

Pines Tones to host concert

On Sunday, June 10, at 3 p.m., the Pine Tones Chorus will present their Spring Concert at the Community Church of Ocean Pines (Rte. 589 & Beauchamp Rd). Tickets are \$10, payable at the door.

The concert celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Ocean Pines and features music from the 1968 era when Ocean Pines community was founded. Songs from the Beatles, and Simon & Garfunkel were smash hits of those days and still have wide appeal; songs like "Let It Be" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water." Other award-winning selections of that year include "Up Up and Away" by the Johnny Mann Singers and "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You" by Frankie Valli. Fans of stage and screen will recall "Consider Yourself" from the show "Oliver." The lively novelty song "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" will include some stagecraft touches.

The chorus president Dave Holloway said, "The concert offers an enjoyable trip down memory lane. With so many of my traditional favorite songs, it's difficult to name the very best one, but if I must choose it would be "Michelle," as sung by the men of the chorus."

June Todd is the chorus director and Jenny Anderson is the group's pianist. Featured musicians will include Tom Baione on string bass, Becca Doughty on drums and Bob Palladino playing jazz piano. This instrumental trio will begin playing about 10 minutes before the concert.

The Pine Tones Chorus includes 50 singers from Ocean Pines, Ocean City, and nearby areas. The chorus has been entertaining local audiences in the Ocean Pines and Ocean City areas for more than thirty years. For additional information, phone Dave Holloway 410-641-5672, or June Todd, 410-289-7373.

Funding for chorus activities comes from ticket sales as well as the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Parade - Despite the threat of rain, the Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Parade made its way north on Ocean Parkway on Saturday. There were about 40 participants who took part including marching bands, businesses, local organizations, elected officials and candidates for office. A Community Day event took place in Veterans Park after the parade. Above: **Anna Foltz** rides on the Star Charities float. Inset: **Carol Ludwig**, parade organizer announces parade events. See more inside on pages 8 and 9. Photo by Joe Reynolds.

Community Calendar

JUNE



Berlin Farmers Market set to begin

The new Berlin Farmers Market will take place Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday from June 17 through September 30.

The location of the market will be on Artisans Green located next to Go Organic Grocer.

Applications are now being accepted for this producer's only market. Artisans may also apply. Artisans must make their own products and/or art.mLive music and children's activities will be featured.

Berlin has also received a grant from the Worcester County Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts to help pay local musicians for their performances.

Applications can be found at www.BerlinMainStreet.com/farmersmarket.

Weight management/pre-diabetes program offered

Get a healthy start to summer: Peninsula Regional Medical Center Nutrition and Diabetes Education is offering a Weight Management/Pre-Diabetes Program class session on two consecutive Wednesdays starting June 20, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Classes will be held in in the Hallowell Conference Center of the Layfield Tower on the Peninsula Regional campus.

Registered dietitians and nurses provide participants with strategies to develop healthy eating habits and lead a more active lifestyle. The fee is \$50.

To register or if you have questions about diabetes, please call the Peninsula Regional Medical Center Nutrition and Diabetes Education at 410-543-7061.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <small>Flag Day</small>	15	16
17 <small>Father's Day</small>	18	19	20	21 <small>Summer Begins</small>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Anglers to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, June 9, 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. The speakers will be Zack Garmoe, a member of the Chesapeake Conservation Corp working with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program and Amanda Poskaitis a Marine Scientist who coordinates the Coastal Bays oyster gardening program, annual horseshoe crab survey, fish monitoring studies and restoration projects throughout our watershed. The meeting is open to the public.

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.

Jr. golf scholarship tournament scheduled

The Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council will host the Taylor Bank / Ocean Pines 34th 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 per-

son, which includes greens fee, cart, team prizes, men's and ladies' closest-to-the-pin prizes, door prizes, continental breakfast, on-course refreshments and 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.

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.worcesterrecandparks.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.

Buckingham Presbyterian Church reaches out to the homeless

By **June Freeman**

“To be bold, reach out to the community and ignite our congrega-

Buckingham Community Church received a \$5,000 grant from the New Castle Presbytery. The Mission

Committee decided to reach out to the homeless people of Worcester County. Their much-loved pastor Reverend Matthew Trask, who recently passed away, had expressed a



tion was our goal,” said church Elder Carol Neal. She explained that

deep concern and desire to help the homeless.

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.worcestercountycouncil.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@worcester-countyartsCouncil.org.

To many who have a place to live and food to eat, the homeless may seem faceless and their plight goes unseen. But the stark reality is that young children, teenagers, veterans, abused women, people who lost their jobs, the mentally ill, people addicted to drugs and alcohol, and others have no place to go and do not know when their next meal will be.

To try and help those in need, their church set a goal of filling 300 Blessing Bags with toiletries, food and survival items. They were distributed to Diakonia in West Ocean City, the Samaritan Shelter in Pocomoke, the Spirit Kitchen in Berlin, and the Berlin Police Department. “We wanted to reach out to the police department as they know where the people are, how to help, and what they need,” observed Neal.

Carol Neal, chairperson for this initiative, remarked, “The homeless are in great need of day-to-day support and I was thankful that our congregation stepped up to the plate.”

Many volunteers devoted their

day to purchasing 300 of each item to be placed in the travel bags. The Deacons of Buckingham Community Church donated 300 pairs of socks. Volunteer Linda Hess commented, “It is really nice to see a community at work to help their fellow man.”

Gathering at their church in Berlin on May 30, a group of nearly sixty volunteers ranging from young children to seniors spent the evening filling each bag for the homeless and giving the gift of caring.

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. June 10, June 24 are the next two. 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.

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Ransomware is a form of malware (malicious software) that takes over a computer. Ransomware can lock down all operations on a computer and deny users access to their data. Computer users cannot reverse this lock down without the help of the



hacker, who usually requires a ransom in return for a decryption key. The costs can range from a few hundred dollars to thousands, say IT experts. The U.S. Department of Education has warned that hackers are employing ransomware as they target schools with insufficient security. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, schools are particularly vulnerable because their security is not always up to par and they have information that is of value to hackers, including students' personal information. According to McAfee, more than four million ransomware variants have been detected online, a 270 percent increase since 2013, and ransomware is expected to be a continuing and significant problem for schools.

Last fiscal year loss exaggerated?

