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AARP to meet

The next AARP meeting is Monday, February 1 at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. Kim Bennardi from the Department of Health will be the guest speaker. Attendees are asked to bring a canned good for Diakonia.

OPA budget meeting is Saturday

The Ocean Pines Association has changed the date of the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal 2017 budget. The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30 at 9 a.m. in the Community Center. The meeting was originally scheduled for January 23.

HealthConnectNow event scheduled

The Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program rescheduled its HealthConnectNow free public health insurance sign up event. The HealthConnectNow event will take place on Sunday January 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center located at 500 Glen Ave Salisbury, MD. This will also be the last day of open enrollment for 2016.

The free health insurance sign up event is open to the public and will feature health insurance enrollment, health screenings, activities, information, and refreshments. Certified program staff and insurance brokers will be on site to answer questions and guide consumers through the Maryland Health Connection application process. Maryland Health Connection is the state-based health insurance marketplace for individuals, families, and small businesses.

Consumers can call 855-445-5540 for more information.

Maryland Health Connection Open Enrollment is November 1, 2015-January 31, 2016.

Indoor yard sale scheduled

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold an indoor yard sale at the Main Street Station on Saturday, February 6 from 7 a.m. to noon. Tables are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Breakfast sandwiches available. Call 443-235-2926 to reserve your table space.



Helping the pets - Showell Elementary students are collecting pet supplies to donate to the Worcester County Humane Society. **Elizabeth Lovell** from Kristin VanKlombenberg kindergarten class is excited to share with the cats and dogs.

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Carozza introduces bomb threat prosecution bill

With multiple bomb threats targeted at schools across the Lower Eastern Shore over the last week and a half, Delegate Mary Beth Carozza (District 38C) has introduced a bomb threat prosecution bill that would strengthen the tools used by law enforcement to prosecute those who knowingly make



**Mary Beth
Carozza**

false bomb threats.

HB 121, officially titled Criminal Law – False Statements Concerning Destructive Device or Toxic Material – Venue, would allow law enforcement to prosecute the crime of making a false bomb threat in the county in which the destructive device or toxic material was stated or rumored to be located. For example, if a false bomb threat made against a Worcester County school originates in Delaware, this bill would allow Worcester County authorities to prosecute the maker of this threat.

This bill was requested by Worcester County State's Attorney Beau Oglesby and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. Carozza also has been in contact with the Wicomico County State's Attorney and Wicomico County Sheriff in moving this legislation forward.

Carozza has built up a bipartisan coalition of cosponsors, including several members of the House Judiciary Committee, for this legislation. Fellow Worcester County Delegate Charles Otto also is a cosponsor. A hearing on

Carozza's bill will be held on February 2 in the House Judiciary Committee.

"We need to make sure our law enforcement agencies have every possible tool to go after and prosecute those who are threatening our students and families," Carozza said. "The high number of false threats targeting our local schools and causing major disruptions in our home community over the last several days only heighten the need for the General Assembly to pass this legislation this session."

This legislation, first introduced by former Delegate Mike McDermott, has been passed by the House of Delegates in previous sessions.

Local scouts earn highest honor

Lauren Paulsen and Rebecca Evans of Ocean Pines and Bishopville respectively, were among 24 local Girl Scouts who earned their Gold Award.

"Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is truly a remarkable achievement, and these young women exemplify leadership in all its forms," said Anne T. Hogan, Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay. "They saw a need in their communities and around the world and took action. Their extraordinary dedication, perseverance and leadership is making the world a better place."

According to the Girl Scout Research Institute's (GSRI) report, "*The Power of the Girl Scout Gold Award: Excellence in Leadership and Life*,"

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OPA, BJ's raise funds for Veterans Memorial

BJ's Wholesale Club, in partnership with the Ocean Pines Association, donated \$540 to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines as a part of its fall 2015 membership offer.

BJ's donated \$5 of each membership fee paid as a part of the promotion to the foundation in addition to offering special benefits for new and renewing members.

Area residents who missed the fall BJ's promotion will have the opportunity to participate in the next promotion, which will occur in April.

Above: **Marie Gilmore**, president of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, was presented a check by Ocean Pines Association Department of Marketing and Public Relations representative **Julie Malinowski**. Photo by Ocean Pines Association.

New addition opens at County recreation center

The much anticipated, 6,000-square-foot addition project at the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) is now complete and open for use. The new space features a fitness room, aerobics room, child care room, and a conference room.

The fitness room, which opened to the public January 4, is the star attraction. The room provides a semi-private setting for cardio workouts and strength training. The room is equipped with two Landice treadmills, two Octane ellipticals, a water rower, Nu Step bike, Spin bike, multi-function leg machine, functional trainer and free weights. Both the treadmills and elliptical machines are equipped with TVs for participants' enjoyment.

