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Outdoor dining not enough for some restaurants

By **Victor Fernandes**

Outdoor dining resumed last weekend at Pit & Pub's three locations in Ocean City and Salisbury.

That fills eight seats at Steve Hoffman's establishments. Only 292 more seats to go before he can exhale and look beyond a potentially devastating summer that he said "could be the kiss of death" if a return to dining at full capacity - inside and out - comes too late.

Governor Larry Hogan announced last week that restaurants and social organizations statewide could resume outdoor dining last Friday at 5 p.m. with social distancing and other guidelines in place, such as a six-person limit at tables, disposable paper menus and restaurant staff undergoing daily temperature checks.

"It's a good first step," said A Bagel And ... co-owner Mary Jaeger said, which prompted her family to expand the outdoor seating at their Ocean Pines eatery. Local businesses previously provided curbside service and home delivery, if they were open at all, since Hogan issued a shutdown

order across Maryland on May 16.

For some, the return to outdoor dining was a long-awaited breath of fresh air that allows businesses to begin recouping revenue lost the past two-plus months during the COVID-19 pandemic. Jaeger said restaurants in Ocean City that offer plentiful outdoor seating should really benefit from Hogan's latest order. Yet for owners whose restaurants largely rely on indoor dining, the wait to operate at full capacity - as Hoffman has done successfully for a decade - is taking its toll mentally, emotionally and financially.

Outdoor dining, Hoffman said, "does me absolutely no good whatsoever. I might as well still be shut down. Operating on carryout only [since reopening April 27], we're just spinning our wheels. I'm ready to open 100 percent. This is my livelihood. I've been doing it for 35 years. This is all I know at this stage of my life. I've got a lot invested into this and I'm sinking. I'm going down with the ship."

Outdoor dining headlined an update Hogan announced May 27 as

part of what, according to the Governor's website, was called 'the completion of Stage One of the 'Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery.' Other outdoor activities that reopened last week with specific restrictions in place include youth sports and day camps, pools and drive-in movie theaters.

"Though we continue to make great progress toward recovery, COVID-19 is still very much a deadly threat, and our responsible behavior is absolutely critical in the continued efforts to defeat it," Hogan said in a statement last week. "Thankfully, the vast majority of our citizens clearly understand that while doing things like avoiding crowds, practicing distancing, and wearing masks may be inconvenient, that these are some of the best tools we have to continue to slow the spread of the virus, and to put us in a position to rebuild and restore our economy, and to finally defeat this invisible enemy."

As Memorial Day weekend and the unofficial start of summer approached, political leaders

reportedly supported a return to outdoor dining at local restaurants. As State Senator Mary Beth Carozza, who represents Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties, wrote in part on her Facebook page on May 27, "Our restaurant operators have been involved in putting together health, safety, sanitation, and physical distancing protocols, consistent with the National Restaurant Association and the CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention]. With the key indicators continuing to trend downward including declining hospitalizations in general, we on the Eastern Shore are ready for a safe Stage 2 reopening of our restaurants ... and other stand-alone attractions."

According to published reports, the Restaurant Association of Maryland has urged Hogan to allow restaurants statewide to reopen indoor seating areas for dining as part of Phase 2 of his multi-phase reopening plan. The organization reportedly also has issued its own guidelines for safely reopening indoor dining, which

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The best thing for being sad

By **Jennifer Spivey**

Like many, my school year came to an abrupt halt in the middle of March, when spring was just about to bloom, and we teachers were getting ready to witness all of the teaching and learn-



ing from the year put to good use. There is a celebratory air about school in the spring. We know the summer is coming and we know how far we have come. There is a sense of accomplishment and also one of hope. Paper flowers begin to sprout across hallway bulletin boards.

As an elementary school teacher,

part of my work is to face the unfamiliar. Each day sprinkled with different challenges as my students and I negotiate a path from our well-known skills to the ones we have yet to acquire. Every school day balanced with many new learnings and many old routines. Yet with all of my practice, I found the transition from my beloved classroom to my home office a bit heartbreaking. I would miss my work.

Sure, most of my toil as a teacher continued, as I created digital learning spaces, conferenced with students via Zoom, attended virtual faculty meetings, and taught myself how to navigate new learning platforms with a new device. But my true work as a teacher, one who shares space with students and colleagues came to a halt, and that's what I miss. Learning is a social activity, and although we have managed to piece something together in a digital space, I miss the sights and textures that are a part of working in a shared space. At best, learning happens in person and in real time; it was never meant to be homebound.

My days aren't scheduled by the minute now, there is no starting or stopping bell. Sometimes I have to check my calendar thrice to know the date. There is a little more time to sleep. I don't have to set my alarm to be up at 6:00, but I miss my morning commute, down 113 from Ocean Pines to Snow Hill, and my quick stop at Dunkin Donuts for an iced coffee

along the way. I miss my little buddies, who would need their shoes tied, their coats zipped, or a good morning hug. I miss the morning-drop-off smiles of parents and the way the library would smell like lemons after the tops of its bookshelves were dusted. I miss teaching a child that is within arm's reach, noticing how his eyes are moving across the page, or how his smile would appear when he thought of something funny. I miss my friends, those beautiful colleagues with their tenacity, humor, and great hugs. I miss listening to a child sound out a word, letter by letter and then to her surprise, sweeping back to read it again, only this time with ease. I miss the light of accomplishment that can only beam from a six-year old toothless smile. I miss being present in a school building where the pattern and pace of learning is buzzing through the walls and halls. I'm homesick for it all.