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

The numbers are out for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018. OPA says the operating loss for the year was \$1.218 million, unaudited. Some association members are raising serious questions about the number, suggesting it should be perhaps only



\$800,000, or less.

A month ago OPA Treasurer Pat Supik was telling association members the projected loss was \$1.6 million, a number she reaffirmed at the May 24 board meeting. How does the corporate treasurer miss the mark by \$400,000 in a one month period? Why is it many association members, based on what now appears to be OPA propaganda since January, believed the loss would be closer to \$2 million?

One bone of contention surrounds how OPA handled a "mystery" bank account, as described by the former Acting GM. OPA board member Ted Moroney said something to the effect that one of these "mystery" bank accounts contained about \$300,000 in what he described as a fire department reserve fund that was created by OPA back around 2013.

This raises some interesting questions related to that 2013 bank account and how it somehow increased last year's operational loss by over \$200,000 when that amount or more was given to the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department in the summer of 2017. The issue is not whether the fire department was owed the money, but it does call into question OPA's accounting practices and whether OPA is manipulating the operating loss for 2017. OPA's audited financial reports do not indicate any reserve for the fire department in any "mystery" or non-mystery account.

Aside from who authorized the creation of the mystery account in 2013 and who authorized funds to be deposited into it, but with only one person with check-signing authority, the following questions deserve answers:

1. When the \$300,000 or any amount was transferred from the normal OPA bank accounts to some new OPA special fire department reserve bank account, what was the entry noted in OPA books related to this money for purposes of our annual audit?
2. Did the special "mystery" fire de-

partment reserve account appear as an asset on the OPA audited financial report in 2013 and thereafter? If not, why not?

3. When some substantial amount (perhaps \$200,000 or more) of this "mystery" account was transferred to the fire department in 2017 by the AGM, was the transfer done with the approval of the Board of Directors, and how was this entered on OPA's books at the time?

4. Is the board saying that the transfer last year of \$200,000 or so should not have been done? If so, why not? If the money was used by the fire department to pay off a loan and OPA was simply "holding" money eventually payable to the fire department, why does OPA now need to replace the money in the "mystery" account?

5. Ted Moroney stated his board motion at the last board meeting had a purpose to "Restore (Fire Department mystery account) Reserve by Funding Debt Payment" of \$216,777 from OPA to this special "mystery" account. Frankly, one must seriously wonder if the board had a clue as to what it was voting on. Moroney told the board it was for the fire department and the board knee-jerked a YES response. One must come to this conclusion for a number of reasons, but primarily after reading what is truly a virtually incomprehensible Memorandum of Understanding with the fire department. Asked if this entire issue could be explained to association members, Moroney said it could not be explained to association members.

Another question now is: Since Moroney's passed motion to restore \$216,777 to this reserve fund, with little or no explanation to association members of even the existence of this "mystery" account, happened on May 24, 2018, why would that amount be applied as an operational expense to the prior fiscal year that closed on April 30, 2017? Just standard accounting practice?

Whatever the answer to all these questions, the board has an obligation to clearly explain what is going on to association members.

Do you believe the Board of Directors is doing so?

OPA should, and must, fund the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, as needed, in a manner that will maintain the truly excellent service they provide this community. However, the board must do so in a completely open and transparent manner.

Of course, this is but one part of the much broader issue of how a projected fiscal year loss can move from \$1.6 million to \$1.2 million in one month. How can any OPA projections ever be trusted when the Treasurer misses the mark by \$400,000 in one month?

One board member says the loss was reduced as a result of budget savings but the current facts belie the comment. Lost food and beverage written off due to improper storage or theft at the Yacht Club and Beach Club resulted in a loss of perhaps \$75,000, and that happened many months after the prior acting GM left last September, so any blame lies elsewhere.

The April cost of General Admin Department was \$28,530 while budgeted at \$1,345; the Manager's Office cost \$44,666 in April versus a budgeted \$29,107; the finance department cost \$10,000 more than budgeted in April. To be sure, some other departments are doing much better than budgeted in April — Recs & Parks, and most notably golf. Regardless, in every way possible, the board seems intent on making the operational losses for the last fiscal year as high as possible. For example, another numbers trick is to approve new, unbudgeted capital projects, like new \$100,000+ platform tennis courts and then write off the capital cost as an operational expense.

A close look at the April report indicates the true operational loss for OPA for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018 should be more in the range of \$800,000 if OPA was not manipulating the numbers to increase the operational deficit for political purposes, as a number of association members believe to be the case.

Transparency rarely causes problems; lack of transparency frequently causes problems.

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Give me the simple life

The older I get the less I need or want to be happy. I certainly don't need the riches of the world, a sports car or a jet setting lifestyle for fulfillment. Of course it's easy to admit such a sentiment when the likelihood of such riches are as remote as a deserted island. Give

forward to taking on the third one. There's a heightened level of satisfaction when I complete a project or in this case a chair. I can behold the efforts of my labor. Or in the case of the chairs, I can sit on the efforts of my labor.

Many years ago my father-in-law designed and built a wishing well of wood that he placed in his garden. Over time the garden became overgrown, swallowing the well. It hadn't been seen in years. It literally had a tree growing through its roof. I acquired the well. A good bit of the

wood was rotted, requiring replacement. Resurrecting the well was an enjoyable undertaking. Having worked with my father-in-law on many projects over many years in his garage, I recognized his construction techniques as I worked to restore the well. Sporting a new roof and base as well as a new paint



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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me a good day puttering in the garage or getting my hands dirty in the garden and I'm one happy camper. I'll take good conversation, an adult beverage and a cigar while sitting on the back porch over dining on pheasant, something that admittedly I've never had but sounds fancy.

I derive a lot of satisfaction from taking on an outdoors project, big or small. Everyone has their Zen. For me it's sawing wood while building a new creation or opening an old can of paint to reinvigorate the colors of something old.

For instance, not long ago I came across on the side of the road three old kitchen chairs made of wood. Someone had taped a "Free" sign on them. I pulled over to check them out. Other than peeling varnish and discoloration, they were solid so I threw them in the back of the truck. I'd figure out something to do with them.

