

Farmers markets offer food, fresh air and more

By **Victor Fernandes**

Joy Galicinao owns a supply of isopropyl alcohol, which has grown as coveted as toilet paper during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“When all this came down,” she said, “finding alcohol was mission impossible. It was like finding toilet paper. There was none to be had.” The owner of Aromatic Essentials by Joy in Bishopville has pivoted her business a bit to satisfy the demand for alcohol-based hand cleansers. While

sales of homemade cleansers have been decent, she said, her handmade face masks have become popular with shoppers since Galicinao made her first visit of the spring to Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Marketplace three weeks ago.



“This time I’m going to have even more [masks],” Galicinao said last Friday. She also sells homemade hand soaps, as well as antibacterial and antiviral essential oil blends, at the year-round market in White Horse Park, which has experienced a better than average influx of shoppers despite having roughly one-quarter of the normal allotment of 85-plus vendors on hand.

Only food and agricultural vendors are deemed essential at this time, per guidelines set by Maryland Department of Agriculture, Maryland Department of Health and Worcester County Health Department. Nonessential vendors serve as part of market manager David Bean’s safety team, which he said is “helping assist people in making sure that everyone is social distancing and doing things that need to be done.” Everyone in attendance on Saturdays are following the rules because they appreciate what the market offers.

Farmers markets in and around Ocean Pines, which include Bluebird Farms, Windmill Creek Vineyard & Winery and Berlin Farmers Market, provide more than produce and other needed goods. They offer a needed break from a statewide stay-at-home order that began March 30. To people with health issues, they are safer alternatives to shopping

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Spirit - Since the start of Ocean City Elementary School’s At Home Learning in April, students have had the opportunity to participate in daily School Spirit Days. Each Friday, to celebrate another successful week of digital learning, students and teachers love to wear their favorite OCES t-shirt, hoodie or baseball hat to show their love and spirit for their awesome school! Pictured showing her school spirit is **Valentina Solis-Parada**, a kindergarten student from Laura Black’s class.

Schools to remain closed

State Superintendent Dr. Karen Salmon announced last Wednesday that following extensive discussions with the Maryland Department of Education (MSDE), the State Board of Education, MDH, and public health experts advising the governor, schools will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. While online and distance learning opportunities

will continue, the department will release ‘Maryland Together: Recovery Plan for Education,’ a comprehensive plan for long-term recovery. At this point, MSDE does not envision that the reopening of schools would be included in Stage One of the governor’s plan, however, different methods of returning to school could be included in both Stage Two and Three.

Decisions regarding graduation will be made by each local school system superintendent. MSDE has been assured by each superintendent that they are collaborating with the local community to be certain that recognition is moving forward and that seniors will have the opportunity to be recognized for their exceptional accomplishments.

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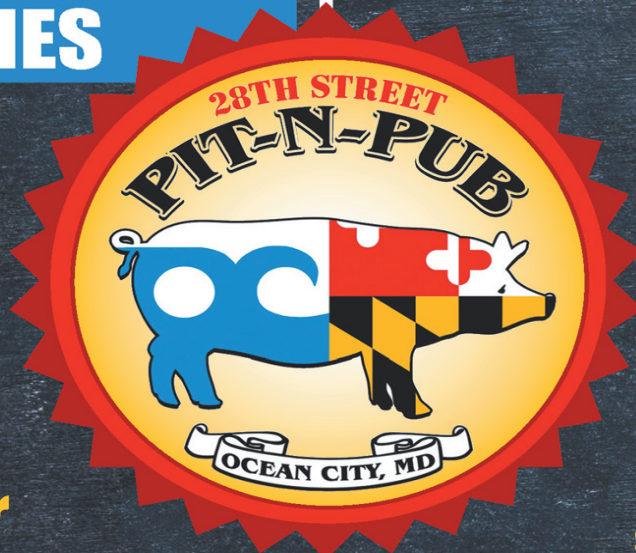
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Commitment - Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) senior, **Hana Miller** (above) of Willards, Maryland, has officially committed to play Division III Field Hockey at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. Miller is an exceptional, three sport student-athlete who plans to study Biochemistry and minor in Spanish while in college. This year, she was a captain of her field hockey team and earned recognition as a member of the NFCA National Academic Squad. In addition to playing field hockey and lacrosse all four years, she was captain of the cheerleading squad. Not only does she work hard on the field, she excels in the classroom as well. Miller is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and the International Thespian Society. "I am excited for Hana to showcase her skills at the next level," added WPS Field Hockey Coach Hana is the oldest daughter of Melissa and Matthew Miller and younger sister Sara (WPS '23).

Golf clubhouse nearly finished

Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola supplied construction and other project updates during his May 2 report to the Association Board.

Viola said the new Golf Clubhouse is "basically complete," with issuance of a certificate of occupancy expected this week. The project, begun last fall, remains under budget.

"It's looking pretty neat," Viola said. "There's a patio that'll come from the Clubhouse Grille for the golfers ... [and] there is another patio that will be used for the banquets and the community center."

Viola said the multipurpose building would accommodate golfers, as well as banquets and community events, and the new Clubhouse Bar & Grille restaurant.

He said construction of the Police station expansion is still on schedule

and on budget. On the software side, efforts continue to implement the new Northstar financial systems across all departments.

"It is moving," Viola said of the latter. "It is a team effort ... and, at the end of the day, I believe we will be successful."

A drainage improvement project in the Borderlinks area has wrapped, with the total price slightly over the \$100,000 budget, coming in at \$101,350.

Elsewhere in operations, Viola said the Association is focused on communications during the unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I believe we have a very good communication team," Viola said. "I just want to point out, for this type of situation ... there's no playbook."

Viola said the communication plan includes monitoring state and federal updates and sharing those across Association platforms. Ocean Pines also continues to exchange information with neighboring communities, including Worcester County, Ocean City and Berlin, to help supply benchmarking.

"We're certainly doing the best we can, and I believe we're addressing everything," he said.

Closures impact amenity revenue, assessment collections

The COVID-19 pandemic clearly has had an impact on Ocean Pines operations and finances, General Manager John Viola said during a May 2 report to the Association Board.

Viola noted that Ocean Pines revenues were "not all from assessments," but said about 60% comes from annual assessments and the remaining 40% comes from amenity revenues.

"And a lot of our amenities are closed right now," he said.

According to the March financial report, net operations were unfavorable for the month about \$36,000, largely because of COVID-19 closures, Viola said.

He said revenues were off budget by about \$60,000, with the Yacht Club (-\$19,000) Aquatics (-\$13,000), CPI (-\$12,000), and Golf (-\$4,000) all missing budget estimates.

Expenses, however, were favorable to budget across the board, Viola said.

"Obviously, we're closed," he said.

Treasurer Larry Perrone said the Association, as of April 30, has received about \$4.2 million in assess-

ments out of the \$9.1 million total due, accounting for about 46%. The Board last month extended the assessment due date to Aug. 1.