To utilize the fitness room and the equipment, users must register as members and be age 16 or older. Participants can pay a daily drop-in fee of \$3 or select one of three membership plans: one-year membership for \$85, six-month membership for \$45, or three-month membership for \$25.

Fitness room hours are Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00

p.m., Saturdays during normal business hours and closed on Sundays.

"This opportunity provides a convenience to the residents in the area who operate on a busy schedule," Program Manager Myro Small said. "I hope the community will take advantage of the addition of the fitness room, which will help them see the value of living a healthy lifestyle."

The fitness room has a dividing wall, which leads into the aerobics room, where small fitness classes can take place.

"The room is a big hit with the Tai Chi class," Program Manager Lea Cataggio said. "We hope to host our Zumba gold classes and maybe even yoga classes in the room in the near future." When classes aren't in session, fitness room members can use the space to stretch and perform cardio.

The child care room offers a place for the After School Zone program, which was previously housed in the WCRC lobby. The new addition gives these youth their own space, with tables, cubbies, and storage, along with

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Just Good Business

Bank of Ocean City celebrates milestone

By **Jean Marx**

The Bank of Ocean City is turning 100 this year. One way of kicking off their new century in business is by opening the company's first branch in Fenwick Island, Delaware this spring. With six branches in Ocean City, West Ocean City, Ocean Pines, and Berlin, the bank's philosophy of tying their success to the local community is heartening. One cannot flourish without the other.

Leading the way is President and CEO, Reid Tingle. Mr. Tingle, a native of Delmarva, took over in August 2015 upon Wayne Benson's retirement. Mr. Benson devoted 44 years of service to the bank, starting as a teller the day after he graduated from high school and ultimately holding every position at the bank. As a member of the board of directors, Mr. Benson continues to provide his support. After working at First Virginia Bank for five years, Mr. Tingle made the switch to Bank of Ocean City and worked his way up the ranks as well.

With humble roots, the Bank of Ocean City (BOC) was formed by a group of organizers who in a *Baltimore Sun* article in 1915 said, "They got tired of driving the six miles to Berlin to deposit their money." The first branch was located at 217 South Baltimore Avenue bordering Dorchester Street and it primarily served the pound fishing industry. The second Ocean City branch opened on 59th Street in 1972. Since that time, the bank has opened locations convenient to where the local community lives and works. Paving the way for the new Delaware branch was the Dodd-Frank legislation passed in 2010 after the financial crisis. The legislation allows state-chartered banks to cross another state's border; the result is a state-chartered entity still governed by the FDIC and the home state.

Earl Conley II is an assistant vice-president with the bank. He describes

that BOC stands out in personalized service. "We are flexible and proactive in that we go out to meet our customers in their place of business. It helps them speed up their account opening process." Mr. Tingle adds, "We build relationships with our customers through strong, prudent underwriting and reinvesting in the community." Building upon an al-



ready-impressive track record, the bank has seen a big jump in the last four years – assets have grown from \$213 million to \$286 million, and earnings per share have risen from \$3.36 to \$3.81.

Reinvesting in the local community is done in a variety of ways. The bank's officers and employees serve on boards of non-profit organizations and the employees make donations every other week to local charities that they designate. Additionally, the bank offers extensive financial education to students of all ages. Bank of Ocean City participates in the program, "Teach Children to Save," which is designed for elementary grade students. The program is taught during the month of April and teaches kids the importance of saving money. It was through this program that last year BOC won the Maryland Bankers Association award as the top bank for their size in teaching financial literacy.

Junior Achievement is another program taught by BOC leaders. Several times a year, BOC goes to county schools teaching Junior Achievement

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2012 Business of the Year

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The sport we in the United States know as football is more properly called gridiron football, for the vertical yard lines that mark the field. Closely related to two English sports—rugby and soccer (or association football)—gridiron football originated at universities in North America, primarily the United States, in the late 19th century. On November 6, 1869, players from Princeton and Rutgers held the first intercollegiate football contest in New Brunswick, New Jersey, playing a soccer-style game with rules adapted from the London Football Association. While a number of other elite Northeastern colleges took up the sport in the 1870s, Harvard University maintained its distance by sticking to a rugby-soccer hybrid called the “Boston Game.” In May 1874, after a match against McGill University of Montreal, the Harvard players decided they preferred McGill’s rugby-style rules to their own. In 1875, Harvard and Yale played their first intercollegiate match, and Yale players and spectators (including Princeton students) embraced the rugby style as well.

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programs to a variety of grade levels. These 5-day long sessions typically teach one financial concept in depth. Examples include writing a resume and how to get a job. A third program called “Ever-Fi” is taught to high school students. Four years ago, BOC started this program at Stephen Decatur High School and this year it will also be taught at Worcester Preparatory School. Mr. Tingle describes how this is a virtual reality program that educates students at their own pace on 600 financial literacy concepts. To name just a few, the program takes

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students to the floor of the stock exchange, shows them how taxes get withheld from their paycheck, and teaches them how to do their taxes, buy a car, and even buy a house. Mr. Conley leads the Ever-Fi program and says that students have told him what an eye-opening experience it has been for them.

