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Art Matters

Collins' ideas and love of Delmarva are crystal clear

By Elaine Bean

When Crystal Collins was growing up, she wanted to be an art teacher. “But where I ended up worked out so much better for me,” she said.

Born on the Shore, Collins was raised in upstate New York near Woodstock, spending summers in Ocean City with her father and grandparents. After her children were born, she moved back home to

“The late Tom Draper always said, ‘We have a moral obligation to serve Delmarva.’ I have completely taken that piece of advice to heart and try my best to help come up with ideas and be supportive of the people and businesses I work with.”

During the pandemic, Collins was classified as an essential worker and kept working. “Without our local advertisers, there would be no news ... relaying the information people needed to know. I was fortunate to be able to work from home and still do. This was a godsend as my kids are 10 and 12 and have been doing virtual schooling.”

Collins' artwork received peninsula-wide



Lobster painting

attention during the shutdown when DelmarvaLife was broadcasting from the homes of their hosts. Four of her colorful paintings of crabs were on the air

daily as the backdrop behind Lisa Bryant.

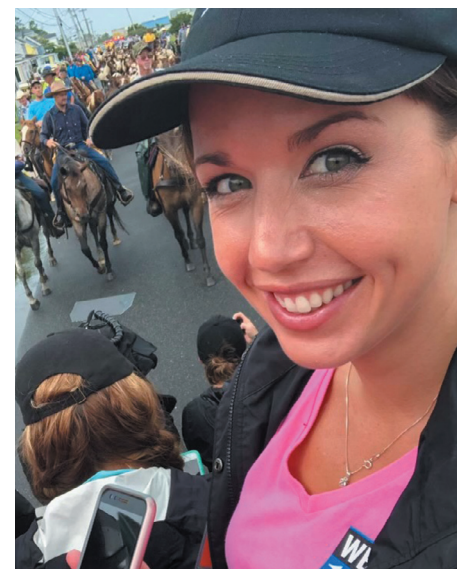
“After seeing one of my crab paintings at the Ward Museum, the Bryants commissioned four paintings from me,” Collins shared. “Fast forward to the pandemic, and Lisa had to transform her home into a DelmarvaLife studio. What a treat it was to see my art on TV each day at 5 o’clock. Every day, Bob, Lisa’s husband, would move the four crab paintings around so the background would be slightly different.”

Collins uses acrylics to paint on canvas — when she can find the time

as a single mother of two. “I have to make the time,” she said. “It’s how I reward myself when everything else is taken care of, my ‘me’ time between loads of laundry, soccer games, and TV shoots. Art matters because it is expression of someone’s feelings, their time, and creativity.”

Collins’ paintings were featured in a solo show in Studio E at the Ocean City Center for the Arts in 2016, and she continues to be inspired daily by the local landscape.

“Each day inspires me to get out and see the world,” Collins said. “I love the area marshes and the sunsets, the boating, the beaches, and



Crystal with her children Chelsea and Liam

bike rides with my dad, the Road Captain for the Delmarva Riders Club. I love hopping on the back of his bike and exploring all the back roads while spending time with him and others who love Delmarva as much as I do. My job has allowed me to be aware and involved in everything that’s going on, from small town events in Berlin and planning special episodes for the Town of Ocean City to the Chincoteague Pony Swim. There are so many fun projects I’m involved in!”

Getting back to her roots was what brought Collins back to the Shore and what keeps her passionate. “I do everything I can to help anyone who needs it. I am actively supporting the arts and my ‘mom tribe,’ and am on the board of the John Brune Law Enforcement K-9 Foundation.”

And then there’s the ocean. “I love the idea that after a day of school and work, the kids and I can just go to the

beach or Boardwalk,” Collins said. “I knew that as a young mom I wasn’t going to be able to go on a lot of vacations. If you live here, you know that each day feels like a vacation.”



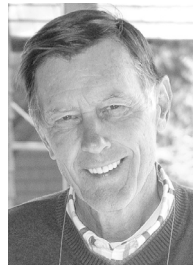
Ocean Pines — “I wanted my kids to grow up with the sand between their toes” — and became a media advertising executive at WBOC Draper Holdings.