After spending a couple days thinking about what to do with them, I decided that I would paint them and use them for additional seating on the Piazza. With sandpaper in hand, I undertook the task. The time spent removing the old varnish was cathartic. It took some time but I didn't care. It's during efforts like this when I'm able to turn over in my mind things I've been thinking about, a family or work situation or a problem I'm facing. Sometimes it's an opportunity for me to compare and contrast the traits of superheroes like Superman and Batman. In case you're wondering, Inevitably I come down on the side of Superman. Come on, he has the word "super" in his name.

But I digress. So far, I've rehabbed two of the three chairs and I'm looking

scheme to cover the old cedar-tinted stain, the well now sits in our backyard; a project completed and a sentimental reminder of my father-in-law. That to me is worth a million bucks. Hmm. If someone were to offer me a million bucks for the well, I'm sure my father-in-law would understand.


When I was a kid I used to sit with my grandfather behind the house and watch the sun set over the bay. We'd just watch as it made its slow descent, inflaming the sky all shades of purples and oranges and yellows as it bade farewell to another day. Other than the sun's grand finale, the experience was unadorned. We just sat in our chairs watching until finally Gramps uttered to himself, "that was beautiful." It was just that simple.

Maybe it's the mood I'm in as I write this but I'm reminded of the Rube Bloom lyrics: *I don't believe in frettin' and grievin'.; Why mess around with strife? I never was cut out to step and strut out. Give me the simple life.*



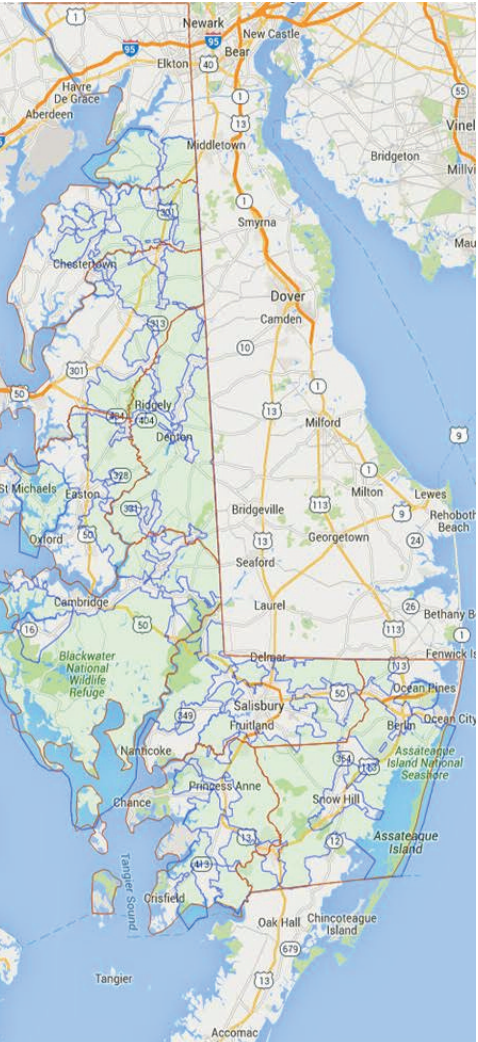
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Operation Overlord changed the course of history

By **Robert Adair**

If you woke up on this day 74 years ago you would be hearing shortly that the greatest amphibious assault in the history of warfare was underway. Thousands of French citizens and German soldiers arose that morning to find a huge armada approaching the beaches of Normandy. The significance of this sight was not lost on anyone, but the enormity of Operation OVERLORD (Codeword for the attack on Europe) would not be fully comprehended for months, and in some respects, for years. Tom Hanks portrayed a Ranger captain in the movie "Saving Private Ryan." The movie and its actors did a superb job of portraying the actual tactical conditions that existed, but it would take ten more movies, equally as detailed just to begin to explain the complexity of the Normandy invasion.

The forces of the nations involved in the assault are grateful that the number of casualties, although high, was not what made this operation one of the most historic events of the century. The development of the strategy, the complexity of planning not only a

joint ground, air and sea campaign, but a combined operation involving troops, logistics and tactics of several nations made it unique in the annals of history.

Strategically, from the day Germany invaded Russia, the Allies knew an invasion of the European continent would be necessary. Soviet leader Joseph Stalin urged the U.S. and Britain to initiate this campaign as soon as possible at every summit conference he attended with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Other strategic considerations entered into the picture as the Combined Staff in England began to work out the actual details of a cross-channel operation.

The war against Japan was drawing forces and logistics from the overall assets of the U.S.. President Roosevelt made the decision that the primary effort would be the defeat of Hitler and the Axis, however, the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral King, had the responsibility of maintaining pressure against the Japanese efforts in the Pacific. This demand for troops and equipment to supply two different

theaters simultaneously became the paramount challenge for planners.

Coupled with the president's decision to weight the effort in the European theater came his order to maintain the supply lines sending equipment, ammunition and food to the Soviet Union by sea convoy. It was critical that Russia maintain its pressure on the German army in the east to prevent reinforcement of the Axis forces occupying France. In 1942 it was agreed that operation ROUNDUP (Initial cross-channel operation) would be launched in the spring of 1943 if the Russians could hold out. If not, then Operation SLEDGEHAMMER (Cross-channel attack in late 1942) would have to be executed with any and all available troops located in Britain.

Operation BOLERO (codeword for



U.S. build-up in England) had just begun in early 1943 when the British army in Egypt and Northern Africa suffered a huge defeat at the hands of German General Erwin Rommel. The British were forced to take ships from the convoys to Russia and those ferrying U.S. troops to Britain in order to re-supply and reinforce its 8th Army in Africa.

Fewer than 125,000 U.S. troops were moved to Britain by the spring of 1943.

The British situation in Africa was so bad that Winston Churchill convinced President Roosevelt that a sec-

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Sunset Seabird Safaris offered by local guides

Local nature guides Jim Rapp and Dave Wilson have joined seasoned Ocean City boat Captain Brad McCabe to offer Sunset Seabird Safaris in the bays behind Ocean City and Assateague to see nesting herons, egrets and glossy ibis, as well as migrating shorebirds and endangered royal terns and black skimmers.

The three-hour evening tours begin with the northern bays which include Tern Island, Skimmer Island, and two other unnamed islands rife with Forster's terns, snowy and great egrets, American oystercatchers, and black-crowned night herons.

The guided aquatic safari then heads south past the gauntlet of nesting ospreys for a jaunt behind Assateague. There, amidst the Assateague ponies, royal terns and black skimmers are being enticed to do some feathered embracing on newly restored islands by the Assateague Bridge.