"Our hope was to have about 25% to carry us to August, so we're way ahead of that number," Perrone said. "However, compared to last year, we are down \$1.5 million in [collecting] assessments.

"What that says to me is that people are holding onto their money," he continued. "Hopefully ... in the next couple of months people who can afford to send us their assessment dollars will do it."

Perrone said the \$1.14 million loan from the federal Paycheck Protection Program would help make up the difference in cashflow.

"I want to make sure everybody understands ... the impact of the Coronavirus and the shutdown of our amenities," Perrone said. "Even if we get open by June, this may be a long-term effect in a lower amount of revenue coming in.

"We don't know, at this point, if people are still going to come to the beach [or] if they're going to come to Ocean Pines. So, we don't know how long that impact will be or what the amount will be," he added.

Yacht Club achieves goal to help hourly workers

Ocean Pines Yacht Club officials this week announced they had achieved an important goal: raising \$10,000 in tips for hourly workers temporarily laid off because of mandatory COVID-19 closures.

Ralph DeAngelus, cofounder of the Matt Ortt Companies that runs the Yacht Club, made the following announcement on Wednesday:

"Since March 18, these eleven managers have been working at the Yacht Club making and delivering family meals to Ocean Pines residents.

"At the start of their journey, they set a goal to raise \$10,000 in tips to give to the hourly staff members once they were allowed to return back to work.

"Thanks to the generosity of the residents of Ocean Pines, as of today they have achieved their goal!

"Congratulations not only to these managers, but to Ocean Pines as well, for proving once again that we are a family," DeAngelus said.

The Ocean Pines Yacht Club remains open for delivery and carry-out each Wednesday through Sunday, from 4-8 p.m. To order, call 410-641-7501 or order online at www.opyachtclub.com.

Family meal specials rotate each night and can feed a family of four for \$40. Regular menu items are also available.

Additionally, this Sunday, May 10, the Ocean Pines Yacht Club will offer special Mother's Day brunch and dinner options. Mother's Day meals must be preordered by 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, online at <http://toasttab.com/ocean-pines-yacht-club> or by calling 410-641-7501.

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OPA action embarrassing

Editor:

We sincerely extend our apologies to any small businesses who have not had your PPP application for a loan/grant approved by the Small



Business Administration because of insufficient available funds. We are embarrassed by the actions of the Ocean Pines Board

of Directors and their across-the-bay legal advisors in applying for and accepting \$1.1million through the PPP Program.

While obviously the Association was somehow allowed to apply and receive these monies through the stimulus program, that doesn't mean that it should have been done. Just because you can do something doesn't mean it's the right thing to do! Many private businesses throughout our County - particularly in the northern end - have

been utterly devastated by the closure of all "non-essential" businesses and have no means of receiving any revenue during this national health crisis which may last well into the summer. And even those businesses that have been allowed to remain open are having to operate with a reduced clientele and have had to think out of the box to find ways (and many have cleverly done so) to attract customers in order to stave off financial ruin.

We have been residents of Ocean Pines for over 43 years and are familiar with the yearly-budget process, and how the Association receives its revenue. The source of that revenue remains the same and is unlikely to be seriously impaired. The Association will continue to receive yearly assessments on its lots and revenue from its amenities (including fees for the use of its pools and golf courses, etc) as it has done for decades. The Association had already mailed out its annual assessments (we have already paid ours) before the impact of the health crisis. This is just a way to grab easy money before truly distressed private businesses could get their funding approved. In a short term, it is spelled "greed."

If the Association couldn't weather this "storm" with a "rainy-day" fund, shame on us. Ocean Pines has always wanted to be an integral part of the County, but by actions such as this, we are not showing that we care for the community and the businesses and citizens therein.

Dale and Charlotte Cathell
Ocean Pines

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A Time To Remember

Near the start of his weekly general audience in Rome's St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded while passing through the square in an open car. The assailant, 23-year-old escaped Turkish murderer Mehmet Ali Agca, fired four shots, one of which hit the pontiff in the abdomen, narrowly missing vital organs, and another that hit the pope's left hand. A third bullet struck 60-year-old American Ann Odre in the chest, seriously wounding her, and the fourth hit 21-year-old Jamaican Rose Hill in the arm. Agca's weapon was knocked out of his hand by bystanders, and he was detained until his arrest by police. The pope was rushed by ambulance to Rome's Gemelli Hospital, where he underwent more than five hours of surgery and was listed in critical but stable condition.



Outdoor recreation facilities partially open

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, last Wednesday announced he would broaden the list of outdoor activities allowed under the state's stay-at-home order.

"These directives have the unanimous support of the Maryland Coronavirus Recovery Team, including leading doctors and public health experts," Hogan said in a release.

Permitted outdoor activities under the broadened list include "individual and small group sports such as golfing, tennis, and similar activities; outdoor fitness instruction; recreational fishing and hunting; recreational boating; and horseback riding."

Hogan said state parks and playgrounds also would reopen, including state beaches, for walking and exercise.

"Local governments will have the flexibility to take similar actions at their discretion. It will remain critical, however, that Marylanders continue to follow public health guidance and practice physical distancing," he said.

Based on the amended order, Ocean Pines plans to reopen the following:

Ocean Pines Golf Club:

Opening this Saturday, May 9. Golf staff will email its entire database with further information, including procedures and restrictions.

The Clubhouse building and Clubhouse Bar & Grille will remain closed until the state order is lifted. Additionally, walking and biking by nongolfers will no longer be allowed on the golf course.

For more information or questions, call 410-641-6057, ext. 2. and leave a message if necessary. Staff will return all calls as soon as possible.

Ocean Pines Racquet Center:

Opening next Thursday, May 14 at 7 a.m., for all normal activities. The Racquet Center will be closed from noon to 3 p.m., daily.

For more information or questions, call 410-641-5255.

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People who have cancer often suffer from weakened immune systems, which can make it hard for their bodies to fight off disease. That means it is essential for newly diagnosed cancer patients or those going through treatment to avoid others who are ill, such as those with influenza or even the common cold. Family members also will need to take precautions to help protect their loved ones from contracting contagious diseases. According to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, heightened risk for cancer patients has occurred in the wake of COVID-19. Cancer patients are urged to speak with their doctors regarding their concerns about COVID-19. Practicing good personal hygiene and embracing social distancing policies may help cancer patients avoid viruses, including COVID-19. Cancer patients may want to ask others to do their food shopping and run errands for them to minimize their contact with potentially ill individuals.



Certain shirts for certain tasks

For the unenlightened, and by unenlightened I mean every male who has ever been married, grab-

on it, stains that would not come out in the wash. As a result, the shirt transforms into "a work shirt" and is kept in the drawer with all the other dress, casual and athletic shirts that have met similar fates.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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Oil-changing shirts can be used as painting-the-house shirts. They're pretty much interchangeable and share similar

characteristics. They started out as casual shirts but because of an unfortunate set of circumstances (and by unfortunate set of circumstances I mean circumstances that involved a husband who could not care less) they both carry unwashable stains.