“I like to say I’m an ideas person,” Collins said. “I have worked with hundreds of businesses and nonprofits all over the peninsula, which has given me the opportunity to really see and learn so much about Delmarva. Last year was a tough one for so many people. It was amazing to see the resilience of our small business owners, tourism agencies, and event planners.

Board scare tactics fail

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**
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The recent bylaws referendum result was a complete rejection of the scare tactics promulgated by the Ocean Pines Board of Directors in an effort to influence the vote.



It was a dramatic and convincing victory for association member Slobodan Trendic and those who supported his petition drive and a subsequent court battle with OPA. It culminated a nearly two-year battle between petitioning association members and a smug Board of Directors unanimously voting to use scare tactics about the consequences of a referendum YES vote to limit board spending on a single project to \$1 million without approval of the membership.

The scare tactics included telling association members if the referendum spending limit bylaw passed it would require “a referendum before the annual bulkhead replacement projects can be authorized” every year. Former OPA assistant Treasurer Gene Ringsdorf told the Board their position was incorrect even before the ballots were mailed. The board ignored him. Adding insult to injury, the Board purchased about seven expensive full-page ads pro-

moting the scare tactics in at least two local newspapers during the weeks leading up to mailing of the referendum ballots.

This waste of your assessment dollars was to no avail. The scare tactics were to no avail. Association members voted two to one to approve the bylaws change limiting board spending. It was a crushing defeat for the Board.

Aside from the scare tactics, the Board apparently also failed to comply with Maryland corporate law when taking a formal position urging association members to vote NO on the referendum and making the scare tactics a part of that formal position.

Attempts to ascertain how the Board of Directors approved the official OPA position on the spending limit referendum, as well as the spending on newspaper ads to support the board position, have been unsuccessful.

Apparently, it was done via email as an “Informal Action by Directors” outside a meeting as allowed by Maryland law. Asked when the vote took place and who made the motion, Director Frank Daly wrote on April 12, 2021, “That information would need to come from the Secretary and Larry (Perone). I don’t keep that information as a matter of record. I just vote for the procedural motion and when approved for the actual motion.”

Assuming what Frank wrote is correct (not a given), that a motion and vote did take place outside a meeting, one can find nothing in any board meeting minutes where “the consent and action taken shall be filed with the minutes of the next Board meeting” as required by Maryland law.

Asked about this via email on April 24, 2021, the Board did not respond.

The Board could not even admit their total defeat by Trendic in court. A February 16, 2021 OPA news release stated, “Ocean Pines Association and Slobodan Trendic have reached a settlement to resolve the *Slobodan Trendic and Ocean Pines Association, et al.* matter.” There was no out-of-court settlement. The court found in favor of Trendic. Period.

Then there is the personal side of all this. Mocked by some, insulted by others, Slobodan Trendic’s tenacity paid off, proving one can “fight City Hall” and win. Trendic has been at loggerheads with some members of the Board for years. He is often blamed for financial losses while then-Director Brett Hill was acting General Manager, yet Trendic was the only board member who attempted to rein in spending and control Hill, voting against many of Hill’s proposals while angering

most of his fellow board members who supported policies leading to a financial freefall.

Director Doug Parks wanted Trendic removed from the Board of Directors at one point. In an interview published in the *Bayside Gazette*, Parks suggested that trying to “salvage” Trendic might be the equivalent of trying “to polish a turd.” Parks was subsequently rewarded with re-election to the Board of Directors and currently serves as OPA Treasurer.

Unfortunately, this board soap opera never ends. The upcoming OPA board election will be a battle for control of a board majority, with Parks again at the center, along with Tom Janasek. Informed sources say Parks and Janasek hope for the election of candidates supported by former board member Esther Diller.

For those who enjoy following the ins and outs of OPA politics, it should be an interesting summer.


Yard sale scheduled

The Worcester County NAACP will sponsor a community yard sale on Saturday June 5 from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Stephen Decatur Middle School parking lot. Call 443-513-1745 or 443-944-6701 to reserve a spot. The cost is \$20 per space. Table is not furnished.

Courier Almanac

On May 26, 1927, Henry Ford and his son Edsel drove the 15 millionth Model T Ford out of their factory, marking the famous automobile’s official last day of production.

