

Candidates' Draw results announced

Five of the seven remaining eligible candidates for this year's Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election attended the Candidates' Draw at the Ocean Pines Community Center on Friday, June 8 at 11 a.m.

Two candidates, Mark Mitchell and Scott Wagner, have submitted a formal withdrawal. Seven candidates now vie for three vacant board positions.

The Candidates' Draw determines the order of the names on the ballot and order of seating at the Ocean Pines Association Candidates' Forums.

Here are the results of the drawing:

1. Steve Tuttle
2. Frank Daly
3. Gregory Turner
4. Paula Gray
5. Esther Diller
6. Ted Moroney
7. Arie Klapholz

The Elections Committee is seeking questions from members of the Association for the first Candidates' Forum. Residents are encouraged to submit questions, 75 words or less, by calling the Elections Committee Telephone Hotline at 410-208-3989, or emailing the Elections Committee at elections@oceanpines.org.

The deadline for submitting questions for the first Candidates' Forum is Sunday, June 24. The deadline for submitting questions for the second Candidates' Forum is Sunday, July 15.

The cutoff date for voter eligibility in Ocean Pines is July 3. Ballots will be mailed on July 6 and are due on August 8. Votes will be counted on August 10. The three winners, two serving three-year terms and the other serving a remaining one-year term due to a vacancy, will be validated during the annual meeting on Saturday, August 11 at 10 a.m. at the Assateague Room in the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Key dates in the election process include:

Candidates' Forum (June 27, 2018 at 7 p.m.,

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Stilwell is Crafter of the Month

The Pine Craft Club announced Barbara Stilwell as the Crafter of the Month for June. **Barbara Stilwell** has been part of the Pine'er Craft club for the past 12 years. She moved here permanently from Central New Jersey in 2003.

One of her many crafts she loves doing is crocheting afghans. Her first was made for her first of eight grandchildren 22 years ago and she has not stopped since. Many of her baby afghans and throws in the Pine'er Artisan and Gift shop are her creations. When she runs out of yarn she is busy making wreaths, jewelry for all occasions and lighted lamps from adult beverage bottles.

Barbara is pictured with an Afghan of Many Colors, that she crocheted and donated to the club for a fundraiser. This can be seen at the Pine'er Artisan and Gift Shop. The Pine'er Artisan and Gift Shop is located in White Horse Park. It is open all year, every Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and now every Wednesdays through August, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Community Calendar JUNE

GOP women to meet

The Republican Women of Worcester County will hold its annual Red, White and Blue Luncheon meeting on Thursday, June 28, at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. The guest speaker will be Craig Wolf, who is running for Attorney General of Maryland. Craig is a former federal/state prosecutor, business leader and US Army veteran. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. To make your reservation and/or for more information, contact Ann Lutz at annlutz60@gmail.com or at 410-208-9767.

Craft club to meet

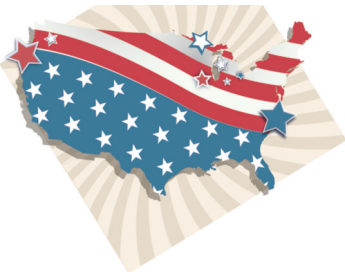
The Pine'er Craft Club will meet June 21 in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Refreshments will be served at 9:45 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Guests are welcome to join.

Chamber to host ribbon cutting ceremonies

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting ceremonies at two Ocean Pines venues. The first will be at the Ocean Pines Beach Club on Thursday, June 14; the second at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Wednesday, June 20. Both events will occur at 5:30 p.m. Matt Ort Companies, LLC has taken over management of both facilities. All Worcester County business people, employers and employees, are invited to attend and take part the Ribbon Cutting.

The chamber will host its June Business After Hours from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Beach Club during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

For more information, contact the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-5306.



Flag Day is
June 14

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
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

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>.

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 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.

Thursday

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

Beach Singles

Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna's at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577 or Kate at 410-524-0649 for more activities. BeachSingles.org.

Legion Bingo

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

Gamblers Anonymous

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

Friday

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

First Saturday

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

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Ocean Pines Yacht Club)
Voter Eligibility Deadline (July 3, 2018)
Ballots Mailed (July 6, 2018)
2nd Candidates' Forum, (July 21, 2018 at 10 a.m., Ocean Pines Yacht Club)
Ballot Deadline (August 8, 2018)
Ballots Counted (August 10, 2018 at 10 a.m., Community Center)
Annual Meeting (August 11, 2018 at 10 a.m., Community Center)
For more information, contact Ocean Pines Elections Committee

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

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.

Thrift shop opening scheduled

Atlantic General Hospital is holding a ribbon cutting for the newly expanded Auxiliary Thrift Shop located at 10452 Old Ocean

City Blvd. in Berlin on Thursday, June 21 at 1 p.m. During the time of the ribbon cutting, there will be refreshments available for all who attend. From open to close that day, the thrift shop will be selling all items for 10% off.

The thrift shop accepts donations at the door of a large variety, including clothing, shoes, accessories, jewelry, household items, sports equipment, books, linens, and more. All items are sold at a reasonable price, with all of the profits from the sales going to the hospital to support patient care services, new technology and education to benefit the community.

Ocean Pines to celebrate with golf tournament

The literal and figurative heart of Ocean Pines, Ocean Pines Golf Club, will help the community continue its

be held on Saturday, June 30 at 9 a.m., is a testament to that legacy.

According to Ocean Pines Director of Golf John Malinowski, the tournament sold out within a couple of weeks of opening registration. He said that those lucky enough to snag a spot will be in for a treat.

"The golf course is in fantastic condition," Malinowski said. "I think tournament participants will be pleased by the job our superintendent, Andre Jordan, and his

staff have done."

While the anniversary was the impetus for the tournament, the highlight of the event will be the course layout, created by legendary architect Robert Trent Jones, Sr.



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Professional golfer **Billy Casper** gives a demonstration to onlookers in Ocean Pines Golf Club's early days.

year-long 50th anniversary celebration with a golf tournament later this month.