For people interested in starting their own business, Mr. Tingle espouses the mantra the Bank of Ocean City has built their own success on, “Surround yourself with people you trust, get good advice, stick to what you know, and if you have employees, lead by example.” Throughout 2016, the bank will be holding anniversary celebrations at all of their branches and everyone is welcome. Now or at one of these celebrations, you can consider setting an appointment for yourself for some sound financial advice from an institution that truly has your best interest at heart.

Jean Marx owns “Time Flies,” a local business specializing in helping people capture their special memories in print through a variety of venues such as self-publishing. She can be reached at 443-880-0045 or at jmarx.timeflies@gmail.com.

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Girl Scout Gold Award recipients receive greater lifetime benefits than their peers with regard to positive sense of self, life satisfaction, leadership, life success, community service, and civic engagement thanks to their experience in Girl Scouting, including earning their Gold Award.

Ms. Paulsen’s Compassion Cover Patio & Pergola Project, gave Alzheimer’s and dementia residents at Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center a place where they could go outside while being in a protected area. Prior to Lauren organizing the building of the patio, there was very little shade and limited wheelchair accessibility.

Ms. Evans’ used her project for Church of the Holy Spirit disaster planning, to preserve records at her church. The Church of the Holy Spirit did not have safety procedures in place in the event of an emergency. Rebecca also helped digitize all church records, which had not been backed up or kept in a secure location. Records are now stored in a fire and waterproof safe.

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easy access to the gym and outdoors for activities. It also provides a centralized drop off and pickup location for children and parents. This room will also be used for summer camps.

The oversized conference room is located adjacent to the child care room and is perfect for meetings and classes. The dividing wall between these two rooms can be opened and the space converted to host larger seminars and workshops. Televisions are located in each room and can be used for PowerPoint presentations and slideshows. Those interested in booking this space should contact Recreation Superintendent Lisa Gebhart at lgebhardt@co.worcester.md.us or at the number listed below.

For a complete list of recreation and parks programs and services or to tour the new facility, contact the WCRC at 410-632-2144 or recand-parks@co.worcester.md.us or visit online at www.WorcesterRecand-Parks.org.



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A roll in a mattress or two or three

Moving mattresses and bed frames are my least favorite tasks to undertake. Yet, on a recent weekend there I was moving mattresses and bed frames. The purchase of a new mattress put into motion a cascading series of events that included a game of musical mattresses among three rooms, several trips into the attic to

sary for a proper match-up but I don't like answering such questions. I'm shy and I'd be uncomfortable if my wife was asking the questions. So I didn't answer. I referred everything to my wife who fielded them just fine.

After what seemed like an eternity, a mattress was selected. Payment and delivery arrangements were finalized and out the door we went.

The next day we prepared for the delivery. Now try to follow me. The queen size mattress in our room was going to the guest room to replace the full size mattress. The full

size mattress in the guest room was moving to our son's room to replace the twin size mattress that was to be discarded. Are you with me?

So we got started. First we disassembled our son's bed and removed the mattress. Then we lifted and pulled the mattress in the guest room down the hall and leaned it against the wall as we took apart the bed frame only to put it back together a few minutes later in our son's room. Just an aide, moving a mattress is a cumbersome undertaking. There are never any handles where you need them. And inevitably it's a very tight squeeze to turn the corner into the hallway. But I digress yet again.

From the storage unit we retrieved a queen size bed frame, foot and head board. What a challenge it was to align the frame screws and nuts for tightening. My fingers were at just the right distance from my face that eye focus was ever changing. With my reading glasses perched at a slant on my nose, I still had to bob my head up and down to see exactly what I was doing. I nearly gave myself whiplash. Of course this was only half the challenge as I had to work over a belly that hasn't yet recovered from Christmas sweets ... from 2008.

In about an hour and a half we had the beds in two rooms set up. As of this writing we're waiting for the delivery of the new mattress.

I just hope that after all we went through that the relationship with this new mattress is long lasting and not a fleeting romance destined for disappointment and unfulfilled expectations.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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retrieve the proper bed frames and an excursion to the storage unit for a different head and foot board.

It all started innocently enough when my wife and I decided it was time to replace the mattress and box spring in our room. Admittedly the decision was long overdue but as happens so often in life other priorities emerged that required more immediate attention.

Purchasing a mattress is a unique undertaking that resembles little the purchase of say a new car or carpet or for that matter anything else. I should note that some mattresses cost many times more than my first car. But I digress.

The relationship between you and your mattress is an intimate, hopefully long lasting one. Yet, the only way I can describe the process of selecting a suitable mattress is akin to speed dating. You try to get all the relevant information in as short a period of time possible and hope for the best. Slam, bam, thank you ma'am.

