transfers were announced. The new assignments are effective July 1.

At the turn of the fiscal year, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Operating Officer Steve Price will transfer to become the county's Assistant Superintendent/Chief Safety Officer, a newly created position dedicated to leading the school system's safety and security protocols and practices.

Filling the vacancy of Assistant Superintendent/Chief Operating Officer is Dr. Annette Wallace. Wallace is a 15-year veteran educator who began her career in Worcester County Public Schools. Wallace, an alumna of the school system, has most recently served as principal of Pocomoke High School.

Pocomoke High School's current Assistant Principal Jenifer Rayne will helm the school as principal following Wallace's departure. Rayne will lend her over ten years of educational experience to this new role.

Current Stephen Decatur High

School (SDHS) Principal Tom Zimmer will be transferred to lead Worcester Technical High School, following the announced retirement of Worcester Technical High School Principal Caroline Bloxom. Zimmer began his career in Worcester County 29 years ago, with the last 19 of which in an administrative capacity. Bloxom's retirement brings to a close a thirty-year career in education in Worcester County.

Stephen Decatur High School's new principal will be Thomas Sites, who currently serves at principal of Berlin Intermediate School. Sites has over 22 years of experience in Worcester County, beginning at SDHS as a teacher in 1996 and serving as assistant principal of the school from 2006 to 2012.

Current SDHS Assistant Principal Ryan Cowder will become principal of Berlin Intermediate School following

Sites' departure. Cowder began his career in the county in 2000, beginning his current role as assistant principal in 2012.

At the Central Office, Snow Hill High School's (SHHS) Jennifer Sills has been appointed Coordinator of Instruction for Science, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Marilyn Barrett, which was announced in February. Sills has taught in Worcester County since 2003, most recently serving as Library Media Specialist at SHHS.

Newcomer Dwayne Abt will become the Supervisor of Human Resources at the Central Office. Abt brings over 16 years of administrative experience in the Dorchester County Public School System. During his tenure there, Abt most recently served as Assistant Superintendent for Ad-

ministration/Director of Operations following serving as Human Resources Administrator.

Several changes at the assistant principal level were also announced:

- Pocomoke Middle School Assistant Principal Bryan Perry will transfer to Pocomoke High School, filling the vacancy left by Rayne's promotion.
- Pocomoke Middle School Assistant Principal Faye Williams will transfer to Pocomoke Elementary School.

Pocomoke Elementary School teacher Robert Boyce has been appointed to become an Assistant Principal at Pocomoke Middle School. Joining Boyce is Pocomoke Elementary School's Assistant Principal Melissa Friestat.

Newcomer Dr. Curtis Bunting was appointed to become Assistant Principal at SDHS, following Cowder's promotion. Bunting began his career in education in 1993, most recently serving as Assistant Superintendent of the Sussex Technical School District in Delaware.

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# Horseshoe crab migration begins

In the coming weeks, visitors to Maryland's coastal bays and beaches can experience one of the world's oldest migrations, horseshoe crabs emerging to spawn, as they've done here for the last 350 million years.

Massive numbers of these "living fossils" will come out of the depths of the Atlantic Ocean in May and June to lay their eggs on shore. The greatest number of horseshoe crabs can be found on Maryland beaches during the full moon, May 29 and June 28, and new moon, June 13 and July 12.

"The horseshoe crab is such a unique species here in Maryland," said Maryland Department of Natural Resources biologist Steve Doctor, who conducts an annual horseshoe crab survey. "During peak egg-laying times, the horseshoe crabs are so abundant you can't even see the sand."

One individual horseshoe crab can lay nearly 20,000 eggs but many do not survive. Crustaceans, fish and migrating shorebirds, including the red knot, prey on the eggs for food. Adult horseshoe crabs are also vulnerable to predators if they get stuck on their backs.



To help ensure the survival of the species, anyone who spots a horseshoe crab flipped on its back is asked to gently flip the crab over so it can return to the water. The best practice for flipping over a horseshoe crab is to pick up the animal by its sides using two hands; never by its telson (tail).

While the horseshoe crab may look menacing, they are actually harmless and very gentle creatures; they do not bite or strike. And despite their name, they're not crustaceans, but are in a separate sub-phylum of arthropods. They are generally not fished for consumption, but have long been used as bait, and in recent years, have proven invaluable to cutting-edge biomedical research due to unique, copper-based blue blood.