More than any other vehicle, the relatively affordable and efficient Model T was responsible for accelerating the automobile’s introduction into American society during the first quarter of the 20th century. Introduced in October 1908, the Model T—also known as the “Tin Lizzie”—weighed some 1,200 pounds, with a 20-horsepower, four-cylinder engine. It got about 13 to 21 miles per gallon of gasoline and could travel up to 45 mph. Initially selling for around \$850 (around \$20,000 in today’s dollars), the Model T would later sell for as little as \$260 (around \$6,000 today) for the basic no-extras model.



Without pollinators, more than 100 crops grown in the United States would not be able to thrive. Plants, including various fruits, vegetables, nuts and more, rely on pollinators to ensure to transport pollen. Though many plants are self-pollinating and others are pollinated by the wind or water, many others rely on insects and animals to become pollinated. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says birds, bees, bats, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, and small mammals all can work as pollinators. Examples of crops pollinated by pollinators include apples, squash and almonds. Animals and insects help pollinate more than 75 percent of the world’s flowering plants, and nearly 75 percent of all crops, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Unfortunately, pesticide use can diminish the number of natural pollinators. Natural gardening and pest-control can help protect the habitats of pollinators.

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Call of duty

From the time the ink dried on the final signature affixed to the Declaration of Independence in 1776, our nation has expected much of those who have worn a military uniform in service of this country.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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We have demanded valor in the heat of battle. We expect that success be wrestled from the grip of defeat. And as if that were not enough, we have demanded self-sacrifice in pursuit or defense of a fundamental right we often take for granted, liberty.

From declared wars such as the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I and World War II to undeclared conflicts such as the naval war with France, the First and Second Barbary Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the most recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq and other periods of conflict throughout our history, our nation has been blessed to have defenders step forward from the ranks of the citizenry.

Whether wearing the uniform of the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy or Coast Guard, the sons and daughters of this nation have put themselves between the enemy and our country.

Although the motives of political leaders who deploy our military are sometimes questioned, there is no questioning the resolve and dedication of the individuals who have comprised our military. Americans of all nationalities, races, creeds and colors have worn the nation's uniform. Two of my boys serve their country, my son and son-in-law. We should be thankful for their service and the service of millions of others who responded to the call of duty. I am.

Some of these Americans were drafted, others volunteered. Regardless, they took up the banner of the United States and served our country. They did a job that was at times thankless, at times heroic and at all times dangerous.

Understood by everyone who has worn a military uniform is the reality that they may not return or may not make it home whole in body.

This sentiment is not just for those service men and women going off to

war. It is also a reality for those stationed around the world. Sometimes just wearing a U.S. military uniform can make one a target for vengeance and terrorism. For that matter just being an American can make one a target.

It is easy to forget that the liberty we take for granted was secured by fellow citizens who took up arms and laid down their lives to defend this country.

During the fall of Saigon in 1975 people were so desperate to not fall under communism that they ran alongside taxiing jets attempting to jump aboard or latch onto landing gear so when it retracted they would be pulled into the underbelly of the plane. Many of them never made it.

During the Cold War no one tried to escape over the Berlin Wall from West Germany to East Germany. People were shot dead trying to come the other way though. When was the last time you heard or saw someone attempt to escape the freedom of the United States?

Monday is Memorial Day. It is more than a three-day weekend, more than a series of holiday sales and more than the beginning of the summer season. It is a day set aside to honor the common people who, in extraordinary, frightening situations, died on beaches, in foxholes, in rice patties, in jungles, on the open sea and in P.O.W. camps while in service to this nation under God. It is a day to remember those men and women who never returned to their families because they gave their lives protecting our way of life.

They never had another opportunity to take for granted the pleasantness of playing catch in the backyard with a child, dancing spontaneously with a spouse when a favorite song comes on the radio or deciding which fishing hole would yield the most results. Instead their images are frozen in time within the pages of school yearbooks and family albums. Their memories are animated in the faraway glances of a saddened parent, spouse, sibling or child.