There's only way to assess if a mattress is a good match and that is to sleep with it. That's rather hard to do in under fluorescent lights in a cavernous showroom with other people milling about. But you really can't get around the process: you have to lay on different ones trying to determine which is more comfortable. And while laying down, rolling over and rolling back and moving on to the next one, there's a salesman, albeit well meaning, asking all sorts of questions that are highly personal. "What position do you sleep in?" "Do you prefer a hard or soft one?"

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Bank announces promotions

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

Raymond Robinson has been promoted to Vice President. Mr. Robinson has been with the bank for over 13 years. During his career, Raymond has primarily worked in the Ocean City market as a Branch Manager. In 2014, Mr. Robinson was promoted to Assistant Vice President and transferred to the bank's 20th Street location. Raymond currently directs the operations and management of the 20th Street branch and serves as the bank's Security Officer.

Lee Chisholm has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. Mr. Chisholm has been with the bank for 10 years. During his career, Lee has attended the bank's internal management training program, graduated from the Maryland Banker's School and managed the bank's Snow Hill branch. In 2013, Mr. Chisholm was promoted to a Loan and Business Development Officer where he currently serves the Southern Worcester County and Eastern Shore Virginia areas.

Cory Walsh has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. Mr. Walsh has been with the bank for four years. Cory joined Taylor Bank as the bank's Loan and Business Development Officer for the Southeastern Delaware region. Mr. Walsh supports our business development in Ocean View and surrounding areas.

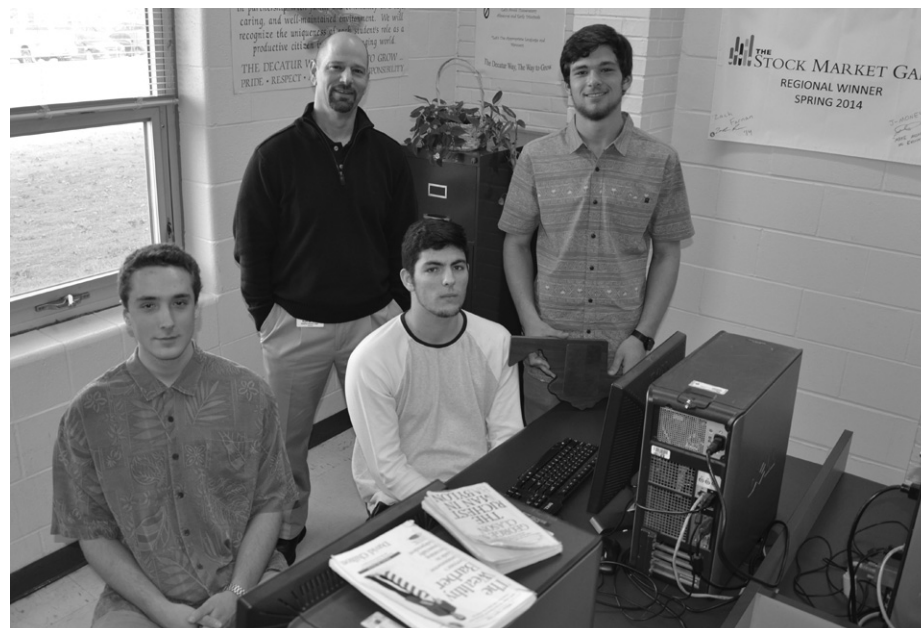
Clifton "Ray" Daisey has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. Mr. Daisey has been with the bank for six years. Ray currently oversees the operations and management of the bank's Pocomoke branch.

College affordability seminar scheduled

Area high school students and their parents can get free help with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by attending "You Can Afford College" on Saturday, February 6, from 9 to 11 a.m., in Room 103 of Fulton-Owen Hall at Wor-Wic Community College at the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

Financial aid personnel will be on

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Investors in stock

The question of what to do with a virtual \$100,000 does not always get posed to teenagers, but chances are most students would find a way to squander it. Not true for a handful of dedicated Stephen Decatur High School students who participated in the fall session of the Maryland Stock Market Game challenge organized by the Maryland Council on Economic Education.

Evan Marlowe, a sophomore, placed first in the state. He was able to earn an 18 percent gain on his \$100,000 investment.

The team of seniors Cole Mumford, Will Sass, and Nick Matha placed second in the state and earned a 14 percent profit on their investments.

The closest team to the SDHS competitors netted a profit of less than 10 percent.

Over 700 Maryland students participated in the Stock Market Game this fall. Marlowe, Mumford, Sass, and Matha will receive medals and their names on banners.

Economics and Personal Finance teacher Kurt Marx guided the students as they navigated through their stock options during class and with the After School Academy Investment Club.

Above Standing are **Kurt Marx** and **Nick Matha**. Sitting are **Cole Mumford** and **Will Sass**.