Near sunset, the 28-mile trip ends in Chincoteague Bay with great looks at the full complement of colonial nesting wading birds at South Point Spoils. These include snowy egrets, great egrets, cattle egrets, tri-colored herons, little blue herons, black-crowned night herons, glossy and possibly white ibis, double-crested cormorants, and brown pelicans. This is an in-boat-only tour. It does not enter the islands as this would greatly disturb the birds and jeopardize breeding success.

Guides Dave Wilson and Jim Rapp have been engaging in bird conservation in the coastal bays for more than 23 years including working with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program,

Audubon Maryland-DC, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and US Army Corps of Engineers. The duo also runs the Delmarva Birding Weekends, Baltimore Birding Weekend, Smith Island Pelican Tours, and Birds, Beans, and Beer series.

Guests can schedule a personalized private tour for \$400/trip (boat holds 6 guests) or sign up for a scheduled tour for \$75/person on the following dates: Friday, June 15, 5:45-8:45 p.m.; Friday, June 22 5:45-8:45 p.m.; Friday, July 13, 5:45-8:45 p.m.; Friday, July 20, 5:45-8:45 p.m.; Saturday, July 14, 5:45-8:45 p.m.; Friday, August 3, 5:15-8:30 p.m.; Friday, August 24, 5-8 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 7, 4:30-7:30 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 14, 4:30-7:30 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 5, 3:45-6:45 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 12, 3:45-6:45 p.m.

Guests can sign up individually; however, the minimum number for a trip to embark is four people. If organizers do not reach capacity or weather is bad, you will be contacted at least 24 hours prior and have your money refunded or the trip rescheduled.

The boat holds up to six adult guests and embarks from the West Ocean City Harbor boat ramp. Passengers may get slightly wet and boat conditions may be uncomfortable for short periods when cruising between islands. Soda, water, and snacks are provided.

To become a sponsor or for additional information, contact Jim Rapp (443-614-0261) or Dave Wilson (443-523-2201) at Conservation Community Consulting at conservationcc@gmail.com.

Summertime and picnics and barbecues

Yes, it's that time of year again, if it ever stops raining!! Here are some recipes you may enjoy making for your next summer event.

Start out with an appetizer everyone enjoys.

Crab Dip

- 1 T. horseradish
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 small onion grated
- 1 T. milk
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1 lb. backfin crab meat

Mix together and bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 25 minutes. Sprinkle top lightly with Old Bay Seasoning.

Serve with crackers.

when almost done on the grill. Save some sauce for serving.

I also use this method when cooking barbecue chicken on the grill. The chicken cooks more quickly though.

Serve with a nice strawberry garden salad.

A mixture of fresh spinach and lettuce torn into pieces.

1 pint strawberries, washed, hulled and sliced



Barbecued Spare Ribs

Arrange short ribs on the grill and cook on medium heat for about 30 minutes to 40 minutes or until tender.

Sauce

- 1 large chopped onion
- 1 cup catsup
- 1/3 cup Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 t. chili powder
- 1 t. salt
- 2 dashes tobacco
- 2 cups water

Bring sauce to a boil. Add one unpeeled thinly sliced lemon and one small thinly sliced onion. Simmer for 10 minutes. Coat the ribs with sauce

Toasted chopped pecans
1/2 small red onion sliced (optional)
Refrigerate and make dressing.

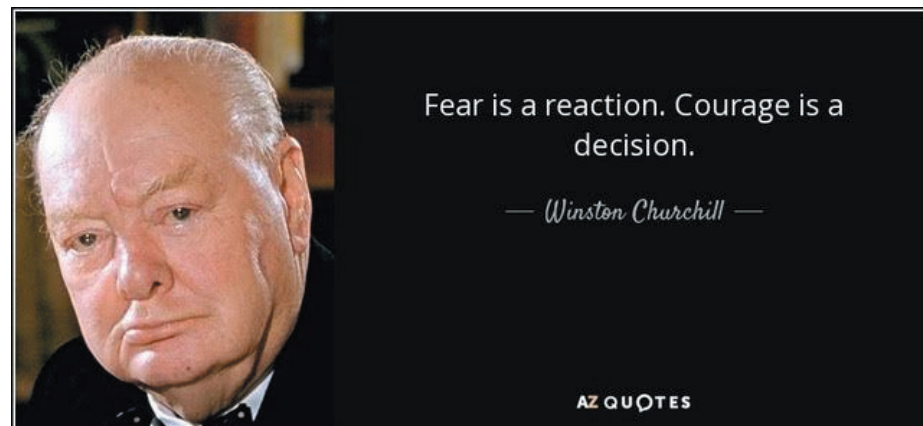
Sweet French Dressing

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 cup catsup
- 1/2 T. Worcestershire sauce

Chill until serving time. Add dressing to salad and toss.

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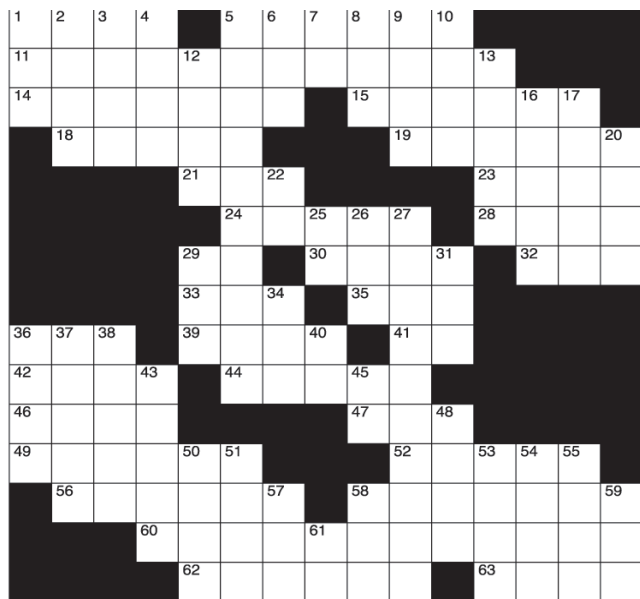


It was celebration time in Ocean Pines on Saturday as the community held events commemorating the 50th anniversary. Threatening weather forecasts for Saturday morning proved incorrect so the parade up Ocean Parkway went on as planned with more than 40 participants.