I once read, "The best thing for being sad, is to learn something. That is the only thing that never fails." And now, as I write this, I can't help but think of all of the things each of us has learned over the last weeks, how we have made sense of the days, hour by hour, sometimes minute by minute. How we have negotiated a path for

ourselves, from those early spring days to these early summer ones, and I bet somehow we have figured out a way to cure some of our sadness, by managing to learn something new. And for that, my teacher heart is happy.

And parents now you get to witness what we teachers have always loved about the end of the school year: when all of the practice pays off. You might notice how your child is a little taller, how he writes his name a little sharper, or perhaps is a whiz at counting by fives. You may look into those wide eyes and think my goodness where did the time go, and realize in that moment that it was all those little learnings along the way. All those small troubles that magically alchemized into breakthroughs. Learning is the only thing that never fails.

And so my friends, with that said, may I sign off with this classic and optimistic wish: Have a great summer, and see you in the fall...

Editor's Note: Jen Spivey has worked as an educator for eleven years. She is currently the Reading Resource Teacher at Snow Hill Elementary School, where she teaches children in grades PreK-3. She lives and works (at the moment) in Ocean Pines.

A Time To Remember

Santa Cruz, CA, a favorite early haunt of author Ken Kesey and his Merry Pranksters, was an established capital of the West Coast counterculture scene by the mid-1960s. Yet just 10 years earlier, the balance of power in this crunchy beach town 70 miles south of San Francisco tilted heavily toward the older side of the generation gap. In the early months of the rock-and-roll revolution, in fact, at a time when adult authorities around the country were struggling to come to terms with a booming population of teenagers with vastly different musical tastes and attitudes, Santa Cruz captured national attention for its response to the crisis. On June 3, 1956, city authorities announced a total ban on rock and roll at public gatherings, calling the music "Detrimental to both the health and morals of our youth and community."

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Just ring. Just ring.

I got my first mobile phone, oh, it has to be 25 years ago now. The phone wasn't very fancy. It reminded me of something Captain Kirk would have used to hail Scotty to beam him up.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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I can't remember how many phones I've had through the years. There have been big phones and little phones; phones that flipped open and phones that didn't. I've had phones that lasted longer than others, some I've liked better than others. More than one was left in my pocket only to be found dead at the bottom of the washer machine tub.

It's hard to remember a time when I didn't carry a phone. It's part of my attire. I would sooner walk out of the house without wearing shoes than leave without my phone. In reality I use it more to look things up, get directions or ask a question than I use it for its intended purpose – talk to someone.

Recently I upgraded my phone, handling the activation process myself, something I've never done before. In the past I went to the store, selected a phone and had the associate take things from there. Not this time. My wife placed the order online and the new phone arrived on our doorstep two days later.

The unopened box sat on the counter for a couple days as I worked up the courage to activate it. For reasons I've yet to understand, techy things intimidate me. Either sensing my apprehension or just tired of seeing the box on the counter, my wife eventually volunteered to handle the transition. Unfortunately, she got only so far when an "Activation Failed" message popped up. It was after nine in the evening and I was in sort of a no man's land: my old phone was de-activated but the new phone wasn't online. I was a man without a phone. Is there a worse predicament? Throwing my fears to the wind, I got involved.

Through the years I've had experience with both Androids and

iPhones. I prefer the Android. A very savvy computer friend of mine swears by his iPhone. I think he purchases each new version that hits the market. Although he hasn't come right out and said it, I think he believes there's something a little wrong with me because I'm not infatuated with Apple technology. My wife too is an iPhone girl who definitely believes there's something wrong with me, for reasons not all related to my phone preference.

Good fortune shone on me that evening as I worked through the protocols to get my new phone activated. Once I downloaded and opened the correct app, the two phones communicated with each other, transferring data, photos and contacts like old friends commiserating at a bar. The process took about fifteen minutes and then my old phone drifted into a permanent sleep.

The next hour was spent familiarizing myself with my new companion. The screen is bigger which is nice. I arranged my apps the way I like them. When I began to set my ring and notification tones, I discovered this new phone didn't have the same tones as my old one which was disappointing. Atomic Bell. Finding Galaxy. Puddles. Synth Bell. What are these? I usually set my ringtone to what a ringing telephone should sound like, a bell like in the old days. I guess it has to do with having grown up when Ma Bell was queen. After listening to each of the programmed ring choices several times, I decided on Outer Bell, chosen only because it was the least offensive.

I still haven't figured out how to get my grandkids picture as the screen saver.

This new phone is a far cry from that first mobile phone I bought so many years ago. That phone had a single purpose and knew what it was supposed to do: allow me to make a call and allow me to receive a call. Today's reality is that I spend more time using my phone for taking pictures, checking email, texting and determining how many steps I've walked in a day. Yet, for all the advanced technology engineered into my new phone, the one thing it can't do is ring like a phone should.



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Pines celebrates a different kind of Memorial Day

On an overcast day, with just a few dozen people in attendance, members of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation hosted a sparse and solemn Memorial Day ceremony in Ocean Pines.

Normally, the event held at the Veterans Memorial grounds draws thousands of people from all across

each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Dick Tanner, who once served with the First Marine Division in Vietnam, played taps on a bugle while the small crowd, many dressed in patriotic colors, with shirts, hats and banners showing their service, watched from the field nearby.