Although just a few years shy of 50 (the course opened its first nine holes in 1972), Ocean Pines Golf Club has long been the social center of the community. The sold-out event, which will

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The terms “college” and “university” are often used interchangeably, but there are distinctions between the terms. Specifications may differ based on where a school is located, but generally speaking colleges offer only associate’s and bachelor’s degrees while universities offer those degrees as well



as graduate degrees. Colleges may be private institutions that tend to have small student bodies, while universities boast more sizable enrollments. Universities also tend to be home to vast libraries and may feature teaching schools with major research projects being conducted at given times. According to the education resource CollegeRank, in order for a college to receive university status, it must first meet a few requirements. A university has the financial resources to support its graduate and professional programs and has the facilities and equipment required to meet the needs of students in those programs. The school also must be accredited and, depending on the location, possibly licensed and incorporated within that area. Despite the differences between colleges and universities, many students find they can achieve their academic goals whether they attend a college or university.

Netflix series continues to examine youth suicide

A year ago the first season of “13 Reasons Why” (13RW) debuted on Netflix, and teens were riveted to the story of a high school suicide and its aftermath. Parents, teachers, counselors and healthcare professionals were disturbed by the show’s cursory and often inaccurate portrayal of youth suicide, its lack of warnings and crisis hotline information in the first episodes, and many feared a rash of copycat suicides.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18 and 24, the third leading cause of death for children aged 10 to 14. Since 1999, overall suicide rates in America have increased 30%. This is preventable.

Indeed, there were reports of youth suicides following 13RW’s debut. Young people are often unable to control impulsive actions, but to ascribe a suicide to a show alone is probably shortsighted. There are usually other underlying causes – depression, anxiety about transitions like middle to high school, sexuality, bullying, and substance abuse. As the second season unfolds, the opportunity is presented to recognize these stresses that young people face, to open a free discussion about them, and to find resources to help kids safely through their journeys from youth to adulthood.

Young people are going to watch

13RW and react to violent scenes and language. Trying to prevent them from absorbing a message that they see as addressing their concerns, in their language, perhaps better than any adult ever has, is not an effective tactic if the desire is to prevent violence of all sorts.

Listening and talking is. Kids will come to adults they trust with their thoughts and fears, and 13RW can open communication that will help everyone gain a better understanding of the stress in teens’ lives, why they react as they do, and help everyone avoid the physical abuse and avert the mental anguish that too often result in suicide attempts.

Ask: “Are you watching the new season of ‘13 Reasons Why?’” Use indirect questions: “What do you think of it? How does it make you feel?” Listen carefully, without judgment or reprimand. Understand one thing: If you’re older than 30 you cannot know what it’s like to be a teen in 2018.

Know: Suicide’s warning signs. Has a child given away valuable possessions, talked, written or created art about death, stopped doing things that were once fun, isolated himself or herself from family and friends? If you see these and are concerned now, be direct: “Are you thinking of killing yourself?” If the answer is yes, assure the young person that there is a way other than suicide, be open to every possibility

of therapy – be it psychiatric, faith-based, or the school’s counseling service – and do not be ashamed to seek help. Don’t chastise. This is not the time for tough love.

For local resources and guidance, visit www.jessesaddle.org, the website of the Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program. There you will find guidance about suicide’s risk factors and warning signs, and a comprehensive guide to resources available on the lower Eastern Shore, everything from formal medical care to complementary tools like meditation and art therapy.

Think of “13 Reasons Why” can be an open door to safety, contentment and hope. You never know when you will be in a position to save a life from suicide.

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Dem club to meet

The Democratic Women’s Club of Worcester County will hold a luncheon and silent auction at The Dunes Manor Hotel on Monday, June 18, noon to 2 p.m. Reservations are required. Call 410-973-1021 for information.

Wescott should be the next Register of Wills

Editor:

For the last twenty years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve as Register of Wills for the citizens of Worcester County. Other than my family time, this time has been one of the most rewarding periods of my life in getting to help families who have just lost a loved one – one of the most devastating times in our lives. While I will seriously miss my job, I look forward to spending more time with my family.

Last year I was having a hard time deciding whether to retire or not. When I discussed this with my Chief Deputy, Terri Delaney Westcott, she said if I retired, she would like to run for the position. Well, that made my mind up quickly – I would retire!

Terri has been my right hand for over 17 years and not only has a full understanding of the integral work in the opening and administering of an estate, she also has the compassion needed to help families in one of the most emotional times of their lives. Terri, my staff and I have worked hard to provide caring and excellent customer service to anyone who walks through the doors of our office and needs our assistance and knowledge of how to comply with MD Estates and Trusts law.

While Terri has two opponents in the Republican primary, one of her opponents has resided in Maryland only since last July – less than a year – and neither of them has ever stepped a foot into my office.

Any person who has had to open an estate in my office is aware of how knowledgeable and understanding my staff members are and how very important these attributes are at a time when most of the time family members don’t know which way to turn in order to take care of finalizing the deceased person’s affairs.

Terri will be able to step into the job of Register from Day One – she has the total understanding and experience in every important phase of the operation of the Register’s office. This is why I wholeheartedly endorse Terri Delaney Westcott!

Charlotte K. Cathell

Register of Wills

for Worcester County

Peppers, eggs and gardening

My mother came for a visit recently. She came to attend an event in which I was participating. Her plan was to arrive the afternoon of the day of the event and leave early the next morning. It was very nice that events didn't work out as planned.

talk on the phone which is nice, but just not the same.

After we got home from that evening's event, I asked my mother for which ferry she had made reservations. She said the first one out but that she'd was thinking staying longer.

Wonderful!

We're both early risers so the next morning the two of us headed to a garden center. It was not quite 7 a.m. when we left. We walked around the garden center for quite some time looking for clearance plants. Although she has

no official certification of which I'm aware, my mother is a gardening expert. Her passion finds its voice when she discusses which plants will do well in what soil and which plants require more sun and which do not. As we walked from one aisle to another, she gave commentary on many of the plants we saw and whether they would be a good fit for my garden, which, unbeknownst to me, she had already evaluated and knew which parts were sunny and which were shady.

During the course of the day we visited two additional garden centers and purchased several "Mom approved" plants. Then we enjoyed a leisurely lunch at a local restaurant. Finally, she was on the road again to catch one of the last ferries of the day back to Cape May. It was one of her nicer visits because it wasn't planned and just evolved.

There have been times when I've had difficulty accepting that my children are now grown, leading their own lives. Where did the time go? How did they get from crawling on the floor one second to being adults the next? As I think about my situation, I can only imagine if my mother has similar thoughts. I suspect she does just as all parents do.