The Community Day event at Veterans Park also took place, although rain late in the afternoon cut it short. Here are some images from both events. *Photos by Joe Reynolds and Chip Bertino*





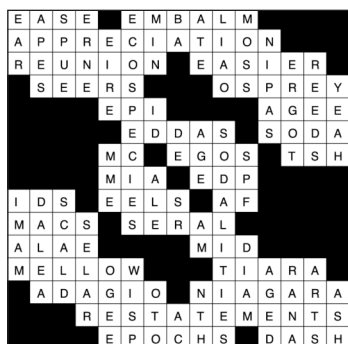


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Absence of difficulty
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. Grads may attend one
- 15. Less difficult
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. '69 World Series hero
- 24. Scandinavian mythology source
- 28. Pop
- 29. Rapper __ Hammer
- 30. Senses of self-esteem
- 32. Hormone that stimulates the thyroid
- 33. __ Farrow, actress
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Baby talk (abbr.)
- 39. Slender, snake-like fish
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Computers
- 44. Ecological stage
- 46. Wings
- 47. In the course of
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. __ Falls
- 60. Corrections
- 62. Periods in one's life
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Large primates
- 3. Retch (archaic)
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Genetically distinct geographic variety
- 6. Category of spoken Chinese
- 7. Barium
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Tall plants with slender leaves
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. Potato state
- 25. Delaware
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. One who leads prayers
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Citizen (senior)
- 43. Scads
- 45. Morning
- 48. Straight line passing from side to side (abbr.)
- 50. S-shaped line
- 51. Small, thin bunch
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Of the ears
- 58. "The __ Degree"
- 59. Type of residue
- 61. Keeps you cool




Answers for May 30

Eyes on the Skies

Four speeding moons

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.

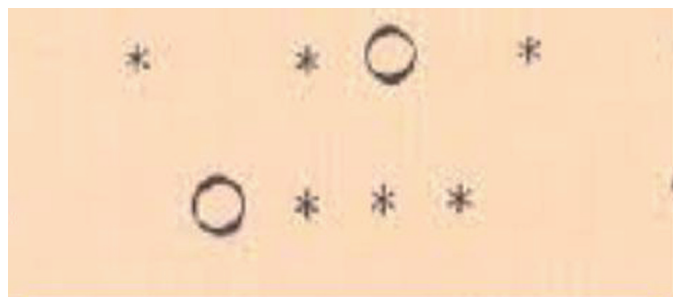


The month of June is the beginning of vacation season, and this may include more leisure time for stargazing. Binocular highlights for the month are the four largest moons of Jupiter and a star cluster M4.

For those who have never seen Jupiter through binoculars or telescope, the planet has a surprise in store. Four of Jupiter's largest moons may "leap out" at the viewer. But depending upon which night the observation is being made, these moons will be seen in differing locations. This can be understood, considering that they are orbiting the planet at extreme speeds. The fastest moon orbits in just 1.8 days, while the others take 3.5, 7 and 16.7 days, re-

spectively. For comparison, the Earth's moon moves at a more leisurely pace and orbits in 27.3 days. If a stargazer spots only three of Jupiter's moons, it's likely that the fourth is obscured, by passing either behind or in front of the planet.

A milestone in astronomical discoveries came in January 1610 when Galileo initially observed these four largest moons of Jupiter. After his first observations, the great astronomer described seeing three "stars", and he was fascinated by their quickly-changing positions. His notes included these comments:



Jupiter and Moons as recorded by Galileo

2013 the Hubble Space Telescope revealed subsurface water venting from Europa's south pole, with large geysers 120 miles high. An earlier discovery came in 1979 when Voyager-I examined Jupiter's second smallest moon, "Io" (eye-oh). Photos captured volcanic eruptions, as well as remnants of ancient lava rivers. Eight active volcanoes put on a display, sending plumes 250 miles into space. The largest two moons, Callisto and Ganymede are composed of rocky materials and water ice, and they each brandish a thin atmosphere. Callisto is a bit smaller than the planet Mercury, the smallest planet of the solar system. and Ganymede is a bit larger. Modern astronomers have discovered more than 60 smaller moons orbiting Jupiter. Powerful gravity of the huge planet allows the capture of asteroids venturing too close.

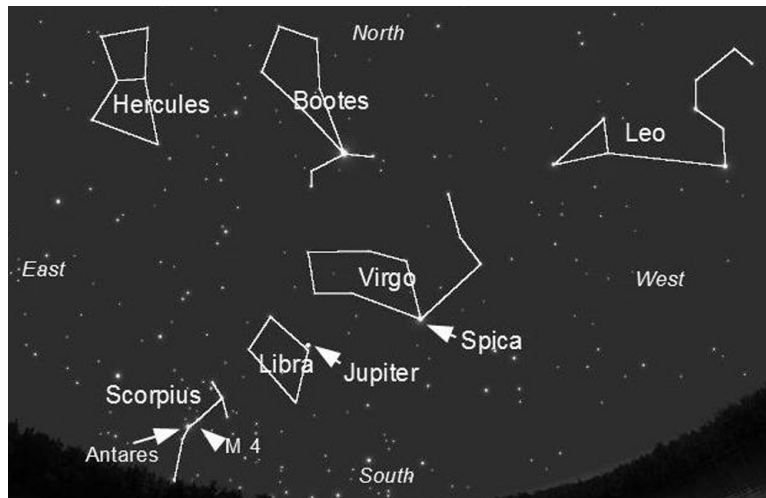
June's next target, the globular cluster M4, is found in the same southeastern skies as Jupiter. Aiming the binoculars at Antares, the bright red-hued star in the constellation Scorpius the Scorpion should produce good re-

"they intrigued me, because they appeared initially along a straight line. . . two stars were near him [Jupiter] on the east and one on the west . . . when, on the eighth [next evening] . . . I found a very different arrangement. I was aroused by the question of how Jupiter could be to the east of the said fixed stars when the day before he had been to the west."

During the following week Galileo discovered the fourth large Jovian moon. Finally the riddle of their mov-

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sults. M4 appears as fuzzy patch located about one degree west of Antares, within the same field of view of most binoculars. After M4 was discovered by Philippe Loys de Chéseaux in 1745, it became the first globular cluster in which individual stars were spotted. It was Charles Messier in 1764 who first resolved the cluster into individual



stars. Modern astronomers have determined that M4 is the closest globular cluster to our solar system,

being “just” 7,200 light-years away – and its age to be 12.2 billion years old.