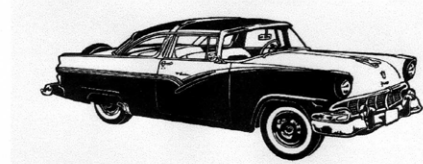
Memorial Day is a reminder that sacrifice is the ballast of liberty. We should keep that in mind as we enjoy a holiday barbecue in the company of friends and family, deciding whether to have another hamburger or hot dog.

May the brave men and women we honor Monday rest in peace and their memory be as vibrant as they once were. God bless!



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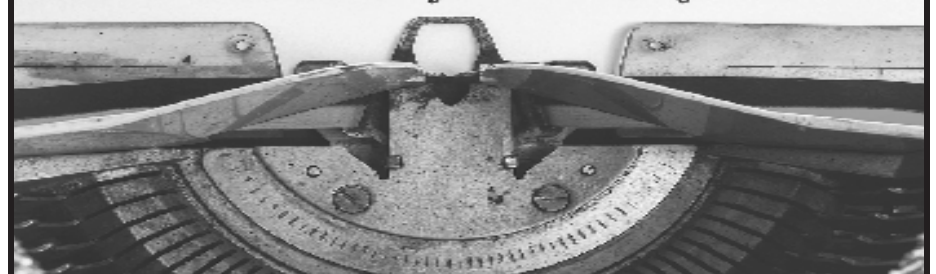
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All marina slips full, but some temporary spots available

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue on Saturday said all marina boat slips are full for the season, but there are some temporary slips available.

"Please understand that all the slips are rented. They are only open to those that have paid their fees, have turned in their rental agreements, [and] registration and insurance," Donahue said. "You cannot put another boat in a slip, even if no one's there, because each one of those slips are insured to a person that has rented it and paid for it."

However, Donahue said Ocean Pines has three "T-Docks" that are open for temporary public use. She said those can hold up to seven boats, depending on the size of the boat.

"There's also two spaces at the Mumford's ramp that [boaters] can pull up on for dining at the Yacht Club and temporary usage," she said. "I just wanted to state that, because we do have some issues in the summer and [those are] just the regulations that I have to go by."

Donahue said the marinas, opened on May 1, were doing well so far and had posted \$13,500 in fuel sales, as of late last week.

Marina fuel dock hours are currently 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and those will expand to 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Memorial Day Weekend.

For more information, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/marinas>.

'Wonders of Summer' program offered

University of Maryland and University of Maryland Eastern Shore Extension are teaming up to offer "The 4-H Wonders of Summer," six exciting one day programs beginning June 22 and ending July 7. These fun, experiential learning sessions for youth age eight to 13 will be held at various locations in Wicomico and Worcester Counties from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of each daily program is \$20. Participants are to pack a lunch, beverage, and sun protection, as appropriate. These programs will follow the current Maryland 4-H Guidelines for in-person programming.

June 22 is "The 4-H Wonders of Water - the Sinepuxent Bay" held at the Paul S. Sarbanes Coastal Ecology Center on Assateague Island. Participants will try seining, discover pollinators and explore nature's bounty as they learn about the watershed.

June 23 returns to Wicomico County for "The 4-H Wonders of Nature and History of Pemberton Park" exploring trails, fishing, making minnow traps, going on an insect hunt, and playing lots of fun old-fashioned games as you discover the history of this beautiful park.

June 29 is a creative adventure at Christ United Methodist Church in Salisbury for "The 4-H Wonders of STEAM" to learn about the science of art and color and try different painting tech-

niques and make unusual gifts to keep for years.

June 30 will brush up those fishing techniques in "The 4-H Wonders of the Pocomoke River State Park at Shad Landing." There will be a treasure hunt and participants will make and take home an unusual gift that can be entered in County Fairs.

July 6 takes us back in time for "The 4-H Wonders of Historical Crafting at the Adkins Historical Complex" in Mardela Springs. Spend the day at the One Room School House to learn how people lived in the 19th century. Learn the basics of leather crafting and how to use natural dyes.

July 7 will be held at the Sarbanes Center on Assateague Island for "The Wonders of Nature's Filters in the Sinepuxent Bay." Learn about the incredible oyster, dissect a squid and expand your creative abilities by making beautiful art from nature.