Although it's a tired adage, it is true, "time waits for no man;" it just keeps moving along. And just like I thought those summer days with my grandfather would last forever as would the days when my children were young, time said it was not to be so. As a result, the older I get, the more I value family time and experiences. Time (and my daughter) have made me a grandfather yet I very much appreciate time spent with my mother in the garden.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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A couple days before, she emailed me offering to bring with her cold cuts and rolls from Gaiss', a favorite family deli for more than a half century. It was a nice offer but I was lunchmeated out so I offered to prepare a family favorite, peppers and eggs. She responded quickly, "Yes!"

Pepper and egg sandwiches are a go-to meal in my family. My brother and I ate our fair share of them when we stayed with our grandparents. Gramps often would make them for lunch, procuring the peppers from his own garden. While he prepared the peppers, onions and eggs, my brother and I rode our bikes as fast as we could to Villas Market to purchase a half dozen rolls. By the time we returned the meal was ready. We'd sit at the table, Gramps at the head, my brother and I on either side, watching Action News at noon with the Green Grocer as we ate our sandwiches. After the news we'd watch "McHale's Navy" and then outside we went to continue doing whatever it was we were doing that day. This scene played out over many summer days over many years. They were days I thought would never end.

When I had children of my own, the pepper and egg sandwich tradition continued. Each of my children enjoyed joining me for a sandwich, especially if I made them. Now they're on their own and make them themselves.

But I digress. So, my mother came for lunch and the two of us sat at the table enjoying a family favorite while we talked about various and sundry things that included family news and a little gossip. Well, we may have spent a little more time on gossip. It's not often that my mother and I have a chance to talk in person. Usually we

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The history of the Stars and Stripes

National flags serve to unite citizens of a given country. Flags wave proudly in front of government buildings and schools, and they also identify athletes during international sporting competitions. In many countries, flags also serve as symbols of honor for members of the military and their families.

For more than 200 years, the American flag has been a symbol of unity and pride in the United States. The red, white and blue flag has a storied history and has gone through various incarnations. In advance of Flag Day which is June 14, the following are some of the more interesting facts pertaining to the American flag.

Six different flag designs were flown before Betsy Ross announced that she had sewn the official American flag. These designs included a series of alternating red and white stripes, the Liberty Tree, the Sons of Liberty, and the Forester flag designs. The Continental Navy once used a flag featuring a snake with the mantra "Don't Tread on Me."

On June 14, 1777, the Second

Continental Congress proposed and passed the Flag Act of 1777. This resolution was designed to facilitate the creation of an official flag for a nation that was aiming to earn its independence from Great Britain. The flag was to have thirteen stripes, alternating red and white, with thirteen white stars on a blue field. The thirteen stars signified the original members of the Union.

The American flag remained unchanged until 1795, when the stripes and stars were increased to 15 for the addition of Kentucky and Vermont to the Union.

After seeing the new 15-star and striped flag flying over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the poem that would eventually become the nation's national anthem.

A sea captain from Massachusetts, William Driver, named a large, 10-foot-by-17-foot flag "Old Glory" after it survived multiple defacing attempts during the American Civil War. Driver's nickname of the flag inspired the name to be used for all

American flags.

Although Flag Day was established as a formal national holiday in 1949, it was not made a federal holiday. Flag Day is only an official holiday in the state of Pennsylvania. This may be fitting because legend holds that Betsy Ross sewed the first flag in Pennsylvania.

Today's flag features the original 13 alternating white and red stripes (in 1818, another design went into effect, permanently setting the number of stripes at 13 in honor of the original colonies) and 50 stars to represent the states of the Union. The colors of the flag signify as follows: red for hardiness and valor, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance, perseverance and justice.

The Color Association of the

United States creates the palette of colors used for both private and pub-



lic institutions and the U.S. Army. Mass-market flag manufacturers tend to use Pantone Matching Shade of Dark Red (193 C) and Navy Blue (281 C).

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Annual Pine'eer arts, crafts fair scheduled

The Pine'eer Arts & Crafts Fair, one of Ocean Pines' favorite summer traditions and one that complements the community's year-long 50th anniversary celebration this year, returns to White Horse Park on Saturday, August 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



A wide array of artisans and crafters will showcase their unique handcrafted items at the event, which celebrates 41 years in 2018.

Hosted by the Pine'eer Craft Club in partnership with the Ocean Pines Association, the craft fair will feature specialty items such as jewelry, stitchery creations, decorative pieces and more.

Vendors from around the region have committed to participating in the event, but spots are still available, according to Pine'eer Craft Club member Barb O'Connor. Those interested in selling their handmade crafts should contact Ginger McGovern at opcraftclub@aol.com to secure a space.

Additionally, the Pine'eer Craft Club will hold a bake sale featuring reasonably priced homemade goodies. Parking and admission for shoppers are free.

The Ocean Pines Farmers Market will also be open in conjunction with the fair. Over 70 market vendors will be selling seasonal fresh produce, meats, eggs, seafood, baked goods and more. The Ocean Pines Farmers Market is open every Saturday year-round from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at White Horse Park and on Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. through September 26.

The Pine'eer Craft Club also operates The Pine'eer Craft & Gift Shop in White Horse Park, located across from the Ocean Pines Community Center.

The year-round shop features handcrafted items by club members and is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop has also added a seasonal mid-week shopping opportunity on Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. June through August.

For more information about the Pine'eer Craft Club's 41st Annual Craft Fair, contact Pine'eer Craft Club President Sharon Puser at (410) 208-2944.

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Popular summer events return to Ocean Pines

Summer is just around the corner in Ocean Pines, which means three popular weekly outdoor events offered by the Recreation and Parks Department are set to return for the season. All activities are open to the public.

Movies in the Park are presented every Monday at 8 p.m. in White Horse Park. A different free family-friendly movie will be shown every week June 18 through August 20. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs, food and drinks. Ice cream, candy and drinks will be for sale.

This year's movie line-up includes "Despicable Me 3," "The Little Rascals," "Coco," "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids," "Captain Underpants," "E.T.," "Lady & the Tramp," "Matilda" and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid." The final movie of the summer will be "Ratatouille."

Family Fun Night will once again bring a wave of fun for all ages to the Oasis Pool (formerly known as the Yacht Club Pool), located at 1 Mumford's Landing Road, Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 20 through August 22 except July 4.



Games, contests and music will be part of the festivities, and food and beverages will be for sale poolside. The cost is \$3 for swim members, \$5 for Ocean Pines residents and \$7 for nonresidents. Only those swimming pay a fee.