Coop reacts to storm outages

As Winter Storm Jonas swept through Choptank Electric Cooperative's service territory on Friday afternoon into the early hours on Saturday morning, Choptank Electric was ready to serve its members throughout the storm despite the 80 mph winds, rain, and snow.

The first outages were reported early Saturday morning in the Berlin District which resulted in 1,100 members without power and a

single member in the Salisbury District. In the Chestertown District, the Millington area reported approximately 29 members without power.

By 8 a.m. Saturday, outages occurred in the following areas: Pocomoke City, Berlin, Snow Hill, Girdletree, and several outages were scattered throughout the Denton and Chestertown areas resulting in the highest number of outages reported throughout the entire storm of 1,285 members. The larger outages in the Berlin District were mostly due to fallen trees which brought down approximately six to seven utility poles. Crews from throughout the system responded to these outages with the help of Asplundh Tree crews who assisted with clearing up down trees and limbs.

Power was restored to all members as of 7:35 p.m. on Saturday evening.

2016 Site Location Information For Free AARP Tax Preparation

Monday: Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines Branch Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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Tuesday: MAC Center Salisbury Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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Thursday Community Church at Ocean Pines Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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Friday: Pocomoke City Library Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
400 Walnut & Cedar Streets
Pocomoke City, MD 21851 Site Number S 21052335
Phone Number 410-957-0391 for Appointment

Saturday: Community Church at Ocean Pines Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
11227 Racetrack Road
Berlin, MD 21811 Site Number S21052401

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Arts Center offers new glass show

The public is invited to a free, opening reception for a new show, "Abstractions in Glass," on First Friday, Feb. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Arts Center on 94th St. bayside. To celebrate FeBREWary on the Coast, Evolution Craft Brewing Co. will host a beer tasting, and DiFebo's Restaurant will provide hors d'oeuvres during the reception.

Abstractions in Glass features the work of two artists who also teach art at Salisbury University, Catherine Hellsten and Jon Rees. Although they both work in glass, their visions are completely unique.

Hellsten's work explores the perspectives of memory and connectedness through photographic imagery. Her work has been displayed and collected nationally and internationally, and she currently teaches fine art at Salisbury University.

Rees' contemporary and structural use of glass reflects his degrees in ar-

chitectural engineering and fine arts. Currently an artist in residence and adjunct professor in the Glass Department at Salisbury University, he is an active member of the Glass Art Society.

Also hanging in the galleries of the Ocean City Center for the Arts during February is an all-media show by members of the Art League featuring Eastern Shore wildlife.

In conjunction with the wildlife show, the Lower Shore Land Trust will be on hand to raise awareness about their conservation efforts and to celebrate the connections between art and conservation.

Painter Marcus Pettit occupies Studio E in February. Pettit works in a simple, bold style, and many of his paintings echo with faint details underneath, producing the effect of two paintings in one.

Captain Debbie Ritter, charter boat captain, wildlife photojournalist and

environmental advocate, is the Spotlight Artist. A pioneer in the Delmarva ecotourism industry, she owns Chin-coteague Nature Encounters, a charter boat service offering photography workshops and nature travel.

The Artisan in Residence is Nicole Maskell, whose jewelry making has evolved into custom accessories. She uses her graphic design and crafting experience to blend a multitude of materials into one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces.

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

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



Creating - Second graders at Showell Elementary School are using i-Pads to create Keynote multimedia presentations. Pictured are students from Debbie Schrawder's class: Keenan Sandifet, Tyler Walsh, Seamus Orth, Summer Derry, and Mazie Cropper-Timmons.

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Sarah Cooper, Ocean Pines, MD

When Ocean Pines resident Sarah Cooper discovered she had breast cancer, she didn't let it get her down. Despite a history of cancer in her family, she stayed positive and decided to fight.

As a long-time resident, Sarah wanted to stay here for her treatment. Throughout her treatment and ongoing monitoring, the caring medical staff at the Regional Cancer Care Center guided Sarah through all the steps.

Today, Sarah is proudly cancer-free, and continues her busy Ocean City life – just as she has for the past 17 years. Every day is a reminder of what she has achieved.

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The Many Facets of Wallops

Wallops origins date back to beginning of WWII

By **Steve Habeger**

This is the first of a series of feature articles which will chronicle the history and examine the current activities at the high-tech enclave of Wallops Island.

The story of Wallops as a federal base begins in the early days of World War II. Fighting had begun in Europe; the blitzkrieg had stunned the continental allies and made Great Britain aware of her vulnerability. The United States was gearing up for the coming conflict in many ways. The Department of the Navy made two purchases; a large farm (which is now the Wallops airfield) and Wallops Island from descendants of John Wallop. John Wallops was an English settler and farmer

who, at one time, was the largest landowner on the lower Eastern Shore, having own more than 4,000 acres.