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## DAR welcomes new members

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently welcomed two new members during a luncheon meeting at the Blue Dog Café. Regent Patricia Ayers and Chaplain Ann Fowler administered the oath of membership to Mary Pat Carozza and her daughter Mary Beth Carozza. Both were admitted into the DAR on January 5, 2018 and are descended from Revolutionary War Patriot Jacob Harper of Virginia.

The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education. For more information, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

Above: (L-R) incoming chapter Regent **Gail Weldin**, new members **Mary Beth Carozza** and **Mary Pat Carozza** and outgoing Regent **Patricia Ayers**.

## Arts camp registration now open

The Worcester County Arts Council is now accepting registrations for the annual Summer Arts Camp for children to be held June 18 through June 21 at Berlin Intermediate School.

This camp is designed for students entering third through eighth grades in fall 2018 and last year close to 100 children attended.

The cost is \$100 for the week-long camp which is held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bus transportation from Pocomoke and Snow Hill for an additional \$15 for the week will be offered.

Registration form, including selection of various visual and performing art workshops offered this

year, is available on the website [www.worcestercountyyartscouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountyyartscouncil.org) and the Arts Council's office, located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. Deadline for registration is June 9.

Financial support provided by Berlin/Ocean City Optimist Club and patrons of the Council will allow for offering limited financial assistance. For details how to apply, call the office at 410-641-0809.

For volunteering opportunities at the Arts Camp please contact Anna Mullis at 410-641-0809 or [curator@worcestercountyartscouncil.org](mailto:curator@worcestercountyartscouncil.org).

## Outdoor services planned

Beginning May 27 through September a Sunday outdoor informal worship service will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the front lawn of Bethany United Methodist Church. The church is located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. For information, contact 410-641-2186 or [bethany21811@gmail.com](mailto:bethany21811@gmail.com).

## Knights to host Bingo

The Knights of Columbus will host Bingo every Friday evening. The next four weeks are May 25, June 1, June 8 and June 15. Doors open at 5 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m. There will be a \$1,000 jackpot each week. Call 410-524-7994 with questions.



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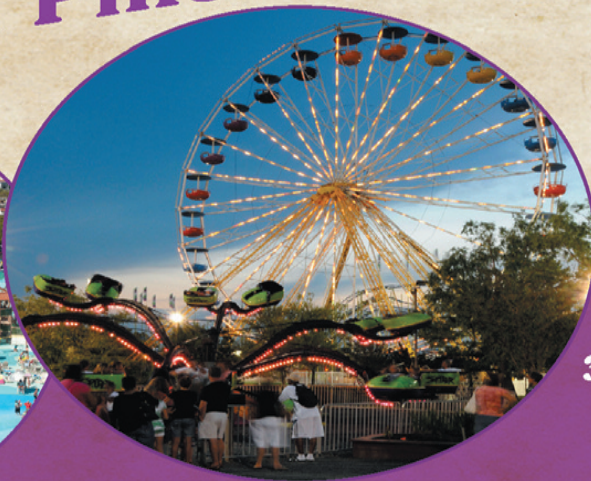




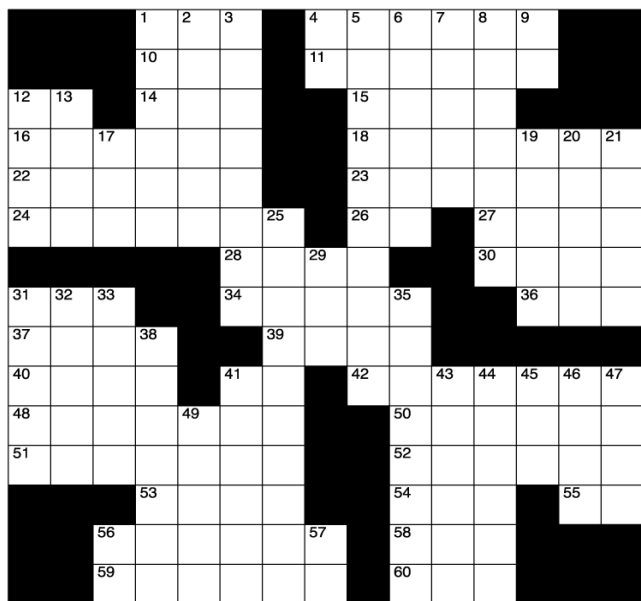
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- 4. English prince
- 10. When you'll get there
- 11. Pivot
- 12. Actinium
- 14. Greek letter
- 15. Primordial matter
- 16. One of a Polynesian island
- 18. Most spacious
- 22. What you owe
- 23. Button-like ornament
- 24. Ancient city
- 26. Trauma center
- 27. CNN anchor Burnett
- 28. Enough (archaic)
- 30. Lebowsky's nickname "The \_\_\_"
- 31. Printing speed measurement
- 34. Waterbirds
- 36. WWI airship
- 37. Sudden attack
- 39. Advice
- 40. Sacs where fungi develop
- 41. Where instinctive impulses are manifest
- 42. Schoolhouse implements
- 48. Brain parts
- 50. Borne by or suspended in a liquid
- 51. Of the desert
- 52. Starbucks size
- 53. Ancient Roman garment
- 54. In a way, set aflame
- 55. Samarium
- 56. Heavenly bodies
- 58. Water in the solid state
- 59. Exchanged
- 60. Int'l organization