Ocean Pines' long-running summer music series, Concerts in the Park, is held every Thursday June 21 through August 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at White Horse Park. Refreshments will be sold, or patrons may bring their own.

This year's free performances, sponsored in part by Peninsula Regional Medical Center, are scheduled to include Uptown Band, 229th US Army Band, Belle Tones, "Elvis," On the Edge, "Frank Sinatra," Blind Wind, Full Circle, Prime Time and Opposite Directions.

For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Additional information about these and other recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, can be found at OceanPines.org.



Personal Delivery - Elizabeth Lonsdale is a 10 year old seamstress who made a cheerful yellow dress from a pillowcase and delivered it herself to Zambia. While taking part in a recent Pillowcase Ministry work session at the Berlin library, Elizabeth shared her travel plans. Pictured is Elizabeth Lonsdale with mission recipients. The daughter of Sharon and Christopher Lonsdale of Public Landing, Elizabeth and her parents traveled to their nephew's wedding in Kabwe, Zambia.

For more information on Pillowcase Ministry call Barbara at 443-944-5868. Volunteers participate in making and compiling items for marginalized women and children. Donations are welcome, including money to offset shipping expenses. The most recent shipment was 80 dresses sent to the Christian Appalachia Project, In Kentucky.

Juried art show participants sought

The Worcester County Arts Council (WCAC) invites all interested artists to participate in a juried art show with a subject: "Summertime," to be exhibited during the month of July at the WCAC Gallery located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin.

The exhibition is open to all artists, 18 years old and older, professional or amateur, with work in all media. All work must be original and completed within the last three years.

Work must be delivered to the Arts Council's Gallery between June

28 and 29, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., to be accepted. Artwork will be juried in and judged for the competition by Tamara Mills, the Worcester County Board of Education Coordinator of Instruction.

Monetary prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place during the Second Friday Arts Stroll reception to be held on July 13, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Detailed entry guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcestercountycouncil.org.

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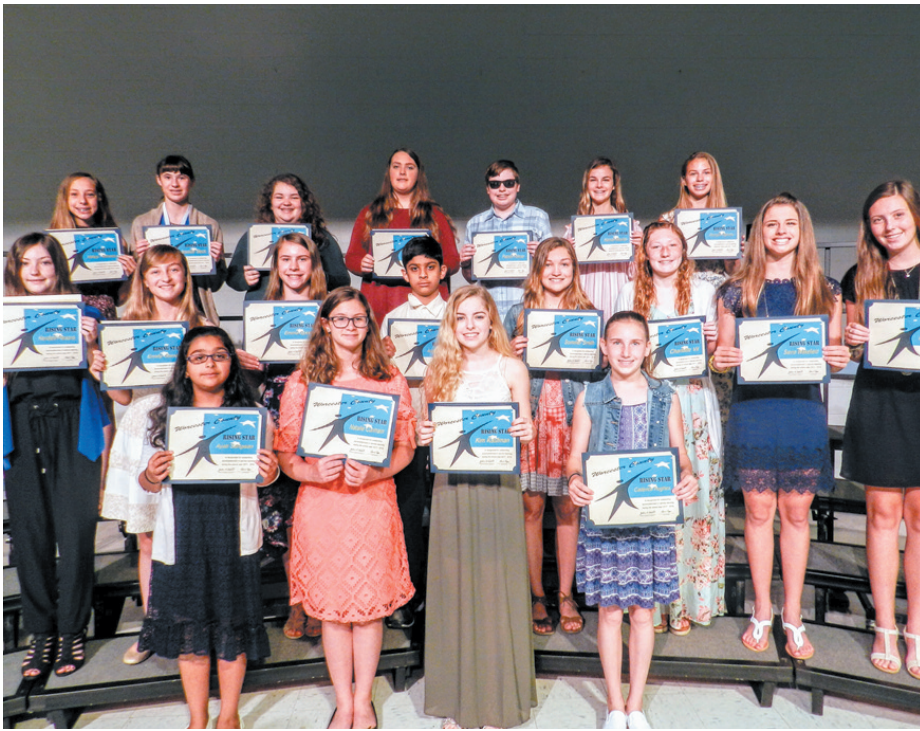
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Stars - Stephen Decatur Middle School students were presented with the Rising Star Award at the recent Honor's Ceremony. These students were commended for their service to school and community.

Front row: **Ayati Sangwan, Natalie Canham, Kimberly Kaufman and Cadence Hughes.**

Middle row: **Kendahl Parsons, Emily Sandt, Emma Sperry, Aryavir Sangwan, Sommer Smith, Charlotte Vit, Sierra Wakefield and Megan Wheller.**

Back row: L-R: **Malery Adnrews, Jessica Beck, Jenna Bradford, Lilly Devereaux, Patrick Fohner, Hannah Mourlas and Georgia Oglesby.**

Maryland Conservation Corps now recruiting young adults

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is now recruiting members for the Maryland Conservation Corps, an award-winning AmeriCorps program that engages young adults aged 17-25 in extensive conservation, environmental and natural resources management projects across the state.

The department seeks to hire 35 full-time members who will work on five to seven teams for an 11-month period, beginning in September 2018.

In an average year, Maryland Conservation Corps members will:

- Conduct interpretive state park programming;

- Help preserve rich historical heritage sites;

- Improve park nature centers;

- Maintain hundreds of miles of trails;

- Plant thousands of trees;

- Provide environmental education programming for Maryland students;

- Restore wildlife habitat;

Support the improvement of the Chesapeake and coastal bays; and, Work with schools to plant bay grasses.

"The Maryland Conservation Corps provides young adults with a meaningful opportunity to gain experience in environmental science and natural resource conservation," Maryland Park Service Superintendent Nita Settina said. "From aquatic systems and public lands management, the program offers hands-on, real-world experience in a team-based environment that supports community service and conservation stewardship."

To be considered, interested individuals must submit an online application. Placement will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Maryland Conservation Corps program is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism and Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

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Martin, Crisafulli, Mason

"We are proud to endorse Matt Crisafulli for Sheriff! After highly considering each candidate running we decided Matt is the best choice to keep our schools safe.

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**~Worcester County
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"I had the distinct pleasure of hiring Matt Crisafulli in March of 1999.

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Worcester County needs his leadership and I urge you to place your vote toward Matt Crisafulli for the position of Sheriff in the 2018 election."