Register for each session at <https://the4hwondersofsummer.eventbrite.com>. For more information or if reasonable accommodations are needed to participate, contact any of these 4-H program staff and faculty or call 410-632-1972: Barb Barga (bbarga@umd.edu), Cindy Morris (cmorris1@umd.edu), or Lisa Murphy (lbmurphy@umes.edu).



DAR welcomes new member

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently welcomed a new member during a luncheon meeting at the Memorial Pavilion in White Horse Park. Regent Gail Weldin and past Chaplain Ann Fowler administered the oath of membership to Jena Chambers. The granddaughter of a deceased chapter member, Chambers was admitted into the DAR on July 5, 2020. Her Revolutionary War ancestor is Captain Matthew Purnell of Maryland.

The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education. For more information, visit www.dar.org.

(L-R) Jena Chambers, Regent Gail Weldin, and past Chaplain Ann Fowler.



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GM update includes drainage, reserves and financials

General Manager John Viola covered a range of topics at the recent Ocean Pines Association board meeting, during his monthly report to the Ocean Pines Board of Directors:

Pipe liners

Viola said installation of new pipe liners at several locations finished on May 5.

Contractor Pelican Underground LLC installed new liners on Ocean Parkway near Route 90, 215 Ocean Parkway, 159 Ocean Parkway, 736 Ocean Parkway, 30 Offshore Lane, 102 Robin Hood Trail, Fosse Grange, and Pintail Park and Ocean Parkway.

“This type of process alleviates us digging up the roads. It’s a short process, it’s cheaper and, personally, everybody feels that it’s a better pipe liner,” Viola said.

“It’s probably something that’s going to last a very long time, and all of these pipes were done, probably, at half the price that it would have taken us with the old, conventional way,” he added.

The Association budgeted \$207,000 for the project and the final cost was \$212,000.

“We did have to buy more ice to stabilize the product, based upon conditions. We also had to go out

and rent a vacuum truck for a couple of days because of the amount of dirt or silt ... that had built up inside the pipes,” Viola said.

Bainbridge update

Viola said the Bainbridge Pond drainage improvement project is on track and on budget. Ocean Pines received a \$482,337 grant for the work and also budgeted \$235,000 in additional funding.

“It is scheduled to be completed by the end of June,” he said. “Right now, we’re on track for that, if not a little [early].”

Improvements at the site include a new forebay, to help with filtration before water enters the main retention pond.

“That’s one of the big items of this whole drainage [project] ... to get this water cleaner as it goes out to the bay,” Viola said.

Reserve study update

Viola said Virginia-based firm Design Management Associates Inc. finished a review of buildings, drainage, roads, and bulkheads related to an updated reserve study first presented in 2016.

An overall draft of the general reserve study is expected back by the end of the month, and the Associa-

tion will present that to the Budget and Finance Committee in June. Viola said the study would then go before the Board, either in June or July.

PPP update

Viola said Ocean Pines is still waiting for final word on forgiveness of the roughly \$1.1 million received as part of the federal Paycheck Protection Program.

He said a loan forgiveness application was sent to the Bank of Ocean City in March, and the Small Business Administration has 90 days to provide a response letter.

“If this [letter] isn’t received, it’s a loan ... at 1% that we pay over ‘x’ amount of time,” Viola said. “That would have a \$1.1 million effect on our operating profit for this year.”

Viola said 100% of the funds received were used for Ocean Pines payroll and salaries.

Fiscal-year forecast

Viola said the current forecast is that the Association closed the fiscal year \$1.15 million ahead of budget projections.

He said three separate stimulus grants or loans were a major part of that, and without the stimulus Ocean Pines would have closed the

fiscal year at a nearly \$370,000 loss.

Aquatics (-\$175,000) and Beach Parking (-\$180,000) suffered significant losses because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the food and beverage operations would have posted losses if not for a federal grant.

Viola said those losses were offset by cost-cutting measures by Recreation and Parks, and other departments.

To view the full GM report, visit https://youtu.be/b_pyGCOYZmo?t=198.

Board meeting briefs

The Ocean Pines Board discussed the following items during its regular meeting on May 15.

Mask mandate lifted

“I’ve confirmed with our general manager that the mask mandate has been lifted in Ocean Pines, in compliance with the CDC and the governor’s decision last night,” Association President Larry Perrone said.