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Regain
- 2. A colorless odorless gas used as fuel
- 3. Delicacies
- 4. Spanish be
- 5. Miami Heat great
- 6. More slick
- 7. Turn away
- 8. Made a second thrust
- 9. Where injured ballplayers end up
- 12. As quickly as can be done
- 13. Military disguise
- 17. \_\_\_ and Dad
- 19. Mythological wind (Greek)
- 20. Slides without control
- 21. Principle or belief
- 25. Unusually large
- 29. Naturally occurring solid material
- 31. Backsides
- 32. Large orange-brown butterfly
- 33. Old Testament prophet
- 35. Women's apartments in a Muslim palace
- 38. One who waters down
- 41. Made a visual representation of
- 43. Continent
- 44. Flat pieces of rock
- 45. Very long period of time
- 46. Radioactivity units
- 47. Fields of study
- 49. Distinctive, pleasant smell
- 56. The Constitution State (abbr.)
- 57. South Dakota



Answers for May 16

## For the Love of Travel Palm oil with a side of deforestation

By **Kelly Marx**

The island of Borneo is the third largest in the world, according to Britannica. On the island, three countries are represented: Malaysia, Indonesia, and Brunei-Darussalam. The island has been the site of foreign colonialism from the British in Malaysia and the Dutch in what is now known as Indonesia. The Malaysian side of Borneo is further divided into two states: Sabah and Sarawak. In the early part of this year, I was fortunate to spend a month traveling the two.

Geographically, Sabah is the northernmost region of the island of Borneo. I flew from Kuala Lumpur in Peninsular Malaysia to Sandakan in Sabah. Sandakan to Sukau is a 2.5-hour journey by car. We used Grab, Southeast Asia's number one ride-hailing app (similar to Uber). We stayed at the Sukau RB Lodge, managed by a local named Yus and his wife Siti. The lodgings consisted of a bungalow with two beds and its own bathroom for \$15 per night, including breakfast. We stayed for three days, and on each day, we went on a river cruise.

Each river cruise was at a different time in order to see different kinds of animals. Over the course of the three days, we saw pygmy elephants, banana snakes, pythons, red leaf monkeys, slow loris, crocodiles, long-tailed macaques, pig-tailed macaques, lemurs, hornbills, and kingfishers. Orangutans had been seen in the area five days prior; however, we did not see any on our trip. Seeing a herd of pygmy elephants in the wild was an absolutely magical experience, yet I couldn't shake the feeling that I felt guilty for being happy I had gotten the chance to see them. My guilt stemmed from the fact that deforestation for palm oil mills has driven the elephants closer and closer to the natural boundary of the Kinabatangan River.

Previously, elephants had not been seen so close to the river and the settlements along it because they were living deeper in the forest. Deforestation

is pushing them closer to the river and closer to conflict with humans, including poaching. At a nearby orangutan sanctuary, a "Wanted" poster was displayed, offering a reward for information about who had killed two elephants for ivory. The elephants had



their faces cut off, so that the trunk and tusks could be taken. Children walk to school along the elephant dung-lined road that cars drive on, increasing the likelihood of car-elephant related accidents and human-elephant face-to-face interactions. Walking along the same road, you pass land being cleared for more palm oil mills and stacks of palm kernels waiting to be picked up and taken to the mill.