**~Sheriff Charles "Chuck" Martin,
Retired Worcester County Sheriff**

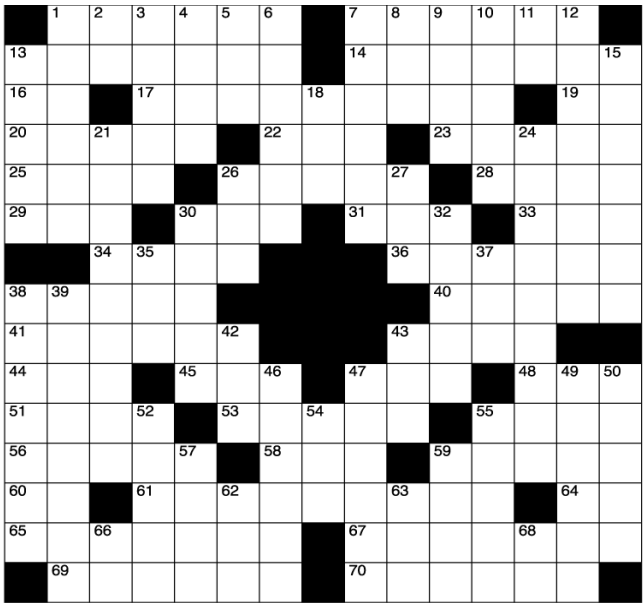
"What you have done for this office and our county, there is no doubt when I leave the Sheriff's Office in 2018, you will continue to make our county safe.

What a difference you have made in our schools, many students past and present have come to me over the years and told me what a role model you have been to them. Kids today need role models, this can change their entire lives for the better.

I have no doubt you are the best choice for Sheriff of Worcester County!"

**~Sheriff Reggie Mason, Current
Worcester County Sheriff**

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Glowering

7. Sports equipment

13. Relief organization

14. Go against the flow

16. A public promotion of some product or service

17. Premier League's Spurs

19. Of I

20. Tears down (Brit.)

22. One point north of due east

23. Sandwich shops

25. American spy

26. Medieval stringed instrument

28. Self-immolation by fire ritual

29. Pearl Jam's debut

30. Panthers' Newton

31. Press against lightly

33. ___ Squad

34. Eminem hit

36. Violent seizure of property

38. Native or inhabitant of Asia
40. Loudness units

41. Knotted anew

43. Daddy

44. Folk singer DiFranco

45. Women from the Mayflower

47. Metric capacity unit

48. Couple

51. A way to coat

53. ___ and Diu: Indian territory

55. French river

56. Asteroids

58. Investment measurement (abbr.)

59. India and Nepal border river

60. Santa says it three times

61. Hungers

64. Linear unit

65. Speech

67. Taking forcefully

69. Places to be

70. Amusing behavior

CLUES DOWN

1. Adult female

2. An alternative

3. Rituals

4. Native American people

5. High school exam

6. Respect

7. Tanned

8. Kilometers per hour

9. Ancient Israeli city

10. Periods

11. Electron volt

12. Smallest interval in classical Western music

13. Metric weight unit

15. Occupies

18. ___ and flow

21. Responsive to physical stimuli

24. One who presses into thin sheets

26. Jogged

27. Automobile
30. Punished

32. Belonging to a bottom layer

35. Japanese delicacy

37. Soda

38. Algonquian language

39. Legislators

42. Father

43. Needed at the ATM

46. Baltimore footballers

47. ___ Tomei, actress

49. Expands

50. Person (Indonesian)

52. Related

54. Where wrestlers work

55. American communist leader

57. Creatively tell

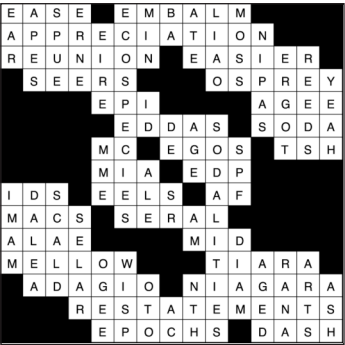
59. Separatist group

62. Edgar Allan ___, poet

63. A way to discolor

66. Actinium

68. Integrated circuit



Answers for June 6

Knots & Knots

Air show over the water

By Dan Collins

This weekend is the Ocean City Air Show. I remember my first air show. It was at McGuire AFB in New Jersey more than 60 years ago. The wheels on the B-52 stood taller than me. Ours featured the famous US Air Force Thunderbirds who performed their awesome precision flight demonstration in view of beach bathing tax payers on 15-17 June.

Our show is a bit special. It's over water and I thought I'd share with you some of the behind-the-scenes marine security and safety considerations.

On land, safety is the aegis of the various police agencies, Ocean City Emergency Response personnel, Community Emergency Response Team, the National Guard and others who are posed to react to any situation.

However, conducting an air show over water is a lot trickier than over land. The key difference from their usual weekly show is that the pilots do not have landmarks on which to line up their approaches and to check their timing as they approach the show center. Also, most maneuvers are performed by flying parallel to a runway.

On the water there is no concrete strip 2 feet deep and 5000 feet long to provide a reference. Instead, the US Coast Guard anchors an 87 foot white cutter that comes down from Cape May, NJ precisely in the middle to identify show center and a no sail 'box' about a half mile wide and two miles long is marked off with buoys that parallels the beach and is centered at the cutter to simulate the runway. The pilots must then judge their direction by eyeballing the beach surf line and their timing by relying on their navigation instruments and the position of the Coast Guard cutter.

A small fleet of 12 to 15 surface facilities from the Coast Guard, the Maryland Natural Resources Police, the Maryland State Troopers, the USCG Auxiliary and the Ocean City Beach Patrol maintain vigilance to keep sightseers from entering the 'box.' Actually, boaters are kept away from both the north and south ends of the 'box' as well and at least 100 yards east of the two mile side of the simulated runway as a safety buffer while OC Beach Patrol maintains security on

the west side of the 'box' along the surf.

If a plane should go down in the water, Maryland State troopers boats equipped with SCUBA divers respond immediately. The rest of the patrol facilities hold station and keep Good Samaritans out of harm's way until directed otherwise.

In addition to keeping the 'box' clear of surface traffic, a no fly zone is also in effect. The no fly zone is a circle with a 5 mile radius centered at the cutter. Besides the obvious prohibition of aircraft and drones, the no fly zone also excludes parasails and even kites on the beach during show hours. Two years ago, the USCG had to interdict a parasail boat conducting operations 4.8 miles south of show center off Assateague Island. The incident almost caused the program to be halted.