For June stargazers, Jupiter and Venus begin the show early, with Jupiter brightly shining above the southeastern horizon and Venus

hovering over the western horizon.

As the stars become fully visible at about 9:30 p.m., Leo the Lion appears high in the western sky. Bootes the Herdsman is centrally located high overhead. Southwards from Bootes, the star “Spica” appears in the constellation Virgo the Virgin and is accompanied to its east by the bright planet Jupiter in Libra the Scales. Within Libra and Virgo, Spica is the only bright star. From year to year Jupiter appears to “jump” from one zodiacal constellation to the next. In 2017, Jupiter appeared in Virgo, and it will appear in Scorpius in 2019.

After about 10 p.m. the star Antares and other members of Scorpius the Scorpion begin to appear over the southeastern horizon.

Wishing clear skies to all stargazers.



Wor-Wic bids farewell to employees

Wor-Wic Community College recently held a reception for employees who retired after many years of dedicated service to the college. **Dr. Ray Hoy**, left, president of Wor-Wic, is shown with this year’s retirees, from left, next to Hoy, **Teresa M. Disharoon**, director of business and industry training for the continuing education and workforce development (CEWD) division, 17 years; **Sharon Hutcherson**, administrative associate in CEWD, 13 years; and **Janice Kolbeck**, executive associate for administrative services, 15 years. Not pictured are Ellen C. Wallace, financial aid grant coordinator, 26 years; Deborah Clark, accounts receivable specialist, 18 years; and Donna Moore, development specialist, who was with Wor-Wic for 10 years.

Lower Shore Land Trust receives national grant award

The Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program, co-funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the U. S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities (Endowment), which also manages the partnership selects projects from across the country and developed at the local level to protect water quality, to benefit rural jobs associated with agriculture, ranching, and forestry, and to provide measurable benefits for fish and wildlife. The Lower Shore Land Trust was among the 22 recipients to receive a com-

bined \$4.168 million to accelerate the pace of watershed protection.

The Chesapeake Bay region is an important focus for conservation and the project will support efforts to build and strengthen partnerships which will collectively protect 11,000 acres with conservation easements across Delaware, Maryland and Virginia by 2020. Watershed land protection will increase stream buffers, forest protections, and water quality and soil conservation throughout the region. This program will help deliver 10% of the acres needed in the Delmarva states to reach the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement goal of 2,000,000 acres conserved by 2025. This area includes one of seven designated Sentinel Landscapes in the U.S., a collaboration involving the Departments of Defense, Agriculture, and Interior.

Since 1990, the Lower Shore Land Trust has worked with communities and landowners across the Lower Shore to conserve wildlife habitat, to protect working landscapes, to protect drinking water supplies and to provide water quality protections to key tributaries of the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays. The Trust is committed to conserving natural resources and resource-based industries for strong local economies.

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Fri., June 8	3:16 a.m. 3:53 p.m.	3:16 a.m. 3:53 p.m.	5:37 a.m.	8:22 p.m.
Sat., June 9	4:10 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	10:22 a.m. 11:02 p.m.	5:36 a.m.	8:23 p.m.
Sun., June 10	5:03 a.m. 5:35 p.m.	11:12 a.m. 11:58 p.m.	5:36 a.m.	8:23 p.m.
Mon., June 11	5:54 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	12:03 p.m.	5:36 a.m.	8:24 p.m.
Tues., June 12	6:46 a.m. 7:15 p.m.	12:53 a.m. 12:53 p.m.	5:36 a.m.	8:24 p.m.
Wed., June 13	7:37 a.m. 8:07 p.m.	1:45 a.m. 1:43 p.m.	5:36 a.m.	8:25 p.m.



Obituaries

Deana Edith Smith

June 10, 1940 - May 23, 2018

Deana Edith Smith (nee Pascoe), age 77 died on May 23, 2018. Raised in West Deptford, Deana graduated from Paulsboro High School in 1958 and received her Associates Degree from Gloucester County College in 1983. With a passion for twirling as Head Drum Majorette for PHS, she used her gift to instruct baton from 1968-76 and founded the Colonial Twirlers. Deana lived in West Deptford most of her life. She was a First Grade Aide at Oakview and Verga Elementary School for over 10 years. Her hobbies and joys included her dog Buster, her beach home at The Capri, traveling, reading, lecturing and collecting her dolls. She was a member of the Evelyn Moomau Delmarva Doll Club, Rainbow Girls, Order of the Eastern Star and attended the local Lutheran and Methodist church. Deana retired to Ocean Pines, MD in 1994 and moved back to New Jersey in 2017.

She was the wife of the late Edward J. Smith. Survived by her daughters Dawn (Robert) Sutton, Cheryl Adels, stepchildren Edward Smith Jr (deceased), Maryann T

Thoreson (Smith), James and Gregory Smith, grandchildren Ariel, Justice, Asher and Joshua, sister Betty Reichert, a niece and two



nephews. She was also predeceased by her first husband John A. McFadden.

Graveside Service and Interment was Friday, June 1 at Garden of the Pines Cemetery located at the Community Church of Ocean Pines. Memories may be shared at www.buddfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ASPCA and the Animal Humane Society.

PRMC participates in healogics wound care awareness week

Peninsula Wound & Hyperbaric Center at Peninsula Regional Medical Center, a member of the Healogics network, is helping raise awareness of chronic wounds. The fifth annual Wound Care Awareness Week is being held from June 4 to June 8. One of 700+ Healogics-managed centers; Peninsula Wound & Hyperbaric Center offers advanced therapies to patients suffering from chronic wounds. Program Directors across the nation will dedicate the entire week to educating physicians, patients and public about the chronic wound epidemic and the advanced wound care solutions.

It is estimated that chronic wounds affect 6.7 million people in the U.S. and the incidence is rising, fueled by

an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, obesity and the late effects of radiation therapy. If left untreated, chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and possibly amputation of the affected limb.