Before visiting Malaysia, I had never given much thought to what palm oil was and what it was used for. I knew I shouldn't buy candy from certain companies because they used palm oil to make the candy and I knew palm oil was somehow linked to deforestation. After visiting Malaysia and seeing the absolute tragedies that palm oil mills create, I will never knowingly purchase something with palm oil in it again. This is made especially difficult when traveling throughout Southeast Asia because the use of palm oil is pervasive and it is found in toiletries, snacks, and cosmetics. Palm oil is a type of vegetable oil from the fruit of the palm, which look like kernels. Palm oil accounts for almost half of all vegetable oil used in developed countries ([http://www.saynotopalmoil.com/Whats\\_the\\_issue.php](http://www.saynotopalmoil.com/Whats_the_issue.php)). Palm oil mills have led to destruction of habitat, as huge tracts of rainforest are cleared and palm trees are planted so that

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# Learn to downsize before a move

Aging men and women often take inventory of their lives in an effort to focus on activities or lifestyle changes that can ensure happy retirements. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows there are some 76 million baby boomers, those people born between 1946 to 1964, across the country. With the youngest of the boomers in their mid-50s and the majority having al-

ready reached retirement age, many boomers are trying to decide if it is time to move out of their family homes and into smaller, more manageable abodes.

Many older adults find they do not need the same amount of space as they did when they had children living at home. Retirees and those on the cusp of retirement may find that downsiz-

ing is a smart financial move that frees up more time for recreation.

However, it can be challenging to cut down on living space and then deal with figuring out how to make furniture, belongings and stored items fit in more condensed areas. Moving can be stressful even without having to cut down on prized items.



Taking an inventory of belongings can help the process go smoothly.

Before moving, men and women can go room by room, making piles of items that will be kept, donated, sold, or discarded. This can be a tedious task, but it is necessary to avoid clutter in a new home.

People downsizing can attempt to sell items they do not need via newspaper classified sections or online classified sites. Appliances

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their kernels can be harvested for the oil. This has left many species, including the orangutan, at a huge risk of extinction. Orangutans could be extinct in the wild in less than a decade if palm oil mills continue at this rate.

If you are able to visit the beautiful island of Borneo, I suggest visiting the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center which gives refuge to injured

and orphaned orangutans that have been affected by palm oil mills. Palm oil mills have also been known to enlist child workers and pay their workers slave wages. Palm oil mills are bad for the environment, bad for people, and bad for animals. You can help by visiting Malaysia and Indonesia through your ecotourism which provides locals with an alternative economic choice other than going to work in palm oil mills.

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sistant Principal Dr. David Gell will be transferring to Berlin Intermediate School to fill the anticipated va-

cancy left by Amy Gallagher, who will be transitioning to another position to be announced at a later date.

• Current Research, Accountability and Testing Coordinator Karen Baker will assume the role of Assistant Principal at Snow Hill Elementary School. The vacancy in the accountability department will be advertised in the coming weeks.

“We are in the midst of great change here in Worcester County,” said Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor. “We are blessed to have a deep pool of talented educators here. I know each one of these administrative changes will result in even greater educational opportunities for students all across our county. I congratulate them all and wish them the best as they bring their skill, knowledge and talent to this next step in their careers.”

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trian safety.

“For the safety of bikers and pedestrians, as well as the safety of your vehicle, we would request that vehicles are removed from the paved portion of the roadway,” said Police Chief Dave Massey. “We are asking folks for voluntary cooperation on this matter of public safety.”

Ocean Parkway is the main thoroughfare of traffic in Ocean Pines, with the highest speed limit (35 miles per hour) in the community.

Due to the unique design of the parkway, bikes and pedestrians also share a marked 3-foot shoulder. Officers believe parking along the 3-foot

shoulder forces bikers and pedestrians to move into the busy roadway in Ocean Pines.

“In the busy summer months, during the daylight hours, we see an increasing number of joggers and bicyclists utilizing this shoulder,” said Chief Massey. “Parking along the paved shoulder, during the daylight hours, forces joggers and bikers to veer into the roadway utilized by motor vehicles.”

The police department will also be distributing new, high-quality helmets to children in need. The free bike helmets can be picked up at the Ocean Pines Police Department, located at 239 Ocean Parkway.

For more information on public safety, visit the Ocean Pines Police Department’s web page at [www.ocean-pines.org/administration/police/](http://www.ocean-pines.org/administration/police/).

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7052.

The Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex will host several programs this summer, including Net Generation kids’ tennis, junior tennis and tennis academy. Adult cardio tennis clinics will also be held throughout the season.

Information about these and other programs can be found online at [OceanPines.org](http://OceanPines.org) or in the current Ocean Pines Activity Guide.

Ocean Pines offers yearly tennis, platform tennis and pickleball memberships for families, individuals and juniors. Memberships are available to Ocean Pines residents and to non-residents.

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Fri., May 25	5 a.m. 5:33 p.m.	11:14 a.m. 11:55 p.m.	5:42 a.m.	8:13 p.m.
Sat., May 26	5:50 a.m. 6:19 p.m.	12:02 a.m.	5:41 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Sun., May 27	6:36 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	12:47 a.m. 12:45 p.m.	5:41 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Mon., May 28	7:20 a.m. 7:44 p.m.	1:33 a.m. 1:26 p.m.	5:41 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Tues., May 29	8:02 a.m. 8:25 p.m.	2:15 a.m. 2:06 p.m.	5:40 a.m.	8:16 p.m.
Wed., May 30	8:44 a.m. 9:06 p.m.	2:55 a.m. 2:45 p.m.	5:39 a.m.	8:17 p.m.

# GOP Meet & Greet

On Tuesday evening, May 15, the Republican Women of Worcester County held a Worcester County Republican Candidate Forum / Meet and Greet at the Ocean City Marlin Club. All local Republican candidates running were invited. Mike Bradley of WGMD radio was the emcee. Approximately 175 attendees had the opportunity to listen to and network with the candidates.



Running for the position of Sheriff of Worcester County are (left to right), **Scott Bernal, Matt Crisafulli, George Truitt and Mike McDermott.**



Running for the position of States Attorney from Worcester County are **Kris Heiser and Bill McDermott** who participated in the event.



Running for the position of Delegate in District 38C are **Wayne Hartman, Joe Shanno and Ed Tinus.**



Running for the position of Register of Wills in Worcester County are **Terri Delaney Westcott and Stephen Sisk.**



Running for the position of Judge of Orphans Court in Worcester County are **John Quinn, Linda Hess and Mike Diffendal** who participated in the event.

Photos by Barb Loffler

# Metal detecting tips for beginners

Some people can scour the seaside for hours looking for shells and other treasures of the sea. But much more than horseshoe crabs, jellyfish and oysters wash up on the shoreline. The ocean can provide a host of manmade treasures as well some of which may have considerable financial value.

Metal detecting is an exciting hobby that also can be lucrative. Stumbling across pirate treasure may be rare, but many a metal detecting enthusiast has left the beach with coins, trinkets and even jewelry. The rush of discovery drives scores of treasure-seeking enthusiasts to invest their time and effort into digging through sand, silt and more for what is buried beneath.

About metal detecting. Metal detecting can be a worthwhile hobby because it appeals to one's sense of adventure while also serving as a form of exercise. In addition, metal detecting gets people outdoors, helps them learn about the environment and can serve as a lesson in history if artifacts are found.

The metal detectors used today actually have a long history that dates back to the 1800s. The first historical reference to metal detecting involves a gunshot wound to

President James Garfield, who was shot on July 2, 1881. The bullet was lodged in his body, and Alexander Graham Bell built a metal detector to try to find the bullet and alleviate Garfield's pain. Bell's metal detector has served as the prototype for metal detectors ever since.

Metal detectors were used to detect landmines and unexploded bombs during World Wars I and II. Gerhard Fischer was granted a patent on the first portable metal detector in 1931. Fischer's invention eventually made recreational treasure hunting possible.

Getting started. Beginners are encouraged to purchase entry-level metal detectors, which may cost \$150 and up. Prices vary depending on the additional features and technologies metal detecting enthusiasts prefer.

According to the detecting experts at SmarterHobby.com, some of the best places to detect include places where people frequent. These include public parks, beaches, woods, public school grounds, and

hiking trails. Just be sure that metal detecting is permitted before starting. Looking at old maps of a town can provide ideas on where to hunt. One-time forts, marinas and trade routes make great place to start.

Patience is key when metal detecting. Much of what beginners find is junk, but the more time people spend searching, the more likely they might find something amazing. Experienced detectors advise hunting after the rain when wet ground is

better suited for conductivity, making treasures buried deep beneath the surface easier to find.