As time goes by the work category has more shirts than the other categories combined. It's simply a rule of nature. All dress, casual and athletic shirts can become work shirts but work shirts cannot become anything else, not even rags because by the time a wife is able to convince her husband to get rid of the shirt, it's already begun turning to dust.

There are only certain shirts that can be worn for fishing. However more often than not, husbands prefer to look decent when they go fishing. It's a common phenomenon that husbands seem to prefer to wear sports or casual shirts when fishing. Very rarely would a husband even think to wear a work shirt when fishing, unless his wife caught sight of him before he boarded the boat.

You would think that after time husbands would learn which shirt to wear for specific tasks. You would think they would learn to wear the shirts with the unwashable spots when going outside to paint the garage door. You would think that would be the case but, well, it's usually not.

What wives don't understand is that regardless of what they may think, husbands are creatures of habit. As sure as they are likely to get stains on a shirt they are not supposed to wear, husbands are just as likely to never pull a work shirt from the drawer unless they're getting ready to take their wives someplace nice for dinner.

bing a shirt out of the drawer to wear while working in the yard or on the boat or painting the house is not as simple as it sounds. There are certain shirts for certain tasks and heaven save those who make a mistake. Shirts usually fall into one of four major categories: dress shirts, casual shirts, athletic shirts and work shirts. There really isn't much confusion when it comes to the first three categories. It's the last category that causes problems. All work shirts are not the same. If they were not purchased with the specific purpose of being a work shirt it is likely a work shirt transferred in from one of the other three categories. Within the work shirt category there are many, many subcategories that appear inconsequential to the untrained Neanderthal (and by Neanderthal I mean every male who has ever been married). Some work shirts are multipurpose, meaning they can be worn while doing a variety of chores. Some shirts can be used for only specific tasks. An example of a multipurpose shirt is one that can be worn while mowing the lawn, raking leaves or washing windows. However should it become necessary to change the oil in a car, then an entirely different work shirt is required which means you must stop what you are doing, go in the house and locate a shirt that has been designated as a work shirt suitable for changing car oil.

It's not hard to distinguish an oil-changing work shirt from other work shirts. It's the casual shirt you hastily pulled out of the drawer the last time you had to change the oil. By the time your wife began chiding you for wearing a "good shirt" it was too late; there was already oil stains

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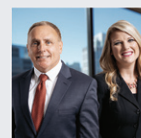
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Outdoor activities reopen amid uncertainty

By **Victor Fernandes**

Vehicles with boats in tow, and people with masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes in hand, rolled down Mumford Landing Road in Ocean Pines on May 1, the traditional opening day of the boating season at Ocean Pines Yacht Club & Marina.

Some were there just long enough to put their vessels in the water. Others headed out onto the bay in hopes of reeling in dinner, with at least one angler bringing home two sizable flounder. All appreciated the rare opportunity at experiencing some sense of normalcy, even for one day, at a time when life has been far from normal during the nationwide COVID-19 pandemic.

“They were very happy,” said Debbie Donahue, Ocean Pines Association’s Recreation & Parks Manager, of the handful of people who that weekend prepared for what they hope will be a summer of fun amid the uncertainty and fear surrounding the coronavirus.

“We had quite a few people that [said], ‘We’re so glad that you’re open,’ and thanked us for opening,” she added. “It was such a nice day. Everybody was so nice and so pleasant and so happy to be getting out. We had people who drove down just to make sure things were normal and were driving back [home], but they were glad we were open. Now, they can make their boating plans.”

Donahue and her staff are making plans, too. They are several months into plans for signature spring and summer events like Bay Day and Fourth of July fireworks, at a time when community leaders and organizers are unsure when - or if - events will be held.

The future grew a bit clearer May 6, when Governor Larry Hogan said the statewide stay-at-home order issued March 30 could be lifted as early as this week. “We have reasons for optimism,” Hogan said May 6 in a statement emailed to residents statewide, “which is why today I was able to announce a path forward for so many of the recreational activities that make our state the envy of our entire region. ... While it is vital we maintain social distancing and take necessary precautions as we move forward, it brings me great joy to begin making small, careful and prudent steps to

reopen our beloved Maryland.”

Beaches, including those in Ocean City, have since reopened with social distancing and other restrictions in place, while outdoor activities such as boating, fishing, golf, hunting and horseback riding have resumed with similar protocols.

“I know people are itching to get out [to play golf]. I’m getting phone calls all the time about it,” John Malinowski, Director of Golf at Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club, said May 5. That long-awaited day arrived last Saturday, as the Robert Trent Jones-designed championship course opened with protocols such as reserving tee times by phone, allowing one person in a cart (or two if they reside in the same household), limiting restroom use to one person at a time and keeping the new clubhouse closed.

Malinowski can’t salvage both of the club’s most popular golfing months, April and May. But reopening is progress, especially after he and his staff have taken - and continue to take - the necessary steps to sanitize high-traffic areas and touch points.

“Even though it’s not going to be the same as it was in the past,” Malinowski said, “we’re still trying to do whatever we can to make sure everyone has a great experience while they’re out here. ... Whether they’re [people in] low-risk or high-risk [groups], we’re trying to do what we can to make sure they can have a good time and not worry as much about [the virus].”

Hogan’s announcement, though, was merely the first step in a three-phase reopening process with no specific end date set.

“We’re not quite sure how this is going to go,” Donahue said, referring to stipulations Hogan places on events and activities that attract larger groups of people, which largely fall into Phases 2 and 3 of his plan. Those stipulations could affect how many people can attend, if events have to be rescheduled to a later date or if those events need to be canceled.

Bay Day has already been moved from May 17 to an undetermined date in September. An estimated 1,000 people took part in the second annual event that Ocean Pines Association

and Maryland Bays Coastal Program held last September, while approximately 2,000 people witnessed the Fourth of July fireworks show last summer. The 2020 fireworks show may be shifted to later this year.

Registration packets for summer camp at Ocean Pines Community



Center were made available last Thursday, roughly two months later than in past years because of the pandemic and the completion of new computer software. “We normally carry about 130 kids every day for nine weeks,” Donahue said. “If [state officials] don’t set any real stipulations on us, we can go ahead and register and play it by ear if the first week of camp [June 22] we’re not open. ... It’s putting a lot of kids in a lot of space, so I don’t know if they will change my numbers and tell me I can’t have more than [a specific] number in the entire program.”

Donahue remains unsure how residents will return to indoor activities at the center, given current social distancing guidelines.

“We have card players, as an example. They sit to four-person tables, and they have to have four people to play the game,” she said. “How do you socially distance when they’re sitting at the same table and they’re elbow to elbow? How do I open up my building again to community people that want to play cards and canasta and mahjong when it’s four people to a table?”

Outdoor activities like boating and golf can pose less of a problem with social distancing. Still, Malinowski envisions some people using masks on the golf course to set their minds at ease. “I see people driving in their car with a mask,” he said. “But when you get on the golf course and you’re away from people, I think people will relax a little bit and enjoy the breath of fresh air.”