Perrone said the new policy applies to those who have been fully vaccinated.

He said Gov. Larry Hogan also lifted all capacity restrictions in Maryland.

“That’s good news for our clubs and for the pools,” Perrone said.

Referendum passed

Perrone said the referendum to set the spending limit to \$1 million without an additional referendum has passed. The Elections Committee announced the referendum vote totals on Friday.

“I want to take just a second to thank the Elections Committee for the hard work that they did throughout this process,” Perrone said, adding the committee manually counted votes on Friday from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

“They did an outstanding job,” Perrone said. “I want to thank [Elections Committee Chairman] Steve Habeger and his team for a job well done.”

Parking lot lease

Board members unanimously ap-

please see briefs on page 16

Tennis community to honor Rusko

Community members will host a memorial bench dedication in honor of Paul Rusko on June 12 at 11 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

Rusko, who passed away in December, was seen as a mentor to

many, both in the Ocean Pines area, and in Anne Arundel County where he was the coordinator of physical education and athletics for more than three decades.

Among those he mentored is Tim McMullen, the current Ocean Pines

Racquet Sports program coordinator and a former athletic director at Broadneck High School in Anne Arundel County.

“Paul was a mentor to hundreds of teachers and coaches in Anne Arundel County, and in Ocean Pines he was the founder of the ‘Early Bird’ group many years ago,” McMullen said. “We would get together and play tennis, and then go out to breakfast and solve the problems of the world.”

“He was a phenomenal person,” McMullen continued. “We’re hoping the tennis community here, and the teachers and coaches from Anne Arundel County will attend this memorial dedication.”

The Ocean Pines Racquet Center is on 11443 Manklin Creek Road, in Ocean Pines. For questions about the dedication, contact McMullen at mac122147@gmail.com.

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Wor-Wic receives military friendly designation

Wor-Wic Community College was named as a silver-level Military Friendly School in the small community college category and as a Military Friendly Spouse School, for 2021 by VIQTORY, a veteran-owned company whose mission is to assist military personnel transitioning into civilian life.

The Military Friendly Schools list honors the colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members and veterans as students. Wor-Wic recognizes and adheres to Veterans Administration (VA) standards and strives to assist veterans as much as possible. Fred Howard, director of veterans services, is available at Wor-Wic to help current and prospective students who are veterans or active military personnel.

"Wor-Wic's veteran, military and eligible dependent student enrollment averages 300 students per year taking both credit and non-credit courses," said Howard. "Veterans, active duty members, National Guard, reservists and eligible family members can use

one of several VA GI Bill educational benefits while attending college. In addition to VA educational benefits, eligible military students can use their active duty and reserve tuition assistance while attending Wor-Wic. Wor-Wic has been selected as a Military Friendly School by VIQTORY for 10 consecutive years and a military friendly spouse school for the fourth year in a row."

A U.S. Navy veteran, Howard serves as the advisor for Wor-Wic's veterans and military association, a student club that is open to all students who have served any length of time in the U.S. armed forces. The club raises awareness of veteran issues and organizes events pertaining to veterans.

Visit www.militaryfriendly.com for the complete Military Friendly Schools list. Veterans or active military personnel interested in enrolling at Wor-Wic can contact Howard at fhoward@worwic.edu or 410-334-2882.



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What is direct access?

By **William “Billy” Hamilton Jr.**, DPT, CHT



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Have you heard of Direct Access for Physical Therapy? Direct Access to physical therapy means that you can seek evaluation and treatment without a referral from your doctor. A question I frequently receive about direct access is, “will my insurance cover it”? The simple answer is yes. Every state has different levels of limitations to direct access, but here in Maryland there are “no restrictions.” I do have to add that there are a couple insurance companies that do require a primary care referral for physical therapy treatments. However, these do not include most of the major private health insurance companies and Medicare.