The original objective of the Navy was to establish a base for anti-submarine patrol aircraft. In the early war years, Nazi submarines were torpedoing American ships off our shores with impunity. Construction of the airfield started in June of 1941 and, of course, went into high gear after the war declaration on December 8, 1941.

Following a hectic construction period, the airfield became operational and, over time, became Naval Air Station (NAS) Chincoteague (NASC). From NASC the Navy was flying the naval version of the B-24 bomber, dubbed the PB4Y.

By the time NASC became operational, military requirements had changed appreciably. In addition to the original requirement for an anti-submarine patrol base, the new needs reflected the realities of a world-wide war. Training of a large number of new pilots was added to the mission of NASC and new pilots flooded into the air station. Of course, supporting the training required a large number of additional personnel to maintain and operate the aircraft and the base logistics needs expanded space. More milk, bread, eggs and butter as well as fuel and other petroleum products for the

aircraft created business opportunities for local entrepreneurs who had already participated in more construction projects than had existed before the war.



George H.W. Bush

The most famous, actually the *only* famous, aviator to move through NASC for training was George Herbert Walker Bush who became the 41st president of the United States. While Bush was at NASC, he wrote many letters home about his experiences; an aircraft crash, life on and around the base and the food. He was not complimentary about the food; too many green vegetables! Copies of his letters can be seen at the NASA Visitors Center on Rte 175, on the road to Chincoteague.

During the war, two unplanned activities came to NASC and they would have far-reaching effects. One activity was the Naval Aviation Ordnance Testing Station (NAOTS) and the other was the National Advisory Com-

mittee for Aeronautics (NACA).

NAOTS was the highly-classified area in which technology was explored for military use. The introduction of RADAR by several nations was a disruptor of warfare, especially air warfare. The success of the kamikaze attacks on the US fleet during the Okinawa campaign sent a clarion message to war-fighters everywhere; unguided (ballistic) defensive weapons were no match for attacking guided weapons. The earliest attempts at merging rocket motors, guidance systems and high speeds were attempted by NAOTS. Missiles such as (anti-air) LARK and (anti-ship) PETREL are just two of the original models which were first assembled and launched at Wallops.

NACA was the talented group of scientists and engineers which developed wonderful technology for American aircraft during the war. Among many other stellar accomplishments, NACA is credited with developing the laminar-flow air foil used with great success on the P-51 Mustang, arguably the most potent (and beautiful) WWII fighter. Towards the latter years of the

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hand to help participants complete the FAFSA online. Admission information and campus tours will also be available.

The FAFSA is required by colleges, universities and private career schools to qualify for scholarships, grants and loans.

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Stop your pet from becoming a 'Hairy Houdini'

The ASPCA estimates that 7.5 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year. Many of these animals are strays, as shelters house about twice as many stray animals as pets given up by their owners.

Lost animals also make up a significant portion of the shelter pet population. Although a great number of shelter animals are reunited with their owners, some shelter animals never reunite with their families.

Pet owners must take steps to reduce the risk that their pets will get lost. Fencing, secure crates and gates and leashes can cut down on the number of escapes.

Crate

Crates and carrier kennels are worthwhile investments for pet owners. Many animal trainers advocate for crates when conditioning dogs to be obedient. Smaller crates for cats are ideal when the animal needs some quiet time or you have to keep the pet away from guests. Kennels with a handle make it easier to transport pets to and from the veterinarian or when taking car rides.

When purchasing a crate, make sure it is large enough to fit the animal while he or she is standing and sitting. The pet should be able to turn around comfortably, but the crate should not be so large that it enables the animal to relieve himself in one end and still have room at the other. If you want to purchase a larger crate for a pet that will grow, divide the crate with a piece of wood or mesh so the animal has only the room it needs.

Fencing

Fences not only may make for good neighbors, but they also can regulate pets' behavior and make pets safer. Pet fencing can include one fence that encloses the entire perimeter of your property, a dog run that is an enclosed area strictly for the dog within the yard or a combination of both. Cats have an innate climbing ability, which may make fencing less effective for outdoor cats. However, cat owners may want to invest in a wire cat box extension that fits onto a window and allows cats access to fresh air while preventing them from running away.

Fencing should be tall enough to deter vertical leaps and climbing, but you also must contend with animals that might attempt to tunnel under the fence. Digging chicken wire or another

deterrent several inches below the ground when installing a fence can help prevent dogs from getting out of the yard. Speak with a fencing manufacturer and installer about pet-friendly fence options.

Leashes

Even the most well trained pet may get distracted from time to time and dart away. That is why it is important to keep pets leashed when outdoors and away from fenced-in areas.

Leashes come in a variety of sizes and styles. It is important to choose a leash and collar that is proportionate to your pet and one that he or she will not be able to slip out of. Pet owners who have larger, stronger ani-



mals can consider a harness, which fits around the pet's midsection instead of its neck. This helps provide added control when walking the pet and can al-

leviate pulling tendencies or injuries to the animal's neck from excessive tugging.