But will all people planning to attend events in Ocean Pines this spring, summer and beyond employ the same approach?

“I understand how people feel about it,” Donahue said of the differing opinions on social distancing. “But we all still need to be respectful of others and cautious because I don’t know if the country can sustain another hit like we’ve taken now in this country.”

Malinowski said the next 10 to 11 months may be challenging for everyone, including community leaders and business owners, until a coronavirus vaccine is discovered. “Unfortunately, I don’t see a quick end to that,” he said. “That’s where we put our faith in science and hope something comes through fairly quick, and at least business wise things can get back a little bit normal quicker.”

Grace Center gets new ultrasound machine

The Grace Center for Maternal and Women’s Health has been the recipient with the donation of \$26,000 in funding toward the purchase of a new ultrasound machine to replace the ten-year-old one currently in use. This has been made possible through the generosity of various divisions of the Knights of Columbus at the local, state and national levels. The Ocean City Knights of Columbus and Lady Knights Auxiliary raised \$9,000. This includes a donation from the Knights, proceeds from the Knights’ weekly Bingo games during the month of January (Support Life Month) and an additional donation of \$2,000 from the Lady Knights Auxiliary. The Maryland State Council of the Knights donated \$4,000. This combined \$13,000 was then matched by the Knights of Columbus – Supreme, the national organization.

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Cropper to speak during Art League series

The Art League of Ocean City continues its free monthly Lunch & Learn series online on Monday, May 18 from noon to 1:30 pm. The speaker will be Phil Cropper, noted area chef, educator, and designer.

The Lunch & Learn series fulfills the Art League's mission to bring the creative arts to the community. Participants do not need to be artists or have

any art experience to attend. The Lunch & Learn series is moving online while the doors of the Ocean City Center for the Arts are temporarily closed.

Cropper, who also judged the Art League's current "Farm-to-Table" exhibition, will speak about the art of food and what inspires him and give a short cooking demonstration. He currently directs the culinary and pastry arts programs at Worcester Tech High School and is a manager at Fager's Island. Cropper is also the principal designer and owner of Phil Cropper Designs, a commercial interior design firm. He gives back to the community by serving as president of the Delmarva Cooks & Chefs Assn., president of The Friends of the Gwen Lehman Foundation, and board member of the Worcester Co. Arts Council, Wor-Wic Community College/HMR and his church.

The Lunch & Learn event is free and open to all. Reservations are not required, but space is limited to Zoom's maximum capacity of 100. The Zoom meeting ID is 846 7083 4943, and the password is "lunch."

Wor-Wic Foundation welcomes new members

The Wor-Wic Community College Foundation recently welcomed Keith Fisher, W. Todd Hershey, Margy Meeks, Kelley M. Selph and L. William "Bill" Shockley as new members of the board of directors.

Fisher is the principal architect at Fisher Architecture in Salisbury. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Wicomico County School Building Commission, the Salisbury Board of Housing Appeals and Emmanuel Wesleyan Church in Salisbury. He volunteers with HALO (Hope and Life Outreach) and Habitat for Humanity. He received his bachelor's degree from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pa. He and his wife, Lauren, live in Salisbury with their two sons, John, 9, and James, 5.

Hershey is president of Delmarby in Salisbury. He is a member of the Greater Salisbury Committee and the board of directors of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. He is a former member of the Atlantic General Hospital (AGH) board of trustees and the AGH Foundation board of trustees, where he served as chair and investment chair. Hershey earned his bachelor's degree from Elon University in North Carolina. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Berlin with their four sons, Henry, 15, Jackson, 14, Oliver, 11, and Oscar, 4.

Meeks retired as head of all libraries at The Salisbury School. She received her bachelor's degree at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, her master's degree at the University of Delaware in Newark and her supervisory certificate from The Ohio State University Main Campus in Columbus. She serves on the board at Horizons Salisbury, the Wicomico Education Foundation and Trinity United Methodist Church Altar

Guild in Salisbury. Meeks is a member of the United Way Gala committee, co-chair of the Pajama Program and volunteers with HALO and many other local organizations. She and her husband, Dick, live in Salisbury. They have three grown children and five grandchildren.

Selph is a financial advisor at Edward Jones in Salisbury. He received his associate degree from Wor-Wic and his bachelor's degree from Salisbury University. He is a member of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, the Financial Planning Association of Maryland and the Eastern Shore Running Club. He is a past president of the running club and the Rotary Club of Wicomico County, as well as a former board member of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay. Selph served as a member of the Wor-Wic Foundation from 2010 through 2012. He and his wife, Claire, live in Salisbury with their two children, Jonah, 21, and Lauren, 17.

Shockley is the principal owner and president of Ocean Lube in Ocean City. He serves as president of the Eastern Shore Region Antique Auto Club of America and as the treasurer of Salisbury Urban Ministries. He is a member and past president of the Wicomico Rotary Club, a former member of the Wicomico Public Library board of trustees and a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he also served on the board and as finance committee chair. He received his associate degree from Wesley College in Dover, Del., and his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Richmond in Virginia. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Berlin. They have two grown children and three grandchildren.



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Mother's Day - Dan Collins photographed these ducklings on Mother's Day.

Playgrounds remain closed, limited recreation only

Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) playgrounds, fields, and basketball courts will remain closed until the stay-at-home order is lifted, in compliance with state executive orders aimed at stopping the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

County parks are open for passive recreation, such as walking or jogging, but not any gatherings that exceed the 10-person crowd limit still in effect. All residents and visitors are required to practice social distancing when engaging in activities at county parks and tennis courts.

"While we encourage people to get outside and exercise at our parks, public health and well-being are our highest priorities," WCRP Director Kelly Rados said. "In an abundance of caution, the playgrounds, fields, and basketball courts will remain closed."

The continued closure of certain outdoor spaces is based on state executive orders and the current CDC guidelines, which can be viewed at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/visitors.html>.

"Because playgrounds are high-touch gathering places where the coronavirus could potentially spread very easily, health officials support the continued closure of county playgrounds, basketball courts, fields, and other outdoor gathering places until the stay-at-home order is lifted," Health Officer Becky Jones said.

For more information about park operations or to speak with WCRP staff,

please call 410-632-2144, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or email recandparks@co.worcester.md.us <<mailto:recandparks@co.worcester.md.us>>.

What do times of uncertainty make you think about? Some people think of their upcoming, now tentative, plans. Others daydream about better days.

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Bulkheads

Normally, my May column is about National Safe Boating Week. Normally, I make a pitch for everyone to use some common sense on the water, abide by the right of way rules, get a free boat safety inspection and wear a life jacket. Unfortunately, these are not normal times. The plea for life jacket use is usurped by the plea to wear a face mask. The right of way is now six feet of social distancing. Safety inspections are now a matter of taking one's temperature and common sense is washing your hands.