Plan to search in early morning or late evening to avoid crowds. Slowing down and checking each signal can increase the chances of finding something. Keep records of places you have searched, maintaining a log of sites that yield the best results.

Metal detecting is an interesting hobby that can make for exciting summer days.

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St. Paul's By-The-Sea will host its first Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The proceeds from this festival will help repay the construction costs incurred in building the new Fellowship Commons building that replaced the church rectory lost in the fire in 2013. Prepared cakes, jellies, and other desserts will be available for purchase, along with Powellville Fried oysters, hot dogs, ice cream and drinks. Craft items will be offered for sale. There will be several basket raffles that include gift certificates for hotel stays, restaurants, and entertainment. Docents will be present to lead tours of the church and New Fellowship Commons. For additional information, please call the church office at 410-289-3453.



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## Clean out the medicine cabinet

Spring cleaning takes on an entirely new meaning when getting rid of expired or unsafe medicines. Even though people may be quick to toss out expired foods or even clean closets of ill-fitting clothing, few individuals exercise such diligence with their medicine cabinets.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration says the medicine expiration

date is critical when determining if a product is safe to use and will work as intended. Medications past their expiration date may not be as strong as intended, and even their chemical composition may change, making them risky to keep around.

Furthermore, keeping too many medications in a home, particularly pain prescriptions, can lead to misuse

and abuse, as the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration says that rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States have risen considerably in recent years.

Some old medications, such as children's cough and cold products, may no longer be recommended for certain ages. Having such medications in the house could prove harmful.

Taking inventory and cleaning out medicine cabinets frees up space and

creates a safe home environment.

Toss away any expired products, whether they are prescription or over-the-counter medicines. The best way to do so is to bring the medication to a pharmacy for disposal rather than throwing it in the garbage or flushing medicines down the toilet.

Discard any unmarked containers or pill foils that are not in their original packaging.

Test any medical devices, such as a nebulizer, blood pressure monitor and glucose testing equipment to ensure they are in working order.

Replenish commonly used items, such as fever reducers or headache medicines. Make sure there is a supply of bandages and first aid equipment on hand at all times.

Relocate medical supplies to an area that is not high in humidity, as steam from showers can speed up the expiration of medication. Storing medicines in the refrigerator will not help, as that is a high-humidity area, too.

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and furniture in excellent shape may fetch good prices. Any extra cash can be put toward buying new items that are size-appropriate for the smaller home.

Another way to clear out clutter is to sort duplicates from the stock of items. A person may no longer need multiple sets of dishes or silverware. If the move involves switching from a king-sized to a queen-sized bed, donate or trash bed linens that will no longer fit. Pay close at-

tention to kitchen and bathroom items, which tend to accumulate over time but might not be discarded when clearing a home of clutter.

People moving from a detached home to a condominium or a townhouse may learn that homeowner's association fees cover everything from snow removal to lawn maintenance to pool upkeep. If so, it is unnecessary to bring lawn and garden supplies.

Homeowners are advised to look at the floor plan of their new dwellings and pay attention to storage space. This can

make it easier to plan ahead for what may fit, what will need to be purchased new and which storage solutions may be needed. Having a plan in place can make unpacking and settling in go smoothly. The organizing company Organize Me says that homeowners should consider how cabinets and closets will be used before moving in.

Downsizing can free up time and money. When done right, downsizing can make retirement easier and create more leisure time for retirees.

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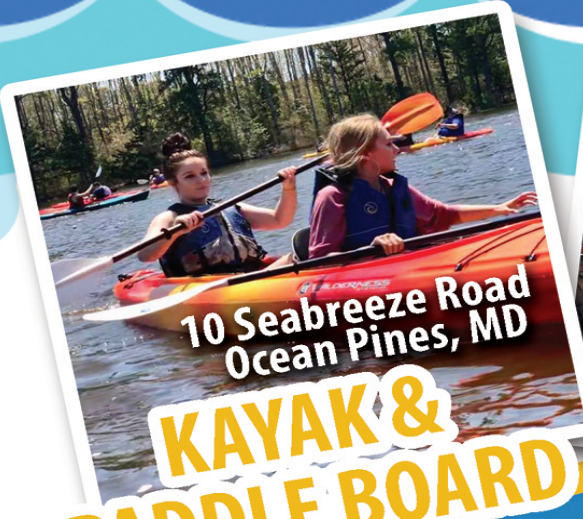
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