In addition to these precautionary tools, pet owners can provide plenty of stimulation for their pets through toys, games and social interaction. This will alleviate boredom and the propensity to escape, offers The Humane Society of the United States. Animals may look to get out of confines when they are isolated and frustrated. Dogs and cats also roam when they become sexually mature, so it is best to have them spayed or neutered.

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Kathleen Penkusky

For Art's Sake...
Pines artist has interesting past

By **Stasia Heubeck**

Kathleen Penkusky lives a quiet life as an artist in Ocean Pines. She paints and enjoys the company of her husband of 58 years. But 60 years ago she was quite the adventurer. After graduating from Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York, she worked for some very interesting people. Foremost was Dr. Alfred Hershey who won the 1969 Nobel Prize in Medicine for his work in discovering that DNA was the material of life.

However, secretarial work gave way to Kathleen's love of skiing. She and her best friend decided to leave Long Island and move to Denver, Colorado. Packing up their worldly possessions they loaded their skis and tent on the roof of Kathleen's new '57 Ford hard-top convertible and headed west for adventure. Even though there was a recession at the time, they both landed good jobs. Luck was with them again when they moved into a wonderful boarding house. This is where Kathleen met Jim Penkusky. He was handsome, intelligent, ambitious and had a heavenly Irish

tenor voice. They fell in love, got married and have four children and seven grandchildren.

In 1991 they bought a house in Ocean Pines and were weekenders until in 2001 they bought the house across the street and became full-time residents. The water view is beautiful and this helped inspire Kathleen's artistic talent. She took art lessons from local artists and artists at the Art League of Ocean City. One fun thing she learned was to paint with a palette knife while practicing with canned icing. Because she likes to draw, Kathleen now uses watercolor pencils. "I think the water pen is a gift from heaven." Greeting cards have taken center stage. After receiving a card some of her grandchildren like to recreate the card and send it back to her.

Art has been a pleasurable pursuit in Kathleen's life. She enjoys her weekly sessions at the Senior Center and appreciates other artists' work. She treasures her collection of paintings by Jody Veader, George Hamaty and her friend, Jerri Miller.



Relay for life honored

Relay For Life of North Worcester Chairwomen Dawn Hodge, left, and Jill Elliott, center, are honored by American Cancer Society Community Manager, Debbie White for the 2015 nationwide top ten per capita award, at the Relay For Life Kickoff at the Ocean Pines library on January 13. Relay For Life of North Worcester County raised \$173,000 last year, more per capita than comparable communities in the South Atlantic Division, which is comprised of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and the District of Columbia. This year's Relay For Life event will be held Friday, May 6 at Frontier Town off Route 611 in West Ocean City. For information visit relayforlife.org/northworcestermid or contact Dawn Hodge at dawn-hodge@comcast.net or 443-497-1198.

Zumba Gold offers low impact workout for active adults

Zumba Gold, an easy-to-follow, six week program that lets you move to the beat at your own speed, returns to the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) in Snow Hill this February.

Zumba Gold, open to those ages 45 and older, is an invigorating, community-oriented dance-fitness class that feels fresh, and most of all, exhilarating. Zumba Gold classes provide modified, low-im-

pact moves for active, older adults. Classes run Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 16 through March 24, from 9 to 10 a.m. The cost is \$20 per person. For more information, contact Lea Cataggio at 410-632-2144, ext. 109 or email lcattaggio@co.worcester.md.us. For a complete list of Worcester County Recreation and Parks programs and classes, visit www.WorcesterRecandParks.org.

Tide and Sun Chart				
* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide				
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Fri., January 29	10:55 a.m. 11:19 p.m.	4:46 a.m. 5:15 p.m.	7:08 a.m.	5:19 p.m.
Sat., January 30	11:38 a.m.	5:34 a.m. 5:58 p.m.	7:07 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Sun., January 31	12:07 a.m. 12:25 p.m.	6:25 a.m. 6:43 p.m.	7:07 a.m.	5:21 p.m.
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Renovations improve senior living

As adults approach their golden years, the homes they once thought of as sanctuaries can become unsafe. Families wrestle with the decision to keep parents and grandparents in their homes or move them into assisted living facilities or other senior residences.

Modifying seniors' homes to make them safer is another option. The National Institute on Aging (NIA) says that families may be able to have a senior stay at home by helping older relatives remain independent but safe. The following are a few ways to do just that.

-Remove fall hazards. The NIA reports that six out of 10 falls happen at home, where people spend the most time and fail to think about their safety. Seniors who want to be independent

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war, high-performance aircraft began encountering a new phenomenon called the "sound barrier". NACA scientists were trying to characterize and explore this new problem. Lacking any wind tunnels or any other means of reproducing the supersonic environment on the ground and with manned aircraft ruled out after fatal accidents in the trans-sonic regime, NACA engineers fell upon launching small models of various air shapes on the nose of rockets from Wallops Island. By using sensor information radioed back to

may overestimate their physical abilities. Because falls can be so dangerous, leading to cuts, abrasions, broken bones, and more, seniors and their families must take steps to prevent falls in homes. Improve lighting, especially at night when sight may become diminished. Install hand rails and grab bars where possible. Pick up clutter and remove tripping hazards, such as slippery rugs or electric cords. Install an electric stair climbing seat to make traversing stairs less risky.