These hunkering down days are starting to get to me. I find myself looking forward to waving at the Republic trash truck driver twice a week. I've practiced my knot tying and re-tied the leather bows on my deck shoes. I re-read a few chapters of an

old math-physics textbook and watched how to fold a fitted sheet on YouTube. I'm not sure which one was harder. Then I alphabetized my DVD library, binge watched the Animal Planet Channel and tried to self-teach semaphore so I can figure out what those Ocean City life guards are flagging. Last week I spent untold hours trying unsuccessfully to make disposable facemasks out of leftover Christmas napkins and I was even tempted to place an over/under bet on how many LSU players would get picked in the NFL draft.

Fortunately, the pandemic is going to run its course before I get to the really challenging 'to do' tasks. I am going to leave the tough jobs like

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to electrical work.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 26 = e)

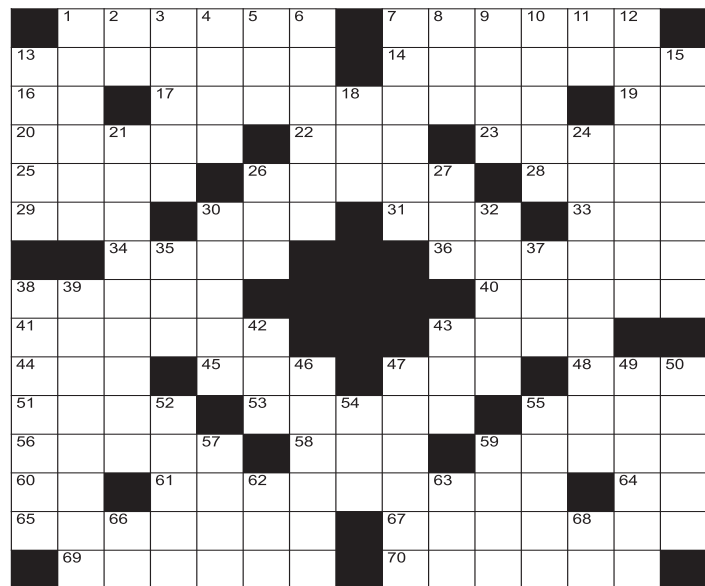
A. 23 18 1 8 26 1
Clue: Where plugs go

B. 26 8 26 15 1 22 19 15 19 1 20
Clue: Energy from charged particles

C. 21 23 11 26 22
Clue: Energy

D. 4 2 7 26 1 20
Clue: Using caution

Answers: A. outlet B. electricity C. power D. safety



CLUES ACROSS

1. Seed part
7. Productive
13. Popular cocktail
14. Sausages
16. Western state
17. Natural desires
19. Defunct British automaker
20. Early media tycoon
22. Move from one place to another
23. Letter of Semitic abjads
25. Female birds
26. Umbrella brand
28. Delinquent
29. Tax collector
30. Cooking tool
31. Female sibling
33. Flat-topped hat
34. Angolan currency
36. Boardwalk candy
38. European nation
40. Leaflike part of palm
41. Removed with solvent
43. Uttered words
44. Unfashionable person
45. Disappointed
47. Controversial device in soccer
48. 007's creator
51. Pain
53. UCLA mascot
55. Razorbill
56. Turkic people
58. Mimic
59. Crime involving fire
60. And, Latin
61. A saponaceous quality
64. Dorm employee
65. Estate lands
67. States
69. They slow you down
70. Gets up

CLUES DOWN

1. One or the other
2. Doc
3. Songs have them
4. Record of payment (abbr.)
5. Speak endlessly
6. American state
7. Digressions
8. Tell on
9. Brews
10. Belongs to the bottom layer
11. American cigarette brand
12. Legal voting age in US
13. Dish
15. Expelled air from the nose
18. Body art
21. Fierce, destructive act
24. Bear bright yellow flowers
26. Japanese delicacy
27. Get off your feet
30. Male organs in some invertebrates
32. __, so good
35. Cleverness
37. Protest yacht
38. Anesthetized
39. Mollified
42. Touch lightly
43. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
46. Some windows have them
47. National capital
49. Squirrels like them
50. Grandmothers
52. Painter's tool
54. News organization
55. __ and thesis: musical term
57. Famed activist Parks
59. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
62. A number or amount not specified
63. Body part
66. Of I
68. Old English



Answers for May 6

New assistant finance officer named

The Worcester County Commissioners named Jessica Wilson as the new assistant finance officer. Wilson, a certified public accountant (CPA), joined the Worcester County Treasurer's Office on July 22, 2013, where she served as the enterprise fund controller until her promotion to assistant finance officer on March 23, 2020.



Jessica Wilson

"Jessica's attention to detail, professional demeanor, and customer-friendly attitude has served the citizens and taxpayers of Worcester County well over the last six years" Finance Officer Phil Thompson said. "The Treasurer's Office is looking forward to continuing that trend while expanding her role in the county's financial management and reporting."

Wilson brings 14 years of accounting experience to this position. Prior to joining Worcester County Government (WCG), she was an auditor for E.

Cohen and Company, CPAs in Rockville and Ernst & Young LLP in Baltimore. Wilson, a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Financial Planning from Salisbury University in 2006 and her CPA in 2008.

"I would like to thank the County Commissioners for the opportunity to serve as the new assistant finance officer," Wilson said. "I look forward to gaining additional governmental accounting experience in my new role."

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Wilson was raised in Somerset County and currently resides there with her husband, Drew, and two boys, Wyatt and Connor.

Wilson took over for former Assistant Finance Officer Jennifer Swanton who accepted the position of chief financial officer with Chesapeake Health Care of Salisbury.

The assistant finance officer will assist the finance officer in planning, organizing, coordinating, and directing the functions and activities of the Treasurer's Office.

Peninsula Breast Center reopens for screening mammography

The Peninsula Breast Center will resume screening mammography starting Wednesday, May 13. Previously, the center had only been performing diagnostic mammography due to the temporary COVID-19-related shutdown, but will be happy to help in preventive care once more.

However, there are a few changes in patient flow to help maintain the safest care environment possible in compliance with measures of the Maryland Department of Health. For example, all patients will wait in their vehicle, rather than the waiting room, until called to assist in social distancing. At least one week's supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for providers, staff and as appropriate for patients are available. Workplace infection control measures in accordance with the most current CDC guidelines are being followed.

The Peninsula Breast Center provides women the most comprehensive breast health services on Delmarva with care plans individualized for each woman. The warm and caring staff offers 3D mammography, biopsies, physi-

cian consultations and surgical services all in a single location. It is located at 804 Snow Hill Road in Salisbury. To schedule a screening, call at 410-543-7599.



Milligan joins Wor-Wic

Wor-Wic Community College recently welcomed **Chelsea Milligan** of Salisbury as instructor of nursing. She earned her associate of science degree in nursing from Wor-Wic and both bachelor of science and master of science degrees in nursing from Western Governors University in Salt Lake City, UT. Milligan has been working as a registered nurse since 2009 and has been teaching at Wor-Wic part time since 2018.