With all that behind the scenes effort, the question can be asked where is the best place to enjoy the air show. The best place for taking pictures is on the beach near show



center, that's around 14th Street, because you can you can steady your camera and the late afternoon sunlight is at your back when the marquee attractions perform their best stunts directly in front of the viewing stands.

On the other hand, I think the view from the water is even better because you get to see more of the show. You can see the planes gather back over the bay and begin their approaches long before the beachgoers get a glimpse. We have had an estimated 400 recreational boats at anchor watching the annual event on days when the weather is calm and the waves are less than 2 feet. When the weather is heavy, like last year, most of the Father's Day armada anchored in the bay and watched from there.

Regardless of whether you are a camera bug or an air show groupie wanting to see a fast F-35, a huge C-5, a nostalgic B-25 or P-51, or the precision flying like the GEICO and Thunderbird teams, the Ocean City Air Show over water is something special.

WCAC awards grants to local organizations

The Worcester County Arts Council awarded \$16,000 in the Community Arts Development Grants program to 12 art projects and events to be presented by local nonprofit organizations during the six-month granting cycle beginning July 1, 2018.

Grant projects are evaluated based on overall quality of cultural excellence, community outreach and public impact, and financial/administrative merit.

Funding supports a wide variety of creative and innovative projects that are of outstanding artistic quality and demonstrate community benefit enhancing the lives of everyone living and visiting the Worcester County. This program is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council.

The following is a list of organizations and their projects that are being awarded a Community Arts

- Development Grant for the FY 2019 granting period:
- Art League of Ocean City - Various Art Exhibits
 - Berlin Heritage Foundation - Berlin Peach Festival
 - Berlin Main Street - Live Music for Berlin Farmers Market
 - Brown Box Theatre Project - 2018/2019 Season
 - Friends of Julia A. Purnell Museum - Art for Outdoor Spaces
 - Furnace Town Living Heritage Village - Camp Nassawango
 - Furnace Town Living Heritage Village - Nassawango Bluegrass Festival

- Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra - Concert Performances
 - Worcester county Library - Sculpting Demo and Workshop
 - Worcester County Education Foundation - Chamber Music by the Sea
 - Town of Ocean City - Children's Workshops at ArtX
 - Town of Snow Hill - First Fridays Music Entertainment
- In addition, a total of \$4,875 has been awarded, as a supplemental grant funding, to the following organizations for their current FY 2018 projects:
- Art League of Ocean City - Art

- Exhibits
 - Assateague People Native American Tribe - Drums on the Pocomoke
 - Brown Box Theatre Project - 2017/2018 Season
 - Pines Tones Chorus - 2018 Spring Performances
 - Pocomoke Middle School - Lion King Jr. Musical Performance
- The next deadline to apply for Community Arts Development Grants is October 15, 2018. Application form is available on our website: www.worcestercountyartscountcil.org. For additional information, please call: 410-641-0809.

golf
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Jones, who has designed over 400 courses around the world, was commissioned to create the layout for Ocean Pines Golf Club, originally known as Seabright and later as Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club.

Construction on the golf course began in 1970. It officially opened on June 5, 1972, making it one of the earliest courses in the Ocean City area. The inaugural foursome that day included PGA Tour and Masters champion Billy Casper as well as Bob Haley, Ocean Pines' first golf club professional.

Haley, now retired, went on to build and own The Bay Club in Berlin and found golf apparel company Sport Haley. He credits his time at Ocean Pines with much of his later success.

"Given the opportunity to start something as big as Ocean Pines at age 26 was a wonderful, incredible thing," he said. "A lot happened be-

cause of Ocean Pines. They were the first people to take a chance on me." Haley will revisit Ocean Pines at the anniversary tournament, where he will play with other former Ocean Pines golf pros Buddy Sass, Bob Beckelman and Hunt Crosby, all of whom work at area courses.

This year's event is not the first anniversary tournament for Beckelman, who was the head golf professional at Ocean Pines when the community celebrated its 35th.

Although Beckelman is now the head golf professional at River Run Golf Club in Berlin, (where Crosby is also employed as the director of golf) Ocean Pines is still a special place for him.

"It's interesting to me to think that I still consider Ocean Pines Golf Club as my home no matter how long I've been gone or how many other positions I have held," he said.

Sass, who is the head golf professional at Ocean City Golf Club, has a similar fondness for Ocean Pines, where he worked in addition to being a member.

"Ocean Pines was a great place to grow up," he said. "My family was a member from the beginning. My dad joined in 1970 and continued through 1999. I played thousands of rounds on the course and it never got old."

Although firmly rooted in tradition, Ocean Pines Golf Club has not been shy about embracing the future.

With an eye on developing future players, the course has a thriving junior program and will welcome over 100 young golfers at its camps this summer.

Ocean Pines Golf Club also offers a free golf app, available for download on Apple and android devices, that features live scoring and GPS and can be customized for tournaments and outings.

"Golf as an industry and pastime is always evolving. Ocean Pines tries to stay ahead of the curve by keeping an eye on trends and making golf fun for and accessible to as many people as possible," Malinowski said.

Open to the public year-round, Ocean Pines Golf Club is the only Robert Trent Jones championship course on Maryland's Eastern Shore. A fair but demanding course, its 18 holes are nestled amid natural wetlands and scenic woodlands. Memberships are available for those wishing to make it their home club.



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Fri., June 15	9:23 a.m. 9:52 p.m.	3:29 a.m. 3:26 p.m.	5:36 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Sat., June 16	10:17 a.m. 10:45 p.m.	4:22 a.m. 4:21 p.m.	5:36 a.m.	8:26 p.m.
Sun., June 17	11:12 a.m. 11:39 p.m.	5:17 a.m. 5:19 p.m.	5:36 a.m.	8:26 p.m.
Mon., June 18	12:09 p.m.	6:13 a.m. 6:20 p.m.	5:37 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
Tues., June 19	12:35 a.m. 1:10 p.m.	7:09 a.m. 7:23 p.m.	5:37 a.m.	8:27 p.m.
Wed., June 20	1:33 a.m. 2:13 p.m.	8:05 a.m. 8:28 p.m.	5:37 a.m.	8:27 p.m.