"I appreciate that you wanted to be here today. This place – this memorial – this Memorial Day – means a lot to all of us," Gilmore said.

Elsewhere in Ocean Pines, Don McMullen raised the American flag to full staff at the Golf Club, with Associ-



Don McMullen hoists flag at Golf Club

ation President Doug Parks and General Manager John Viola in attendance.

Others in the community planned to take part in the nationwide "Taps Across America" event, sounding a bugle call at 3 p.m. to honor fallen U.S. soldiers.

After the ceremony at the Veterans Memorial, Gilmore added, "This certainly was a very different year ... we've never had to do it quite like this."

Gilmore said the day is meant as a solemn remembrance of those who lost their lives while bravely serving their country and defending the freedoms that so many hold dear.

"We wanted to do something that was appropriate for the meaning of today," Gilmore said. "Next year, hopefully, the Veterans Memorial will be able to get back together ... today, it was just important to remember those who gave their lives for us."

To view a video of the ceremony, visit <https://youtu.be/D-t4QDoHWA>.

For more information on the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines, visit www.opvets.org.



Hospitals and physician offices remain open and safe to provide care

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a lot of understandable concern. As all healthcare providers work together to control the spread of the virus within their communities, they want you to know that your health and safety remain their top priority.

"We have made great strides in keeping people well, directing them to the right level of care, and preventing unnecessary use of services," said Steve Leonard, Ph.D., MBA, FACHE, President/CEO of Peninsula Regional Health System. "Now, as we begin our transition from COVID-19 to more traditional hospital and physician office care, we face a situation where people who are sick and need our attention are concerned or afraid to come. These are very real concerns we have chosen to address together."

Atlantic General Hospital, Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, the McCready Health Pavilion, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, and the health departments of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties are collaborating on a "Safe, Ready, Waiting" message. It is an informational campaign adopted from one the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) is sharing throughout the state. "This message from MHA is one that applies

to all our hospitals and satellite locations across the Delmarva Peninsula," said Penny Short, MSM, BSN, RN and President of Nanticoke Memorial Hospital.

As COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to decrease across Delaware and Maryland, providers are getting back to the business of healthcare and working to identify what a new normal looks like. "Our goal is to convey to the public that their hospitals and medical practices are safe, ready and waiting to deliver the care they may need, including emergency care," added Michael Franklin, FACHE, President/CEO of Atlantic General Hospital. "We want to allay fear and be sure residents understand never to delay seeking emergency or urgently needed medical care. The COVID-19 public health emergency only enhanced already comprehensive efforts to keep patients and staff safe."

The traditional and social media campaign features leaders of local hospitals and health departments encouraging the community to rediscover healthcare – to avail themselves of the many services offered at different care levels. It's designed to make sure pa-

the region, with guest speakers, a full chorus belting out military anthems, local Junior ROTC squads offering the presentation of colors, and a rousing 21-gun salute finale.

This year, as with everything else – because of COVID-19 – things were a little different.

"Thank you, everybody, for joining us today. It's very different for all of us and let's hope we never have to do it this way again," Marie Gilmore, Memorial Foundation president, said by way of a brief introduction.

Next year, Gilmore promised, would be "one heck of a 15th-year celebration" for the memorial.

"Today, the important thing is that we're all together and we're all honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice – giving their lives for their country," Gilmore said.

Behind Gilmore, a small group of volunteers raised the American flag full-staff, along with flags honoring

Rentals rebounding despite pandemic

By **Victor Fernandes**

The doors at Hileman Real Estate Inc. in Ocean Pines remain closed. But owner Debbie Hileman and her staff are open to the idea that uncertainty surrounding the tourism season in Worcester County during the COVID-19 pandemic won't keep renters away.

"Will we have a fantastic off-the-charts summer? I don't know about that. But I think we'll have a good summer," Hileman said, and this month's numbers are making her more confident about how she feels. April brought cancellations as fear of traveling to this traditionally popular resort area spread through the most devoted vacationers as quickly as the highly contagious coronavirus.

"Now this month, we're making quite a few new reservations," Hileman said. "The rental inquiries are coming in for vacations. Those people have apparently already made their mind up. They do ask, 'What's going to be open? When are the pools open? What additional protections are you going to be taking?' But they want to

come. People want to come. People want vacation."

Rentals have been back on the market locally since Governor Larry Hogan officially lifted a statewide stay-at-home order May 15. The Worcester County Commissioners followed suit, lifting rental restrictions countywide.

Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan ended the restrictions on short-term rentals a day earlier. "The Town [of Ocean City] is currently working with the Hotel Motel Restaurant Association and Chamber of Commerce," Meehan said in a statement at a time, "to ensure we follow stage one of the Maryland Strong Roadmap to Recovery and Back to Business Pledge."

Since then, real estate agencies have been hard at work filling vacancies in hopes of capitalizing on short-term rentals during a normally busy and profitable tourism season that unofficially began Memorial Day weekend. Meanwhile, realtors have

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Golf Members' Council announces annual scholarships

The Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council recently awarded five scholarships totaling \$6,000 to local high school seniors.

The scholarship committee of the Golf Members' Council each year honors students who have exhibited an interest in the game of golf, and who demonstrated exemplary academic and extracurricular records.