"We see patients living with non-healing wounds for a prolonged amount of time due to the lack of awareness of advanced wound care options," said James Burns, DO, Medical Director of the Peninsula Wound & Hyperbaric Center. "We work to educate community physicians about which of their patients can benefit from advanced wound care, and then provide coordinated care to heal that

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Appreciation - On Wednesday, May 30, the Art League of Ocean City held a dinner in appreciation of the many volunteers who give their time to the nonprofit. Volunteers help out with events and gallery openings at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, serve as docents for the annual Sand Castle Home Tour, work with children at the Summer Art Camp, and perform other invaluable services.

Back row: Art League Board Member **Laura Jenkins, Bebe Antonini, Beth Anderson, Rick Bohs, Kathy Bohs**, Art League Volunteer Coordinator **Debbi Dean-Colley, Judy Fisher, and John Fisher**. Middle row: **Gerilyn Gaskill, Evelyn Hartman, Nancy Fortney, Sidney Ward, Sheila Harding**, and Art League Board President **Marian Bickerstaff**. Front row: **Don Lehman, Gwen Lehman, Rose Bean, and Hoge Caswell**.

Concert on the Lawn Series begins

The Berlin Heritage Foundation announces the first performance in the 2018 Concert on the Lawn series on Sunday, June 10 at 6 p.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 North Main Street. "The High and Wides" will perform at this first concert.

"For over 20 years the Foundation has been hosting these free concerts on the side yard of the Taylor House and they continue to be one of our museum's most popular community events," stated curator Susan Taylor. "We've had some talented musicians perform on the lawn and we look forward to another exciting season this year with several groups new to the series, including "The High and Wides," Randy Lee Ashcroft & the Saltwater Cowboys on July 8 and "Old School Ocean City Band" on September 9.

Bring a chair and a picnic to enjoy these free concerts on the lawn of the

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum at 208 North Main Street in Berlin. Concerts in the series are always held at 6 p.m. on the second Sunday of the months of June through September.



The Taylor House Museum is open from Memorial Day weekend through the end of October on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Group tours are available anytime by appointment.

For more information contact the Taylor Museum at 410-641-1019 or visit our website at www.taylorhouse-museum.org.



Back row – Scholarship winners **Frankie Hanna, Marley Parsons, and Lamont Hall**, and Art League Board member **Judy Tremellen**. Front row: Board President **Marian Bickerstaff, B.J. Summers** of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Board members **Katy Durham and Nancy Fortney**, scholarship winners **Kate Carpenter and Trent Carpenter**.

Five local art students win Art League scholarships

The Art League of Ocean City announces the winners of five \$1,000 scholarships, awarded to students pursuing a college degree in the visual arts.

Winners for 2018 are Kate Carpenter, senior at Stephen Decatur High School (SDHS), who will be studying drawing/illustration and theater; Lamont Hall, senior at Pocomoke High School, who plans to study illustration; and Frankie Hanna, SDHS senior, who will study music, performance, and teaching. Two current college students are returning award winners: Marley Parsons of Salisbury University who is studying art and education; and Trent Carpenter of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore who is studying comic and freelance art.

The Art League has been awarding scholarships since 1991 to local students seeking a college degree in visual arts. The scholarships are funded by contributions from the Art League as well as from the Katherine Ellen Brown Fund administered by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

Graduating seniors who attend public or private high schools as well as homeschoolers were eligible to apply. Also eligible were past recipients of Art League scholarships who continue to pursue a visual arts degree at an accredited college and

have achieved a 3.0 or higher grade point average. The Art League based the scholarship awards on talent, recommendations, citizenship, scholarship, academic awards, extracurricular activities, motivation, and skill.

The Art League of Ocean City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the visual arts in the Ocean City area through education, exhibits, scholarships, programs and community art events. The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League and supported by memberships, corporate and civic funding, donations and sales of art. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

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Students named to All-Maryland Academic team

Wor-Wic Community College students Tifanee Mask of Berlin and Danielle Turner of Hebron were recently named to the All-Maryland Academic Team, a competition that recognizes academic excellence and community service of two-year college students. The annual competition is sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society (PTK) and is recognized by the Maryland Council of Community College Presidents and the Maryland Association of Community Colleges. Mask was one of 16 students to make the first team. Turner was one of 16 students who made the second team.

An honors student with a 4.0 grade point average (GPA), Mask is on track to complete her degree in general studies this month. She then plans to transfer to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree in history. Turner, a dean's list student with a 3.71 GPA, has associate of applied science degrees in forensic science technology and law enforcement. She is working toward a nursing degree at Wor-Wic, with plans to earn her bach-

elor of science in nursing and then hopes to become a forensic nurse at Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

PTK is an internationally-recognized honor society serving America's two-year colleges. The Alpha Nu Omicron chapter was chartered at Wor-Wic in 1987. Advisors include Terry Thompson, professor of biological science; Dr. Lynn M. Derickson, associate professor of nursing; Allison Metro, assistant professor of English; Dr. Heidi Walker, assistant professor of biological science; and Dr. Coleen M. Weil, professor of nursing.

Vacation bible school offered

Holy Trinity Cathedral located in Berlin will offer a Vacation Bible School from June 18 thru June 22 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. To get more information or to volunteer, just go to <https://vbsholytrinityberlinmd.myanswers.com/time-lab/>. You can also call the church office at 410-641-4882 or visit us online at <http://www.htcanglican.org>.

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all that is for me. ALL I DID WAS FIGHT A WAR

As I sat in the fourth row I looked up and saw me in 20 years, there were 8 former POWs from WWII, I thought to myself I wonder how they made it and really what they had to do, I can't imagine their past. ALL I DID WAS FIGHT A WAR

I looked over to my left in the front row there were 4 GOLD STAR. Moth-



ers, I thought about their lives and what they have lived with losing a husband, son or daughter, how hard every day must be... All I DID WAS FIGHT A WAR

No one asks to go to war and no one comes back the same, I often wonder who I would be if I never went to war, I wonder how those 4 Gold Star

mothers lives would be different, I wonder how many sleepless nights those POW s have had, I wonder why so many people make a big deal out of us NAM vets...

ALL WE DID WAS FIGHT A WAR

Sgt. Frank Bolen, Sr.
Third Marine Division
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patient's wounds."