PRMC projects highlighted during conference

Peninsula Regional Medical Center recently earned a national spotlight at the 2018 Industrial and Systems Engineering Research Conference. The conference, held in Orlando in May, published two articles detailing improvement projects at Peninsula Regional.

Peninsula Regional's Operational Performance Improvement Department, in collaboration with the Pharmacy and Patient Transportation departments, undertook the featured projects in 2017. In the first project, PRMC's Wen Cao, a performance improvement consultant, and David Shores, manager of Patient Transportation, presented "Complex Healthcare Organization Intra-hospital Transport Optimization using Simulation and Linear Programming." The initiatives were implemented within the medical imaging transport process. The project resulted in a 28.3 percent reduction in transport delays and improved transport productivity, achieving top decile performance nationally. Additional contributors to this publication include Scott Phillips,

director of Supply Chain and Support Services, and Debra Sheets, director of Operational Performance Improvement.

Dr. Cao also presented "Impact of Decentralized Pharmacist Discharge Counseling Service on 30-Day Readmission." This project was led by Rachel Cordrey and Brian Miles, PRMC pharmacy supervisors, and was facilitated by Dr. Cao. The results of this project demonstrated that for patients discharged to home, the group counseled by a pharmacist experienced a lower 30-day readmission rate (8.11 percent) than the group not counseled by a pharmacist (12.05 percent). Additional contributors to this publication include William Cooper, ambulatory pharmacy manager; Dennis Killian, director of Pharmacy Services; and Debra Sheets.

In addition, Dr. Cao served as session chair at the conference for "Healthcare Systems: Process Improvement," and served as a judge for "Healthcare Systems: Best Student Track Paper Finalist Presentations."



By the book - On Monday, June 4, members of the Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) Literacy Committee and Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women teamed up to distribute McGuffey Bookworm Club books to approximately 550 students at Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin. The McGuffey Bookworm Project is supported by private funds raised by the Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women (FWWCW). The fund supplies books, a backpack and a bookmark for summer enjoyment reading to every elementary school in Worcester County. Pictured are, **Kelly Brinkley** (FWWCW), **Marge Matturro**, **Barbara Johnson**, **Carol Rose** (RWWC), **Maddie Pettolina** (RWWC), **Liz Mumford** (RWWC and FWWCW), **Laura Arenella** (Buckingham's CRT and Title 1 Coordinator) and three kindergartners with their smiles and their new books.

Humane Society to host 'Kitten Shower'

With kitten season in full swing the Worcester County Humane Society will be holding a "Kitten Shower" adoption event at the new Petsmart in Berlin. The event will be held Saturday, June 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be kittens available for adoption and the shelter will be accepting donations from their "Kitten Shower" wish list.

- Royal Canin Mother and Baby dry cat food (most needed)
- Friskies Turkey and Giblets Pate canned cat food (most needed)
- kitten formula - KMR is preferred (most needed)
- kitten bottles and replacement nipples
- warming disks

- scoopable kitty litter
- cat toys
- baby wipes
- Aveeno lavender baby shampoo
- gift certificates

The no kill shelter takes in nearly 200 kittens every kitten season. Along with needing donations, the shelter is always in need of fosters, not just for kittens but also for senior animals at the shelter and animals with special medical needs. Those interested in fostering, can fill out a foster application at the Worcester County Humane Society located at 12330 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin. The shelter is open every day except Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Diabetes education classes offered


People with diabetes can take control and learn how to live a healthy, fulfilling life while managing their condition. Peninsula Regional Medical Center is sponsoring Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon diabetes self-management education class sessions start to discuss healthy eating, activity, monitoring, medications, healthy coping, risk reduction and other self-management skills to help assist with diabetes control.

The evening class session will meet at the Medical Center on five consecutive Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. beginning July 11. The afternoon class session will meet at the Medical Center on five consecutive Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. beginning July 12. All classes are taught by certified diabetes educators.

Registration is required. The cost of the five-week series may be reimbursed by insurance or Medicare. For more information or to register, please call Peninsula Regional Nutrition and Diabetes Education at 410-543-7061.

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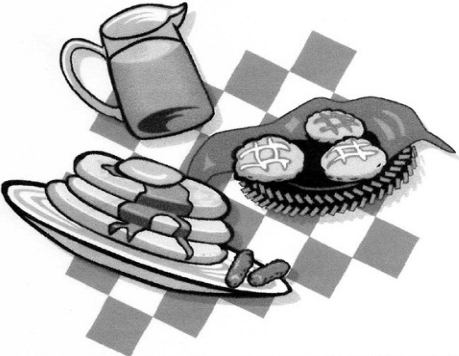
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Horseshoe Crab Spawning survey is underway

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) and the MD Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries and Boating Services are currently conducting their annual horseshoe crab spawning survey to assess the population and habitat availability in the coastal bays.

From early May through late July, horseshoe crabs come to shore to spawn and lay eggs during high tides. Overall, fisheries scientists and managers have determined that there is no clear coast-wide trend in horseshoe crab abundance, but it appears there are



cases of localized population declines. More data is needed about horseshoe crab populations, and the information from this survey, as well as similar surveys in other states is helping to fill in gaps in scientific knowledge.

Last year's survey result was recently released revealing that the horseshoe population is stable in the Delaware Bay area that also includes the Maryland Coastal Bays. Thanks to countless volunteers this program is assisting scientist with monitoring the status of this primitive species.

Horseshoe crabs play a key role in coastal ecosystems and are particularly important to migratory

shorebirds. Shorebirds migrating thousands of miles, from Central and South America to Arctic breeding areas, stopover on mid-Atlantic beaches to replenish their energy reserves. The spawning season of horseshoe crabs coincides with the stopover of shorebirds, and millions of horseshoe crab eggs provide an abundant and preferred food source for the shorebirds.

The MCBP encourages the community to keep a watchful eye throughout the summer and in the event a horseshoe crab gets caught up in certain environments, such as a rip-rap and marshes, help it find its way to safety. They do not bite or pinch and can be easily saved by picking them up and turning them over. Never pick them up by the tension (tail). This is their navigational tool, a break will ultimately result in death.

If you are interested in joining MCBP in protecting the horseshoe

crab, please contact Amanda Poskaitis at amandap@mdcoastalbays.org or by calling her at 410-213-2297 ext. 103.

Parade winners announced

Judge's Choice Awardees in the Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Parade held on June 2 are Ocean Pines Racquet Sports Club, Worcester County Marching Band and Berkshire Hathaway Home Services PenFed Realty.