Much of the money raised each year comes from the Ocean Pines/Taylor Bank Scramble. Since 2017, the Golf Members' Council has awarded \$22,000 in scholarships to local students.

Bob Long, scholarship committee chairman, said awards are given on behalf of Ocean Pines Golf Club members, who support the fund throughout the year.

"While the committee and the membership is saddened not to have the opportunity to present these scholarships in person this spring, it is hoped they will have the chance to meet these young people on the golf course in the not too distant future," Long said.

The 2020 recipients of the Ocean

Pines Golf Members' Council Scholarships are:

Devin Wallace: Wallace is a senior at Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) in Berlin and an Ocean Pines resident. He plans to attend Furman University in South Carolina.

Wallace is an All ESIAC-Conference golfer and team captain at WPS. He also possesses a robust academic record, which includes high SAT scores and a strong record as an honor roll and Advanced Placement student. Additionally, he has been involved in music and theater productions at WPS.

Matthew Brown: Brown is a senior at Stephen Decatur High School (SDHS) in Berlin and an Ocean Pines resident. He listed University of South Carolina as a possible choice for his college career.

Brown played on the JV golf team at SDHS for three years, and finished on the varsity team during his senior year. He ranks in the top 20% of his graduating class and has a strong academic record and top test scores. Brown also earned several scholar-athlete awards, along with two

Worcester County sportsmanship awards.

Emme Orazi: Orazi is a senior at Dulaney High School in Timonium, Maryland. While she lives outside the immediate Ocean Pines area, Orazi was a participant in Ocean Pines Golf camps for three years and plays the course when visiting her grandparents, who live in the community. She plans to attend the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

Orazi has been a member of the Dulaney golf team since her freshman year and also played competitive golf in Baltimore County. Academically, she ranks in the top third of her class. Her course work demonstrates a personal interest in Latin and a willingness to take challenging courses, including many at the honors and Advanced Placement level.

Blake Marshall: Marshall is a senior at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin and an Ocean City resident.

He listed St. Vincent College in Pennsylvania as a possible choice for his college career.

Marshall has played on the SDHS golf team for four years, including three on the varsity team. He earned All-Conference recognition during his junior and senior years, among several other honors. Marshall was also a baseball player and team captain at SDHS, and earned many hours of community service related to the sport of baseball.

Brady Leonard: Leonard is a student at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin and lives in Glen Riddle. He listed Eastern University (Pennsylvania) and Hood College (Maryland) as possible choices for his college career.

Leonard was a four-year participant on the golf team at SDHS. Most recently, he was team captain and earned Bayside Player of the Year honors.

Ocean Pines to reopen outdoor dining facilities

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, on Wednesday, announced that prior successful reopenings as well as improvements in key metrics related to the state's COVID-19 recovery would lead to an expanded list of permissible outdoor activities.

Starting on Friday, May 29 at 5 p.m., the state allowed outdoor dining facilities to reopen under certain conditions.

"Though we continue to make great progress toward recovery, COVID-19 is still very much a deadly threat, and our responsible behavior is absolutely

critical in the continued efforts to defeat it," Hogan said in a release. "Thankfully, the vast majority of our citizens clearly understand that while doing things like avoiding crowds, practicing distancing, and wearing masks may be inconvenient, that these are some of the best tools we have to continue to slow the spread of this virus, and to put us in a position to rebuild and restore our economy, and to finally defeat this invisible enemy."

Hogan said a lower risk of contracting COVID-19 does not mean there is no risk, and he continued to "stress the importance of staying home as much as possible, avoiding crowds of people, teleworking when possible, practicing physical distancing, wearing masks in indoor public areas, and avoiding public transportation unless it is absolutely necessary," according to the release.

Based on the expanded list of permissible outdoor activities, Ocean Pines plans to reopen the following:

Outdoor Dining:

The Ocean Pines Yacht Club opened for outdoor dining starting on Friday, May 29 at 5 p.m. The Beach Club opened for outdoor dining on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays starting

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County offers free, expedited, temporary outdoor seating application process

Last Thursday the Worcester County Commissioners approved a free, expedited process to help bars and restaurants in unincorporated areas of the county develop temporary outdoor seating, in accordance with Governor Larry Hogan’s transition to complete stage one of the Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery.

“The Commissioners and staff have implemented a simple, no-cost program that fast-tracks the permitting process, so that bars and restaurants can get back to business,” Commission President Joe Mitre-cic said.

Temporary outdoor seating permit applications are available on the county homepage under “Important links” at <http://www.co.worcester.md.us>.

NOTE: A separate approval must also be obtained from the Worcester County Health Department. Please contact their office at (410) 352-3234 for details.

“Only bars and restaurants seeking to either expand existing permitted outdoor seating or to add new

outdoor seating will be required to obtain a permit,” Development Review and Permitting Director Ed Tudor said. “Parking requirements will be allocated based on the outdoor seating area only. We will strive to approve applications as quickly as possible, based on the quality of information we receive from the applicants.”

All temporary outdoor seating permits will be valid only until December 30, 2020 or the cessation of the occupancy restrictions by the State of Maryland, whichever is earliest. Those with existing permits will not be required to reapply to the county.

For current Worcester County Government notices and operations throughout the COVID-19 health crisis, visit <http://www.co.worcester.md.us/covid-19-info>.