-Improve visibility and ability to communicate. Vision loss may accompany aging, but technology can help mitigate such losses. Use big-button phones, remote controls and even keyboards so seniors can keep in touch.

the ground by the rocket and radar tracking data, scientists could derive aspects such as drag and stability as the model shape pierced the sound barrier. The technique of having a rocket (or missile) send sensor information to the ground was called telemetry and is now ubiquitous in aviation and aerospace applications. Telemetry was invented at Wallops.

The next historical article in this series will appear in the February 24 edition and will address the post-Sputnik impacts and military draw downs on Wallops.

Voice-activated thermostats or smart home technology also can make it easier for seniors to voice their needs.

-Modify fixtures and other features. Dexterity may wane with age, and arthritis can make grasping or turning doorknobs and faucets more challenging. Take inventory of areas of the home that present the biggest obstacles to seniors. Replace knobs in the shower or on faucets with lever handles, which are easier to maneuver. Install new cabinets and doors that freely glide open and self-close. Replace toggle light switches with easier paddle-type switches that can be pushed with a hand or even arm. Motion-sensor lights also can be handy. Push-button oven controls may make cooking easier.

-Prepare for medical emergencies. Invest in medical alert systems, such as necklaces or bracelets, that can be used to contact police or emergency medical

personnel directly. Make phones available in commonly used rooms in the home, such as bedrooms, the living room, bathrooms, and the kitchen.

-Install ramps and nonslip flooring. Ramps can make it easier to reach the front door or cross over elevated doorway thresholds. Nonslip flooring also can prevent falls around the house, offering more traction for feet, walkers or canes.

-Repair cracks in walkways and driveways. Safety should also extend to the outdoors. Be sure to repair cracks or uneven pavement. Replace loose patio blocks or bricks with a more stable design or with concrete or asphalt. While outdoors, trim back bushes and make sure there are no tripping hazards outside as well.

A few modifications can make it possible for seniors to live comfortably in their homes for many years.

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ers also can speak with a vet or animal trainer about additional ways to keep pets content and safe.

Should your pet get lost, you should contact an area shelter to report it missing or to learn if it has been picked up. The Worcester County Animal Control is located at 6207 Timmons Road in Snow Hill. The phone number is 410-632-1340. It is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Worcester County Humane Society is located on Eagle's Nest Road in West Ocean City. The phone number is 410-213-0146. It is open Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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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

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

Mon., Wed. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

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

Tuesdays

Families Anonymous

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

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

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

Wednesdays

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Elks Bingo

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

Delmarva Hand Dancing

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

Rotary Club

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

Square Dancing

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

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

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

Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

The Shepherd's Nook at Community Church at Ocean Pines is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 410-641-5433.

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'Used to be Mine' offers clothing, furniture, household items and more. Proceeds benefit Diakonia shelter and pantry. Located at

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

Third Sunday

Sharing Sunday

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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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New officers - The Ocean Pines Garden Club held a candle lighting ceremony to install its 2016 officers. The luncheon meeting was held on January 14 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. The new officers are left to right, **Meg Herrick**, president; **Mary Wentworth**, co-vice-president; **Linda Baker**, recording secretary; **Anita Roberts**, corresponding secretary and **Barbara Ferger**, treasurer. .Photo by Gail Philippi

Unmanned aircraft course available

The continuing education and workforce development division at Wor-Wic Community College will begin offering a five-week Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) training course to prepare students for entry-level jobs in the growing UAS industry.

The course begins February 15 and runs through March 18, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the college campus on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

The course will introduce students to the history of unmanned aircraft systems, and current and future developments in civil and military operations. Topics covered in the course include unmanned vehicles, communication, navigation, launch and recovery, control stations, payloads and support equipment. Aviation regulatory system and integration, safety and human factors, ethical and legal issues, and the future of UAS will also be covered. Students will also receive in-class flight simulator experience in a computer laboratory in order to reinforce classroom learning and prepare them for hands-on field experiences.

Tuition is free, but applicants must go through a selection process and space is limited. The training is being funded by an EARN (Employment Advancement Right Now) grant from the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

For more information about the course, visit the college website at www.worwic.edu or [\[wic.edu\]\(http://www.worwic.edu\) or call 410-334-2815. To be considered for the training, visit the Quality Staffing Services website at \[www.easternshorejobs.com\]\(http://www.easternshorejobs.com\) or call them at 410-742-2600.](http://www.wor-</p>
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