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throwing out the duplicate utensils in the kitchen junk draw, deleting old computer files or – worse yet – cleaning the garage for the next stay-at-home hiatus.

In the meantime, it's still Ocean Pines and the first day of summer will still be June 21. One of the great allures of Ocean Pines is its waterfront. One thousand three hundred sixty-seven of the Pines 8452 residences have direct access to the water and most of it is bulkheaded.

Bulkheads are the retaining walls on the edge between the land and the water. They serve a couple purposes. Bulkheads form a defined edge and keep the soil from washing into the water that would result in unnavigable shoals and mud flats while reducing usable dry land. Secondly, they provide convenient proximity to water deep enough to float a boat and tie it up to shore. Without bulkheads you would have to either beach your boat on an undeveloped water edge or anchor it off shore and wade out to it.

Bulkheads like everything man-made around saltwater has a surprisingly short lifespan made even shorter by lack of maintenance. For this reason, the Ocean Pines Public Works Department has a never-ending program to repair and replace deteriorating bulkheads. Twenty-five hundred to 3000 feet of bulkhead are replaced every year. A new bulkhead is usually placed about 24 inches outside the existing one. Then the old one is pushed below ground level and the area is back-filled with dirt. The net result is that the residence backyard become two feet wider but his dock and the channel are two feet narrower.

One of Ocean Pines' primary contractors for this work has been Fisher Marine of Chincoteague. They have replaced more than 30 miles of bulkhead over the years. Dean Fisher told

me that his father, Barry, started the business in 1975 after serving as a Coast Guardsman stationed in Ocean City.

The installation process is well rehearsed and repeated almost daily from September to Memorial Day each



year. The crew works through bad winter weather using the pile driver as an ice breaker when necessary.

I was amazed the first time I saw the six-man crew at work. Most of the

crew have been together for 25 years so their extraordinary teamwork is understandable. I must have watched them for a half hour and could not figure out who was in charge. Every guy did his task and pitched in everywhere else. There was no yelling, no pointing, no wasted energy and no leaning on a shovel.

By the end of the day new pilings were sunk, new cross beams were leveled and bolted into place, new sheathing was installed and new tie-rods were set for hundreds of feet. The old bulkhead was hammered deep into the ground and out of sight and dirt was then brought in to fill the space between the old and the new. It was quite an operation.

When asked about any special considerations during this pandemic era, Dean said that we have to "use our heads and work smart." Social distancing, even while working outside in the fresh air, is still absolutely necessary.

Makes sense.

Dan Collins can be reached for comment at dancollins.ocean-pines@gmail.com

Natural ways to reduce Lyme disease risk

The great outdoors can be a wonder to behold. Parks, nature preserves or even some time spent in the backyard can help men, women and children reconnect with nature.

While there is plenty to enjoy about the great outdoors, certain hazards are lurking. Ticks can be both a nuisance and a danger, potentially contributing to illnesses like Lyme disease. Recognizing the dangers of ticks and how to avoid tick bites can help people reduce their risk for contracting Lyme disease.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that, after hatching from eggs, ticks must eat blood at every stage to survive. It can take up to three years for a tick to complete its full life cycle, meaning it needs quite a few hosts to feed on.

Ticks are part of the arachnid family, but unlike spiders, ticks attach to the skin of an animal and suck its blood. Ticks can be found just about anywhere, but they tend to gravitate toward wooded areas or tall grasses, which offer them

protection and good vantage points to find an animal host. Dog owners have no doubt encountered ticks in their lifetimes, as ticks are routine problems for dogs that are not properly protected. But ticks also prey on humans.

Ticks and their bites are relatively painless, which can make it difficult for people to detect when they have been bitten. Many tick bites are harmless and do not require treatment. However, if bitten by a tick that is carrying Lyme disease or Rocky Mountain spotted fever, people may need to take an antibiotic to prevent any lasting health effects. As a result, people should always visit a doctor when bitten by a tick.

Pesticide repellants are some of the more effective and well-known methods to prevent tick bites and subsequent side effects. Many repellants can be used without negative side effects, but those who prefer to go a more natural route can take the following precautionary measures.

Watch habitats. Steer clear of grassy,

wooded and brushy areas. Ticks also prefer humid conditions.

Stick to trails. Stay on trails when hiking or walking to avoid brushing up against areas where ticks may be hiding out.

Wear proper clothing. Light-colored clothing makes it easier to spot ticks that may have made their way onto a person. Tuck pants into socks, as ticks tend to climb onto hosts from the ground up. Bare ankles provide easy access.

Protect hair and heads. Wear a hat and/or keep long hair contained so that it isn't an attractive hiding spot for ticks.

Shower immediately. After coming in from areas known for ticks, shower and launder clothing immediately. While showering, do a spot inspection looking for ticks on your body. Remember to look in hidden areas like under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly

button, on the back of the knees, in and around the hair, between the legs, and around the waist.

Clean up the yard. Make your yard less habitable to ticks by mowing the



grass regularly and removing leaf litter and trim shrubs. Also, use wood chips or gravel to serve as a barrier between lawns and wooded areas of the property.

Use natural oils. Ticks may not like the smell of garlic, lemon, eucalyptus, lavender, and rosemary, among others. Dotted your body with these infused oils may make you less attractive to ticks.

How to determine if owning a pet is for you

Buying or adopting a pet is a big decision that requires careful consideration of a host of factors. The right pet for one person might not be the best match for another, and it's imperative that prospective pet owners consider a host of factors before welcoming a new pet into their homes.

Lifestyle: Pet owners' lifestyles will factor heavily into how much their pets will enjoy their new homes. Men and women who are rarely home should avoid adopting pets that need lots of attention. For example, dogs often adapt best to households where their owners are home a lot and can spend ample time with them. But men and women who aren't home all that often can still welcome pets into their families. Fish don't need to be walked or let out to relieve themselves, and they also don't command their owners' constant attention.

Restrictions: Renters and people living in co-ops or condominium complexes may need get permission before they can bring pets into their homes. If you don't own your own single-family home, determine if

you need permission and if your building has any guidelines governing pets before you begin your search. You don't want to bring a pet home only to be forced to give the animal up for adoption because you did not adhere to the rules listed in your lease or owner's contract.

Skills: Pet ownership can be incredibly rewarding, but it has its frustrating moments as well. For instance, men and women who have never before owned a puppy may be biting off more than can chew by bringing a young dog into their homes. If you have no experience training puppies or no desire to put up with a puppy's growing pains, then consider adopting an older dog that is already housetrained.

Cost: Pet ownership can be expensive, and prospective owners should examine their finances to determine if they're ready and capable of taking on the financial commitments of owning a pet. Research costs associated with food and veterinary care to get an idea of how much owning a given pet is likely to cost.

Film Festival to return, poster unveiled

After a successful four years, the Ocean City Film Festival is returning to the resort for the fifth year on March 4-7, 2021 and is proud to present the new festival poster to the public. Festival organizers are also now accepting entries for the 2021 festival from filmmakers through Nov. 1, 2020.