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Migratory game bird hunting seasons submitted for final approval

After receiving and reviewing public input, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources has selected the state's 2020-2021 migratory game bird hunting seasons. These selections are now awaiting final approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

“We would like to thank all the members of the public who took the time to comment on our proposed 2020-21 migratory game bird hunting season dates and bag limits,” Waterfowl Project Manager Josh Homyack said. “Whether they attended one of the public meetings or commented online, the participants demonstrated how strongly they are invested in protecting this resource and maintaining the waterfowl hunting experience.”

Highlights of the department's recommendations include:

Youth and veteran waterfowl hunting days on Nov. 7, 2020 and Feb. 6, 2021. In addition to youth age 16 and younger, military veterans and members of the Armed Forces including the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training) may now partici-

pate;

Regular duck hunting season segments from Oct. 10 – 17, Nov. 14 – 27 and Dec. 15 – Jan. 30, 2021 with a daily bag limit of six, including two canvasbacks;

Migratory Atlantic Population
Canada goose hunting segments
from Dec. 18 – Jan. 2, 2021 and Jan.
13 – Jan. 30, 2021, with a daily bag
limit of one;

The special season for sea ducks in the designated zone from Oct. 31 – Jan.8, 2021; and

Mourning dove season segments from Sept. 1 – Oct. 17, Oct. 24 – Nov. 27, and Dec. 19 – Jan. 9, 2021.

The complete list of recommended migratory game bird seasons can be found online and, once finalized, will appear in the 2020-2021 Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping and on the department's hunting webpage.

Licenses, stamps, and permits may be purchased online or by phone at 855-855-3906.

Hunters with questions may contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Service at 410-260-8540.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to fireworks.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 12 = L)

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Clue: Pyrotechnics

B. 12 4 11

Clue: Ignited

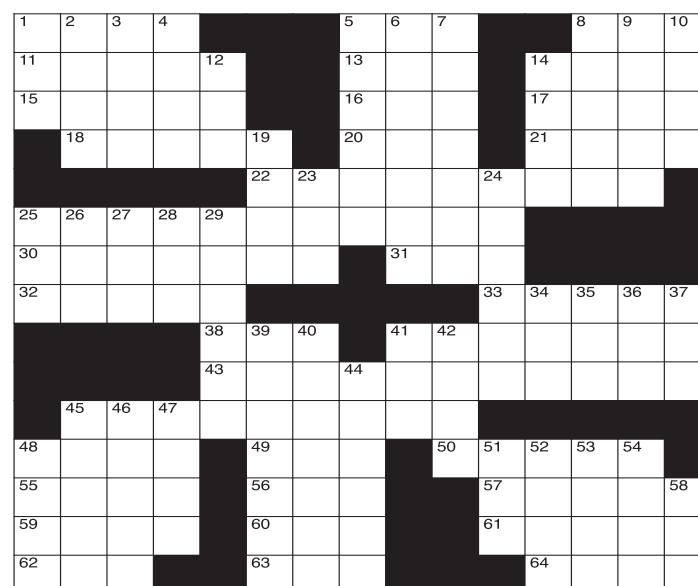
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Clue: Showcase

D. 2 16 22 9 20 12 21

Clue: Shine bright with flashes of light

Answers: A. fireworks B. lit C. display D. sparkle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Swiss shoe company
5. ___ Caesar, comedian
8. ___ and flow
11. Horsefly
13. Egyptian pharaoh
14. African nation
15. Tony-winning actress Daisy
16. Initial public offering
17. Long-winding ridge
18. Guinea peoples
20. Fellow
21. About aviation
22. Able to make amends
25. Easy to perceive
30. Cut off
31. Northeast Thai language
32. Earthy pigment
33. Water nymphs
38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
41. Those who deal
43. Apply a new fabric
45. Confusions
48. "To ___ his own"
49. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
50. Heavy cavalry sword
55. Partner to pain
56. A type of savings account
57. In a way, felt pain
59. Wide-beamed sailing dinghy
60. Consume
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Body part
63. Midway between south and southeast
64. Check

CLUES DOWN

1. Indicates a certain time (abbr.)
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Central American lizard
4. Muslim military commanders
5. One who takes to the seas
6. Select jury
7. Parts of the small intestine
8. Painter's accessory
9. Honk
10. Ballpoint pen
12. Large, dark antelope
14. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
19. Exhausts
23. ___ -bo: exercise system
24. Not written in any key or mode
25. Chinese principle underlying the universe
26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
27. Powdery, post-burning residue
28. Company that rings receipts
29. Rugged mountain range
34. Commercials
35. NY football player
36. A form of be
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Kindnesses
40. Natural electrical phenomenon
41. Your
42. Diana ___, singer
44. Upper surface of the mouth
45. National capital
46. Fluid in Greek mythology
47. Renowned jazz trumpeter
48. Freedom from difficulty
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Revolutionaries
58. Criticize

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Answers for May 27

Free Fishing Days Scheduled in June and July

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources offers license-free fishing days on June 6, June 13, and July 4, a free option to explore Maryland's diverse and unique fishing experiences without needing a fishing license, trout stamp, or registration.

Following Governor Hogan's announcement of Stage One of the 'Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery,' the state has expanded opportunities for outdoor exercise and recreation in the state. Anglers are advised to follow social distancing and

other precautions as outlined in the department's update regarding Maryland outdoor recreation.