Judges for the parade were volunteers Susan Rabuck of Dagsboro, DE and Phyllis Mitchell and Andrea Hastings from Mitchell and Hastings Financial Services in West Ocean City.

Volunteers from the Delmarva Chorus, Bob McConkey, Dot Waters and Sam Waters worked in the staging area, water station and the pizza party for the 150 thirsty and hungry students.

Be careful ...

Standing water is a common sight at many homes during summer. Rainstorms may not last as long in summer as they do during other times of year, but the water they leave behind can still be harmful. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, standing water is a breeding ground for various microorganisms. When those microorganisms become airborne, they can be inhaled by men, women and children, potentially triggering allergic reactions. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that studies have indicated that female mosquitoes like to lay their eggs in water that collects or is stored in manmade containers. If it rains and water covers mosquito eggs, the eggs can hatch and become adults in roughly one week. The CDC advises men and women to protect themselves from mosquitoes by walking their properties once per week, turning over, scrubbing and covering any containers that hold or may hold water. Vases, pet water bowls, flowerpot saucers, buckets, and pool covers are just a handful of the items that can make attractive places for mosquitoes to lay their eggs.

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Anglers to host annual kids fishing event

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will host its annual Teach A Kid to Fish Day on Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the South Gate Pond near the Sports Core Pool in Ocean Pines. Kids of all ages are invited to "test the waters" and learn fishing skills and techniques with the members of the Ocean Pines Anglers Club. A wonderful opportunity for parents and grandparents to share their love of fishing with a

new generation. Members of the Anglers Club and Department of Natural Resources will offer knot tying, fish identification, casting and fishing tips. Please bring your own rod. The pond has been stocked with several species of fish and bait will be provided. There will be a drawing for a free rod & reel. This event is free. No pre-registration is required.

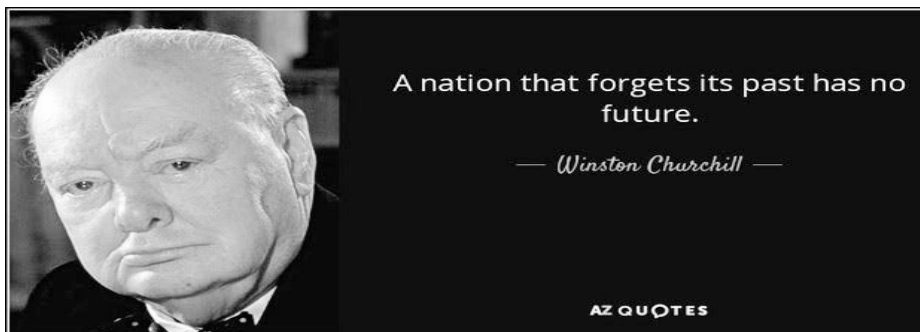
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Farewell - Temple Bat Yam (TBY) in Berlin celebrated with Rabbi Susan Warshaw her retirement after 10 years of service to the synagogue and its congregation. The celebration party was held at Embers Restaurant, June 2 with a full room of well-wishers along with local dignitaries.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams presented Rabbi Warshaw with "Honorary Citizenship in the Town of Berlin" while Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan presented a "Key to the City of Ocean City." Senator Jim Mathias presented the Rabbi with an official citation from the Maryland General Assembly recognizing her 10 years of dedicated service.

From left: Senator **Jim Mathias**, Ocean City Mayor **Rick Meehan**, Rabbi **Susan Warshaw**, TBY Cantorial Soloists, **Phyllis Alpern** and **Cheryl Taustin**, and TBY President **Paul Schwab**.



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Questions to ask before taking a gap year

High school seniors are on the cusp of significant change as they begin their final year of secondary school. As students try to decide what to do after high school, many will be preoccupied with applying to college and exploring their interests in the hopes of finding the right subject to study upon enrolling in college or university. Students consider those weighty decisions while simultaneously preparing to leave home for the first time and focusing on their schoolwork.

While the vast majority of high school seniors will enroll in a college or university in the fall after they earn their high school diplomas, a small but growing number of teenagers are taking gap years. A gap year is a year away from the classroom between high school and college that students use to gain more life experience as they try to decide what they want to do with the rest of their lives.

The Gap Year Association notes that gap year planning should be conducted with purpose and intent. While the gap year need not be as structured as a typical school year, a year entirely free of structure might not provide the insight students are hoping for. In fact, the Gap Year Association recommends students answer the following questions before taking a gap year so they can be sure they are making the best decision possible.

How can I make college possible after my gap year? The Gap Year Association recommends students confirm whether they need to defer, take a leave of absence or arrange for a Consortium Agreement in order to enroll in college after their gap years. Make a note of all deadlines, including when tuition deposits are due, before taking a gap year so your enrollment is not jeopardized.

How long do I have for my gap year? Fitting a gap year into existing academic structures should allow students ample time to get what they want out of their gap years and still afford them the chances to earn money via summer jobs. So, students who plan to travel or volunteer overseas should aim to do so during the months they would normally be in school.

Should I go with a group or go it alone? Students should assess how they have fared in collaborative situa-

tions in the past as they try to decide if a group setting or something more independent is best for them. Students may fare better in teams or working alone, and that can be used to inform their decisions. However, students who want to challenge themselves to grow may benefit by making a decision that takes them out of their comfort zones.

How much structure do I need? Some students may take gap years to get a break from the structure of student life. But students should be honest with themselves when assessing just how little structure they can handle. A year completely free from structure can be disorganized and therefore not as enlightening as students hope. In addition, students must consider safety concerns when deciding how much structure they want. Going it alone with very little structure may put students in compromising, unsafe situations, a potentially dangerous course for students who have spent their lives within the often protective confines of school and family.

Where do I want to be, and what

do I want to do? A lack of purpose or direction during a gap year will not provide students with much insight into themselves and the world. Students should determine where they want to be and what they want to do (i.e., volunteer, teach, etc.) before deciding to take a gap year.

What is my budget? Gap years can be enlightening, but they also can be expensive. Students should figure out how they are going to finance their gap years in advance. Students who

will need to work during their gap years should make sure work does not take up so much time that the goal of their gap year, namely learning about oneself, is compromised.

Gap years can help students learn about themselves. But like many of the other decisions facing teenagers as they prepare to graduate high school, the decision to take a gap year requires careful consideration of a host of factors.

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