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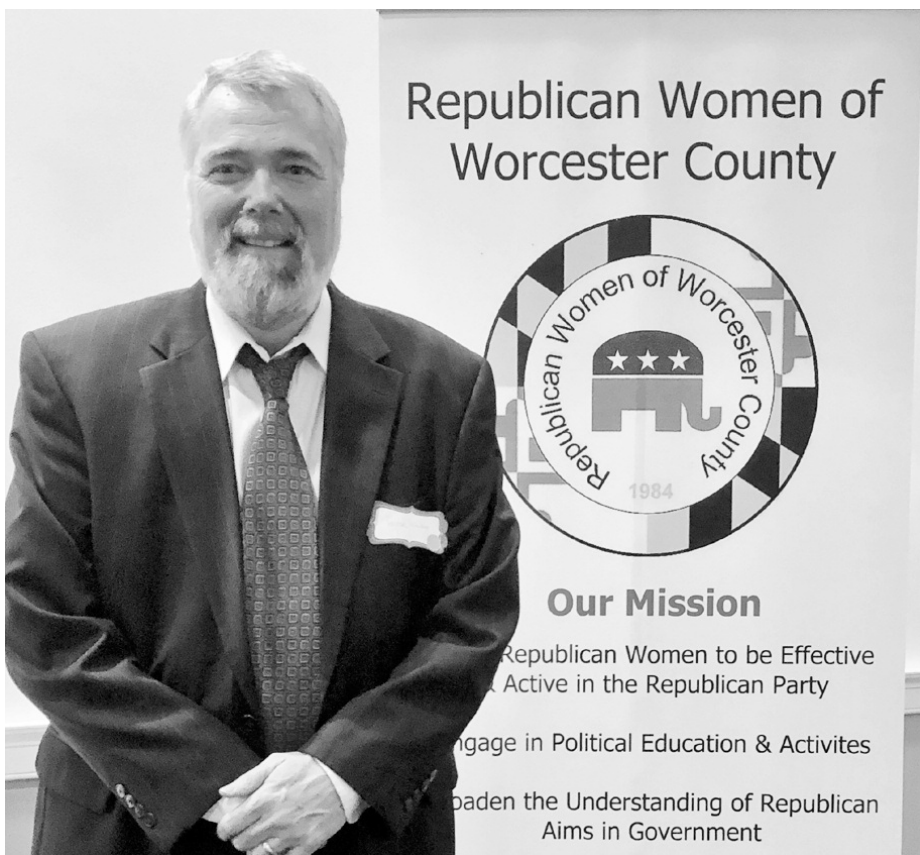
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Constitutional talk - On Thursday, May 24, Pastor **David Whitney** of the Institute of the Constitution, gave an informative presentation on the Maryland Constitution to the Republican Women of Worcester County and their guests at their monthly luncheon meeting at the Dunes Hotel.

Governor announces higher education scholarships

Governor Larry Hogan has announced that the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has awarded more than \$80 million to nearly 38,000 students to attend one of Maryland's post-secondary institutions.

"Working to make higher education affordable and accessible for as many Maryland students as possible is one of our top priorities," said Governor Hogan. "Each dollar we provide to our students for their education is an investment in our economy and our state's future. As we continue to expand access to education, we strengthen our workforce and help both Maryland citizens and businesses grow and succeed."

The money, which will be used by students in the 2018-2019 academic year, comes from the Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Awards (EEA) Program, comprised of the Educational Assistance (EA) Grant and Guaranteed Access (GA) Grant programs.

"The EEA program is the state's largest need-based aid program, pro-

viding financial assistance to Maryland students with the greatest financial need," said MHEC Secretary Dr. James D. Fielder. "This is an excellent example of how, under Governor Hogan's leadership, we are able to increase student access and success with less debt."

Of the 38,000 awardees, 1,650 students received an award that covers 100 percent of their financial need, with a maximum award amount up to \$18,600.

Grant and scholarship awards in other programs will be announced as they are awarded by OSFA during mid- to late-summer. Each year, OSFA is responsible for granting awards to more than 60,000 students in state grant and scholarship programs with a total expenditure of more than \$105 million.

Since taking office, the Hogan administration has invested more than \$7.1 billion in higher education and for the past three years has worked with Maryland's public colleges and universities to cap tuition growth at two percent for Maryland residents at these schools.

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ond front in French North Africa was needed. Operation TORCH (amphibious attack in North Africa) would actually become the major thrust. One of the arguments Churchill put forth was that such an operation would "blood" the troop units for the larger assault against fortress Europe later. Ironically, none of these units would participate in OVERLORD.

Operation ROUNDUP was cancelled due to lack of everything, but mostly time and troops. Also, Britain enthusiastically cancelled SLEDGEHAMMER because it would have been an all-British show with little chance of success.

The military forces sent to Africa would move on to Sicily and Italy, with some of them participating in Operation ANVIL (invasion of southern France). General Dwight D. Eisenhower was appointed the Commander in Chief of Operation OVERLORD, once the summit leaders approved the general outline of the campaign, now scheduled for the spring of 1944.

Eisenhower's task would involve the assembly of 1.2 million troops, 52 air groups, 50,000 military vehicles, 20,000 railroad cars and 1,000 locomotives, plus 163 airfields in England. Operation BOLERO was much larger than most imagined.

The Navy had to collect hundreds of landing craft from the other theaters of war. They had to be able to deliver 175,000 combat troops, 20,000 vehicles and all the necessary ammunition and supplies to the beachhead at Normandy over a two-day period.

Once ashore the ground commander would be Britain's top field general, Field Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery until the foothold was secured and Eisenhower would move to the continent of Europe. British troops were assigned the

northern three landing sites, Juno, Gold and Sword, while the American units would go ashore at Utah and Omaha. These landing sites were well south of the most likely place to launch an assault of this type. The Germans expected the attack in the area of the Pas de Calais, the closest point of the European continent to Britain and a good port for re-supply operations. The actual sites used took advantage of surprise and caused confusion

within the enemy forces. The story of all the deception and misinformation used to cover the actual strength and intention of OVERLORD is a subject in itself.

If this article has given the reader just an inkling of the scope and magnitude of D-Day then the mission was successful. Hundreds of volumes have been written to cover every aspect and detail of the campaign. Sometime in dissecting something into its individual parts, the vastness of the whole is lost. So, as you go to bed tonight, remember, 74 years ago half the invasion forces were fighting their way off the beaches and the other half were waiting aboard ship for their run to the beach. They were the beginning of the end of Hitler, and he knew if the Allies were successful in getting ashore only a miracle would prevent the collapse of the Axis.

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