Maryland hosts license-free fishing days annually on the first two Saturdays in June and on the Independence Day holiday. On these days, any individual may catch and possess finfish in any tidal and nontidal waters of Maryland, as long as it's for recreational purposes. All anglers must follow current size and catch limits found in the department's fishing and crabbing guide.

The department also has dozens of other resources to help new or experienced anglers, including angler access maps, Click Before You Cast environmental monitoring reports, and fish identification charts.

Aside from these free fishing days and certain license-free areas, anyone

16 or older fishing in Maryland must possess a license, which can be obtained or renewed online or on the department's mobile app. During the current State of Emergency, Governor Hogan has granted a grace period for anyone whose valid license has expired since March 5, 2020.



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Inducted - Five Worcester Preparatory School seniors were inducted to the prestigious athletic 12-Letter Club for lettering in three sports each of their four Upper School years. The inductees are Emily Copeland, Alessia Matha, Hana Miller, Maddy Shanahan and **Madison Van Orden** (shown above).

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Dogs can be vulnerable to sunburn too

Human beings are accustomed to taking certain measures to protect themselves when spending time in the sun. Applying and reapplying sunscreen, avoiding the outdoors during

skin cancer, including squamous cell carcinoma, malignant melanomas and hemangiomas. Sunburn also can exacerbate preexisting conditions like autoimmune disorders and dermatitis.

Some dogs may be especially vulnerable. While no dog is immune to sunburn, some are more vulnerable than others. The AKC notes

that hairless breeds like the American Hairless Terrier need sun protection whenever they will be outside for extended periods of time. In addition, dogs with white or thin coats and those with light-pigmented noses and eyelids also are especially vulnerable to sunburn. The AKC also says that dogs with thick coats of hair are not immune to sunburn, as many such dogs shed their coats during especially warm weather, thereby making them more vulnerable to the sun's ultraviolet rays. Dog owners can speak with their veterinarians to determine how vulnerable their dogs are to

sunburn.

What dog owners can do? Dogs can benefit from sunscreen just like their owners. However, dog owners must only apply dog-specific sunscreens to their furry friends. The AKC advises dog owners to avoid applying sunscreens that contain zinc oxide or para-aminobenzoic acid, or PABA, to their dogs, as these can be toxic when ingested. Ingestion is likely as dogs typically try to lick their skin after sunscreen has been applied, so dog owners must take this warning very seriously.

The AKC also recommends using waterproof sunscreens with a minimum sun protection factor, or SPF, of 30.

Don't just go all in. Before applying sunscreen to a dog's entire body, pick an area of its body to apply a small amount. Then wait a little while to see if the sunscreen causes an allergic reaction. If it does, wash the product off with water and do not allow the dog to spend ample time outdoors until you find a product that works and does not cause an allergic reaction.

If the dog is not allergic, apply the sunscreen about 20 minutes before going outside, keeping a watchful eye on your pooch to be sure he or she does not

lick it off. Apply the product anywhere pigment is light, and also make sure to get vulnerable areas like the bridge of the nose, ear tips and the skin around the lips, groin and inner thighs. Reapply after the dog goes swimming, and also every four to six hours whether the dog



has gone swimming or not.

Dogs are vulnerable to sunburn just like humans. Dog owners must protect their furry friends whenever spending time outdoors.

Getting a better grasp on asthma causes and management

People with asthma often fear the next attack. As a chronic inflammatory condition, asthma causes the airways to narrow and swell and produce extra mucus. This makes breathing very difficult, and also can cause wheezing and coughing fits, advises the Mayo Clinic.

Asthma is a common condition, affecting an estimated 26 million people, including six million children, in the United States alone. Despite that prevalence, the American Lung Association (ALA) notes that the cause of asthma is unknown. Scientists continue to study asthma, focusing on various factors that may increase a person's risk for the condition.

Genetics: The ALA says genetics play a role, noting that the risk is higher among those with a parent or a sibling who has asthma.

Allergies: Certain allergic conditions are linked to people with asthma. Seasonal allergies may compound asthma symptoms.

Environment: Contact with allergens, irritants or even certain infections as an infant or in early childhood before the immune system matures is tied to asthma. Adult-onset asthma is often linked to exposure to chemicals or dust in the workplace.

Infections: Respiratory infections as a child that caused inflammation and damage to the lung tissue are implicated in compromising lung function later

on in life.

Once asthma is present, doctors often classify it as allergic or non-allergic, says the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology. Certain allergens, such as pet dander or mold, can trigger a reaction in allergic asthma. For the non-allergic variety, stress, exercise, illness, extreme weather, and more may bring on an asthma attack.

Even though asthma is a chronic condition with no known cure, it can be managed daily, says ACAAI. An asthma action plan can be developed with the help of a physician. Some treatment strategies include:

- Identifying and avoiding asthma triggers as much as possible.

- Getting vaccinated for influenza and pneumonia.

- Recognizing that an attack may be imminent and acting quickly using a prescribed asthma medication.

- Reducing reliance on quick-relief inhalers by paying attention to frequency of use and discussing treatment adjustments.

- Remaining calm during an attack and seeking further medical treatment if medications become ineffective.

Learn more about managing asthma by visiting www.acaa.org or www.lung.org.



certain times of the day and drinking plenty of water while outside are just a few of the ways people can safely soak up summer sun.

But what about dogs? Should dog owners be equally protective of their four-legged friends before letting them run around in the backyard or fraternize with fellow canines at the nearest dog park?