Hosted by the Art League of Ocean City, the fifth annual festival will allow both community engagement and a networking outlet for artists. The festival will continue to offer more than 100 independent films, both local and from around the country and the world, to be shown in theaters and venues around the resort, plus organize parties and workshops.

"We are half-a-decade in, and in this short time have seen a community expand, hosted hundreds of filmmakers, and introduced a new market for creativity to the region," William Strang-Moya, Film Festival organizer, said. "This festival will only continue to grow, and that means more movies, bigger movies, and new opportunities for artists to engage the local community. This festival has always been just as much about bringing big screens to Ocean City as it is about getting Ocean City on the big screens."

Ian Postley of Bishopville designed the fifth anniversary poster featuring the iconic entrance to the Ocean City boardwalk. Postley has designed all of the festival posters to date in his unique and personal style.

The Film Fest is accepting submissions from filmmakers for both feature-length and short films in a wide variety of categories. Festival organizers are offering discount submission codes to filmmakers of diverse or historically resilient backgrounds as well as filmmakers financially affected by COVID-19.

Interested filmmakers can submit their films online at filmfreeway.com/festival/oceancity-filmfestival. The entry fee is \$15 for early submissions until May 31, \$25 for submission until Aug. 31 and \$35 for late submissions, closing Nov. 1, 2020. Submissions will then be judged, and filmmakers will be notified of acceptance.

More information about the Film Festival is available at OCMDfilmfestival.com.

The Town of Ocean City and private individuals and companies have provided grants for the event.

Recipe File

Dairy done right with creamy enchiladas



Dairy is enjoyed in its many forms for the creamy, rich texture it can provide to various dishes. This Latin/Creole-inspired dish makes use of dairy's tangy, decadent side by employing a silky cream sauce that tops the meal as well as a sprinkling of queso fresco that adds a little extra appeal.

This recipe for "Crawfish Enchiladas with Creole Cream Sauce" courtesy of "Jon Bonwell's Texas Favorites" is the perfect treat to whip up on a weekday and add some spice and flavor to your typical routine. This recipe easily can be swapped out for other Mexican favorites.

Crawfish Enchiladas with Creole Cream Sauce

Serves 10

Creole Cream Sauce

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and minced

- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 fresh jalapeno
- 1 rib celery, diced
- 1/2 carrot, peeled and diced
- 3 tablespoons creole seasoning
- rub
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 cups canned chopped tomatoes
- 1 cup heavy cream

Crawfish filling

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 small shallots, minced
- 1 poblano pepper, seeded and diced
- 2 pounds crawfish tail meat
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 2 Roma tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- Juice of 1 lime

Tortillas

- 1/3 cup vegetable oil for frying

- 20 corn tortillas
- 10 ounces queso fresco, grated

For the creole cream sauce: In a large saucepan, melt the butter and add in the flour to form a roux. Stir constantly, cooking the roux over medium-high until it becomes a dark caramel color. Add in the onion, garlic, peppers, celery, and carrot and cook for 2 minutes. Season with the creole spices, then whisk while adding in the chicken stock to avoid lumps. Add the tomatoes and simmer together for 15 minutes, then puree with a stick blender. Stir in the heavy cream and simmer for an additional 2 minutes.

For the crawfish filling: In a large sautee pan, melt the butter and sautee the shallots, pepper and crawfish tails for 3 minutes; season with salt. Add the tomatoes, cilantro and lime juice, then remove from the heat.

To assemble the enchiladas: In a separate pan, heat the oil and fry the tortillas one at a time for 5 to 6 seconds

on each side, just until soft. Drain on paper towels, then fill with the crawfish mixture and roll. Line up the enchiladas in a 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Once the enchiladas are all rolled, pour some of the creole cream sauce over the entire pan, enough to cover the tortillas, and generously sprinkle with grated queso fresco. Bake at 400 F for 2 to 3 minutes, just until the cheese is melted. Serve the enchiladas family style with the remaining sauce on the side.

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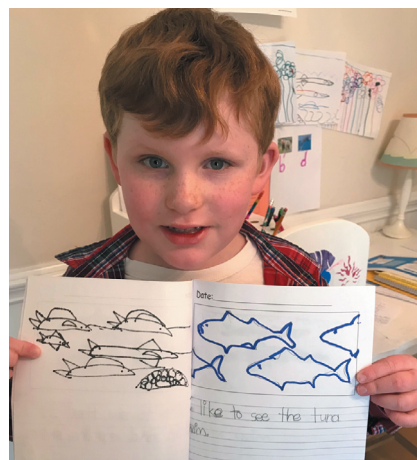
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Workshop - Third grade student **Alex Wood** from Monica Piern's class at Ocean City Elementary School has been having some fun during Writer's Workshop. He has been working on an informational book about sea animals during online learning at home.



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Simple Man, Simple Plan

By **Amber B. Woodland**, Esquire

Simple. That's how I would describe the men I truly respect and love. No frills, drama, or grandiose gestures, just simple qualities like loyalty, thoughtfulness, kindness, compassion, and selflessness.

These words describe my Pop, who left this earth suddenly in November. Here's the thing – he didn't "lust for rich man's gold." In fact, if he had had it, he would have given it away because that's what simple men do. If you knew my Pop, you were treated to his companionship and candy, not his riches. What he treasured most was his family. He unconditionally loved us and taught us an important lesson: "Take your time, don't live too fast, troubles will come, and they will pass." – Lynyrd Skynyrd

In the months that have followed my grandfather's death, one of the hardest things has been to suddenly refer to him in the past tense. Equally as hard was realizing that his simple Will hasn't made administering his "small estate" in Maryland all that simple!

Here I am, the oldest grandchild and ten years into my legal career focused in estate planning. I know better than to assume a person's affairs are in order, yet that's what I did. His mortality wasn't something I wanted to think about, so I didn't prod and figured his years-old Will was fine. Further, I assumed his modest assets (a truck, utility trailer, and bank account) had my grandmother's name on them as a joint owner.

I was wrong. While the truck was jointly held, the trailer wasn't. Likewise, Pop's modest bank account was in his name only. Then, we discovered that Pop was still the owner on life insurance policies he purchased for his youngest grandchildren. We were told we needed the "interpolated" values for those policies before next steps could be taken. What does that even mean? All in, Pop's final expenses exceeded the value of his "estate," yet formal paperwork still needed to be prepared and filed with the Register of Wills in order to transfer ownership of the trailer, bank account, and life insur-

ance policies.

The proceedings for a small estate in some states are relatively straight-forward. In Maryland, however, not so much. A two-page Petition is required, along with a separate Schedule outlining the assets and debts of the decedent. A "List of Interested Persons" and "Information Report" must accompany that. The hassle of paperwork, time, and delay was not welcomed by me or my family. Pop would have been irritated to know we were having to jump through these hoops. Imagine if a full probate estate had been required!