According to the American Kennel Club, dogs can get sunburned just like their human counterparts. In addition, the AKC notes that sunburn can make dogs more vulnerable to certain types of

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on Saturday, May 30 at 11 a.m., and the new Clubhouse Bar and Grille opened for outdoor dining on Saturday, May 30 at 8 a.m.

Delivery service was discontinued at the Yacht Club as of Sunday. All three restaurants will offer carryout service during normal business hours.

According to Hogan's latest executive order, all restaurants must:

Ensure patrons are appropriately distanced with no more than six people seated at a table, with the exception of members of the same household.

Ensure patrons are seated at least six feet away from each other, except for households seated together.

Use single-use disposable paper menus or sanitize reusable menus between each seating.

Sanitize outdoor tables and chairs between each customer seating.

Train staff in current COVID-19 health and workplace guidelines.

Begin screening procedures including daily temperature checks of all staff.

Ensure staff wear masks or face coverings when interacting with other employees or patrons.

For more information or questions, call 410-641-7501.

Pools:

An announcement on pool reopenings will be made, next week.

Ocean Pines Golf Club:

Opened on Saturday, May 9, with safety procedures in place.

The Clubhouse building will remain closed until further notice. Additionally, walking and biking by nongolfers is no longer 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:

Opened on Thursday, May 14, with safety procedures in place. The Racquet Center will be closed from noon to 3 p.m., daily.

Member tags may be picked up from staff onsite at the Racquet Center.

For more information or questions, call 410-641-5255. Questions specific to tennis, platform tennis or pickleball may be directed to the respective

board president of each group.

White Horse Park:

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

The Community Center and Recreation and Parks Department will also remain closed until further notice. However, some registration forms are available now by 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:

Opened on Saturday, May 23, with

safety procedures in place.

The Beach Club bathrooms are 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.

For general information or questions, call 410-641-5255. For information on Beach Club memberships, call 410-641-7717.

Ocean Pines Marinas:

Opened on Friday, May 1 to allow slip holders to access boat slips, and with safety procedures in place. 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 began on Monday, May 11. Applications and a list of membership requirements are available at the pick-up box outside the entrance of the Ocean Pines Community Center, on 235 Ocean Parkway. The adjacent drop box can be used to drop off payment, applications and current shot records.

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

Administration:

The Administration building is closed to the public and will temporarily accept payments by phone and drop box only.

During this time, assessments and memberships may be paid by calling

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Pocomoke City launches marketing campaign

Pocomoke City has launched a marketing campaign entitled Pocomoke Invests to attract successful businesses to the historic town. The campaign revolves around a website (PocomokeInvests.com) that offers a convenient 'one-stop' shopping approach giving those interested the opportunity to view available properties as well as grants, tax credits and loans. The town is also offering incentives and perks to new business relocating to Pocomoke City such as a property tax rebate, a business-personal property tax rebate, and water and

sewer bill rebates.

Further advantages to expansion in Pocomoke City include strategic location, workforce/demographics, and available properties —both existing structures and land parcels. These advantages are explained in detail below.

Strategic Location: Pocomoke City, also known as the 'Friendliest Town on the Eastern

Shore', is at the crossroads of US Route 13 and 113 connecting three important hot spots on the Eastern Shore peninsula including the Wallops Island Flight Facility (NASA in Wallops Island, VA), Ocean City, MD (popular resort and retirement area) and Salis-



bury.

Workforce/Demographics:

Pocomoke City has a population of just under 4,200 residents with the median age of 35.5 years translating to an available workforce of younger, more energetic workers. Residents are grounded in the Pocomoke City community with 41% of families having children in the home under the age of 18. Estimated median household income in 2017 was \$44,214 with the cost of living at 81.4% which is very low compared to the U.S. average of 100.

Available Properties: Whatever your business need, Pocomoke City has many properties to choose from including beautiful historic properties in the town's downtown area, highway properties, warehouse space, industrial buildings and available land parcels for building.

Those interested are welcome to visit www.PocomokeInvests.com for more information. Contact can be made through Dan Brandewie, Planning & Zoning director for Pocomoke City, Karah Lacey, Downtown Pocomoke City Coordinator or Jeremy Mason, Interim City manager for Pocomoke City, MD. Visit <http://pocomokeinvests.com/contact-us/> for email addresses and phone numbers.

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410-641-7717 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), or by using the drop box inside the Administration building foyer, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Ocean Pines Administration Building is on 239 Ocean Parkway, in Ocean Pines.

For email questions, email member@oceanpines.org.

Other facilities:

Passive walking trails in Ocean Pines remain open.

Portable hand-washing stations are

available at the Golf Course, Racquet Center, White Horse Park, South Gate Walking Trail near the Veterans Memorial, and Yacht Club Marina.

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

"We continue to follow statewide procedures for safety and phased reopening, based upon Gov. Hogan's orders," General Manager John Viola said. "The safety of our staff and of our homeowners and residents continues to be the top priority."

"From Public Works, to Rec and Parks, Golf, Food and Beverage, Mem-

bership, and Aquatics, our team, across the board, has done a lot of work in getting Ocean Pines facilities ready to reopen. They have also provided key benchmarks on what others are doing," Viola continued. "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 latest version of Hogan's executive order, visit <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Gatherings-7th-AMENDED-5.27.20.pdf>.

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resumed work on long-term properties that often are more popular among consumers in the spring and fall than in the summer.

"[The market] got very quiet very quickly," said Bernie Flax, owner and broker at Exit Realty at the Beach in Ocean Pines. "People didn't want to put houses on the market during the pandemic. We were very busy before [the pandemic]. We were looking for a pretty robust spring, I believe. In Ocean City, it can be very difficult to show homes in the summertime."

Hileman prefers to stay positive with her sales projections for the always critical summer season. "I'm definitely not a doomsday person. It's not, 'Oh my goodness the sky is falling. It's not that at all. I don't see it," she said. "It was gearing up to be one of the best summers in a long time. Sales were shaping up for a really good year, but there's still a lot

of activity in the sales market."

Like many other business owners across Worcester County, Hileman and other realtors have pivoted in the face of a changing landscape caused by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and Governor Larry Hogan's shutdown and stay-at-home orders in March.

For example, the staff at Hileman Real Estate Inc. turned to checking in renters curbside to keep themselves safe inside. Hileman said they haven't determined yet if doors will remain locked and curbside check-in will remain in effect moving forward. The staff also has focused on conducting business via the internet, including using DocuSign to complete rental agreements electronically.

They also have worn masks and gloves while showing properties to prospective clients. "We just did it one day at a time," Hileman said. "[The pandemic] hit us just like everybody else. We did what

everybody else is doing."

Yet, Hileman's sales technique has stayed the same throughout this health crisis.

"I don't want to push people into making a decision," she said. "Everybody has their own comfort level. That's how we're handling it."

Flax pointed to inventory not keeping up with the demand for properties. "We're busy right now," Flax said, "but inventory is a bigger issue. We have a lot of demand." There are two sides to every situation, Hileman said, and that thought has held true this spring.

Hileman said she hoped the Eastern Shore would be further along in the reopening plan. Hogan hasn't unveiled a set date for the start of Phase 2. But the return to outdoor dining at restaurants statewide, among other activities, headlined Hogan's announcement last week that Maryland has moved closer to completing Phase 1 of his multi-phase plan.

The option for outdoor dining offers an added incentive that realtors like Hileman can share with prospective renters. Hileman wants to see how the latest news on outdoor swimming pools - they were allowed to reopen last Friday at 25 percent capacity - will affect reservations as the weather heats up. "We're moving forward. That's good," Hileman said. "Everybody is mindful of what we can do to keep people safe. But we've got to get through this somehow. Hopefully there will be a time when [the pandemic] passes."

When that time comes, Hileman is confident the real-estate business will return to normal.

"I don't think it's going to have a long-lasting impact," she said of the pandemic. "Certainly, this whole 2020 cycle will be one to talk about for a long time. But I think we have short memories. I'm just not a negative person. I know we're going to get through this."

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includes health screenings for all employees before all of their shifts.

Hogan hasn't publicly announced a date for the start of Phase 2.

Hoffman understands it's better to be safe than sorry as a community. "I don't want to push to open when people are getting sick," he said. "That's the last thing I want, for anyone to get sick by coming here [to my restaurants] or any other establishment."

Still, what happens if indoor dining doesn't return until, for example, after the summer ends? Local seasonal businesses need revenue earned these next few months to survive during the offseason, when they are closed or operating with far fewer customers.

"We've had some money in the bank, but that money is disappearing. It's pretty much gone at this point. That's the reality," said Hoffman, referring to covering expenses while his restaurants were closed and since

they reopened earlier this spring.

Jaeger said business continues to improve since the family moved to curbside pickup at the start of the shutdown. Unlike other businesses struggling to move forward, Jaeger said she believes "we have weathered the storm. It's just hard to do. It's twice the work, and everyday you think, 'Am I going to be able to do this again today.' We'll be alright. We have to be, right?"

Jaeger pointed out that "this [summer] is where we're supposed to be making our money for the year. [Outdoor dining] is one step forward."

That won't be a big enough step for Hoffman. For now, Pit & Pub's dedicated staff continue doing the best they can.

"It's out of our hands. Somebody's got to make the call to say open up," he said. "I keep coming in [to work]. I keep showing up. I've got a great staff. Everybody is coming in working. We're showing up and we're trying. That's all we can do at this point."

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tients know that Maryland and Delaware hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, family medicine and specialty care offices are safe, ready and waiting to address critical and emergency care needs.

"You'll hear familiar terms we have all been using like social distancing, masking, intensive cleaning and visitation restrictions. COVID-19 may never go away, but we can manage it, and our hospitals and medical practices are open to safely care for everyone, 24/7," said Lori Brewster, MS, APRN/BC, LCADC, Health Officer for Wicomico and Somerset Counties.

Print, social media and radio messages will remind the community of the risks related to delaying care. They will reinforce that all hospitals, physician offices and labs always use safety precautions, distancing of patients and infection prevention measures, regardless of a patient's

condition or diagnosis.

Telehealth remains a viable primary care or behavioral health option for those who are unable to see their medical provider in-person. Be sure to check with your care provider's office for telehealth opportunities.

"A common theme throughout the pandemic has been that we'll get through this together," added Rebecca Jones, RN, BSN, MSN, Worcester County Health Officer. "Each team, each organization and each person in our health community has demonstrated that we can respond quickly, effectively and with a strong purpose to remain steadfast in our mission to care for our communities."

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