I've heard it so many times before, "I don't need an estate plan. I especially don't need a Trust. That's for the mega-rich. My assets and wishes are simple!" Don't fall trap to thinking you don't need to plan just because you're a simple man (or woman). Everyone over 18 years of age, regardless of health or wealth, should have a basic estate plan. Furthermore, consider a Trust as a foundational estate planning tool. It doesn't have to be complicated. In fact, a Trust can be part of a relatively simple plan.

A Revocable Living Trust is a legal

document that outlines your wishes, directs how your assets will be distributed upon your death, and nominates a person or entity to handle administrative tasks. Sounds a lot like a Will, right? The primary advantage of using a Trust rather than a Will, however, is eliminating the delay, paperwork, expense, and headache of probate. Taking this burden off a family member's shoulders, during an otherwise emotional time, is what most people hope to do.

Do you feel skepticism creeping in? Like, "People go through probate all the time, what's the big deal?" Or, "Creating a Trust is unnecessary because my affairs are simple." Or, "Using a Trust in my estate plan must be really expensive!" Be careful not to make assumptions. Rather, outline your goals, do your research, educate yourself, and rely on the advice and guidance of trusted professionals. If I could wave my magic wand, everyone would consider using a Revocable Living Trust as a basic estate planning tool. Even simple men, like Pop.

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market

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indoors at stores during the pandemic.

"We are seeing people just profusely thanking us for being there," said Bean, who also owns D.J. David & Company, an Ocean Pines produce business and popular vendor at the market. "The community has been really embracing our vendors and our farmers. A lot of our vendors are talking about how people are even tipping them as an expression of thanks for being there."

Bluebird Farms owner Nancie Corbett opened her market in early March, about a month sooner than its customary week or two before Easter. Corbett has offered porch pickup - her newly designed version of curbside service - for produce and nursery orders called in by customers. She recently reopened the nursery for on-site shopping. "A lot of people, this is the only place they have come in the past two months," Corbett said. "This is where they feel safest to come. They won't go anywhere else."

Corbett has understandably witnessed a noticeable uptick in business. "It's terrible that it's in these circumstances," she said, referring to the pandemic. "But for now, it's

helping the business and pleasing a lot of people at the same time. So, it's win-win."

Casey Lemmons, who suffers from asthma, has transitioned her business to help protect people from coronavirus.

Charlie's Treats Bakery, a mobile business based in Kent County, Delaware, that produces all-natural limited ingredient treats, bandanas and other products for dogs and cats, now offers face masks made from the same fabric used to make bandanas, because customers asked if they could wear dog bandanas around their mouth and nose. Lemmons sells her newest products at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Marketplace in part because similar markets remain closed in Delaware.

"We decided to fulfill the need [for masks], and it's been awesome," Lemmons said. "We've had a lot of great responses from it, and I'm just very thankful we were able to transition from dog treats and bandanas primarily to masks during this time."

Lemmons sells her products in Ocean Pines through another vendor to avoid being out in public for too long. But vendors on site have plenty of room to handle their business. Booths are spaced 12 feet apart, twice

the pre-coronavirus distance, across a four to five-acre section of White Horse Park. Vendors with large clienteles are strategically positioned to allow enough room for shoppers.

"It's one of the advantages to our market. We're blessed with so much space," Bean said. "We expect foot traffic to continue to increase, especially now that local asparagus and local strawberries are starting to come in [season]. They are favorites [among shoppers]. You see a lot of people grab those items while they can, and they're going to come to the market for them."

Debbie Donahue, Ocean Pines Association's Recreation & Parks Manager, was pleased to see everyone following safety protocols during a recent visit to the market. "Everybody was wearing masks. Everybody was

adhering to the [social distancing] rule. It was great," she said. "[Bean and his team] were doing everything they were supposed to do and everybody else was as well."

And if visitors need hand cleansers, Galicinao has them in



stock.

"I would say they have been really well attended," she said of the Ocean Pines farmers market. "People are spending [money] just because they can be outside and do their shopping outside and not have to be indoors quite as much. I don't blame them."

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White Horse Park:

Opening on Saturday, May 9 for activities permissible in the statewide order: for walking and exercise only. The skatepark and all Ocean Pines playgrounds will remain closed until further notice.

The Recreation and Parks Department will remain closed until the state order is lifted. However, staff are processing camp registration using the drop box outside the entrance of the Ocean Pines Community Center, on 235 Ocean Parkway.

For more information or questions, call 410-641-7052.

Beach Parking:

Opening on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 23. The Beach Club bathrooms will be staffed, and only a limited number of occupants will be allowed at a time. Only Beach Parking members and Ocean Pines homeowners and residents may use facilities. Staff will clean and disinfect the bathrooms each

evening.

The Beach Club Pool and Beach Club restaurant will remain closed until the state order is lifted.

For more information or questions, call 410-641-5255.

Ocean Pines Marinas:

Marinas reopened on Friday, May 1 to allow slip holders to access boat slips. Limited service will be available. Gas pumps are open for gas and oil.

For more information or questions, call 410-641-7052.

Ocean Pines Dog Park:

The membership renewal process started Monday and applications will be available through the Recreation and Parks Department.

For more information or questions, call 410-641-7052.

Ocean Pines Aquatics:

All pool facilities will remain closed until the state order is lifted.

For more information or questions, call 410-641-5255.

Other facilities:

Passive walking trails in Ocean Pines remain open.

The Ocean Pines Yacht Club remains open for carryout and delivery only. The Yacht Club patio remains closed until further notice.

Portable hand-washing stations, starting today, will be placed at the Golf Course, Racquet Center, White Horse Park, South Gate Walking Trail near the Veterans Memorial, and Yacht Club Marina.

The statewide stay-at-home order continues to prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people. Nonessential businesses also must remain closed.

“Our team did a lot of work getting the facilities ready and benchmarking with what others are doing,” General Manager John Viola said. “We encourage everyone to use our outdoor facilities responsibly, and to continue to follow social distancing and other guidelines to help ensure the safety of themselves, and of others around them.”

To read the entire executive order, visit <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Gatherings-FIFTH-AMENDED-5.6.20.pdf>.

Tides for Ocean City Inlet

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Sunrise Sunset
Th 14	High	2:11 AM	5:50 AM
	Low	8:39 AM	8:04 PM
	High	2:43 PM	
	Low	8:38 PM	
F 15	High	3:11 AM	5:49 AM
	Low	9:32 AM	8:05 PM
	High	3:47 PM	
	Low	9:38 PM	
Sa 16	High	4:10 AM	5:48 AM
	Low	10:21 AM	8:06 PM
	High	4:43 PM	
	Low	10:37 PM	
Su 17	High	5:02 AM	5:47 AM
	Low	11:04 AM	8:07 PM
	High	5:30 PM	
	Low	11:30 PM	
M 18	High	5:48 AM	5:46 AM
	Low	11:45 AM	8:08 PM
	High	6:12 PM	
Tu 19	Low	12:19 AM	5:45 AM
	High	6:30 AM	8:08 PM
	Low	12:23 PM	
W 20	High	6:52 PM	
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