Another question that has been asked, are physical therapists qualified to deliver services independent of a physician’s referral? I believe the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) answered this best by stating, “Physical therapists are educated at the post-baccalaureate level and receive extensive education and clinical training in the examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, and intervention of patient/clients with functional limitations, impairments and disabilities.” In fact, it is legal in all 50 states for a physical therapist to make a diagnosis. Physical therapists diagnose every patient they evaluate in order to prescribe the most effective treatment plan of care. Physical therapists are also educated in differential diagnosis, which means we can determine whether you need to be referred

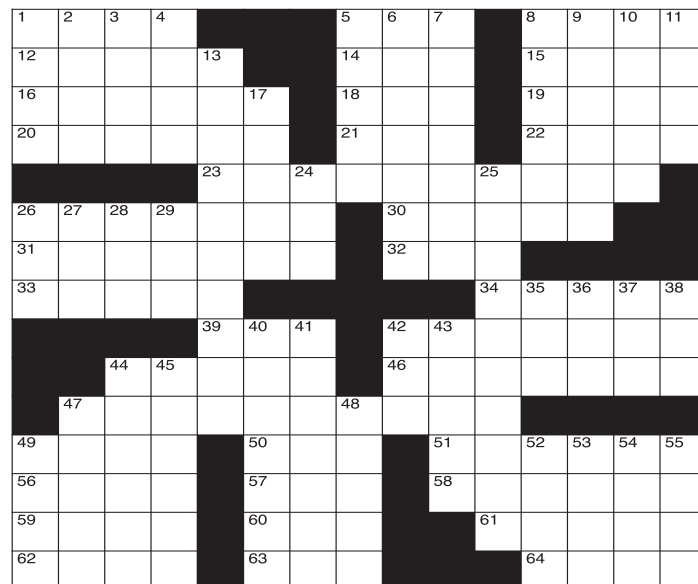
to another specialty other than physical therapy for appropriate evaluation and treatment.

Direct Access has many benefits, I will mention a few of the more important and relevant ones here. First, direct access can reduce the overall financial burden on the healthcare system. It is well documented that delays in treatment end up resulting in overall higher costs as acute conditions become more chronic.

Secondly, Direct Access gives you the ability to be seen by a physical therapist and receive treatment quickly. Many times, you may be able to be evaluated the same day that you call a physical therapy clinic. This ability to begin treatment quickly can reduce the overall time needed for successful treatment. This not only saves money as previously mentioned but can get you back to your normal daily and recreational activities much faster. Thirdly, performing physical therapy treatments closer to the onset of your symptoms can greatly improve your overall functional outcomes. Meaning the sooner an issue can be evaluated and treated, the more likely it is that the highest maximum outcome is achieved.

In closing, remember that Direct Access gives you the power to take control of your physical health by calling your physical therapist directly for treatment. If you’re having an issue you believe can be helped with physical therapy, give your therapist a call today.

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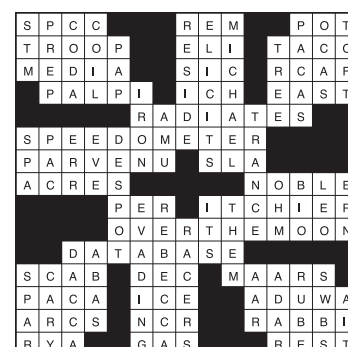


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A group of sheep
- 5. Of she
- 8. This (Spanish)
- 12. A type of sorcery
- 14. A team’s best pitcher
- 15. Port in southern Japan
- 16. Makes very happy
- 18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
- 19. From a distance
- 20. Winged nut
- 21. Consumed
- 22. “Heat” director
- 23. In all places
- 26. Made improvements to
- 30. St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
- 31. A type of “seat”
- 32. Wood
- 33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
- 34. Approval
- 39. Basics
- 42. Where judges sit
- 44. W. African religion
- 46. Commentators
- 47. Having many different functions
- 49. Member of a Semitic people
- 50. Flightless, fast-running bird
- 51. After the seventh
- 56. Small N. Zealand tree
- 57. Health care pro (abbr.)
- 58. Playground mainstay
- 59. Expressing relief
- 60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
- 61. Fishing net
- 62. Beer
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Garden tools
- 2. Early Syrian kingdom
- 3. 500 sheets of paper
- 4. Information
- 5. Beloved comic strip character
- 6. Distinct form of a plant
- 7. Replenishment
- 8. Semitransparent glassy substance
- 9. Expedition to observe animals
- 10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
- 11. Obtain in return for labor
- 13. Inheritable genetically
- 17. One who rescues
- 24. Doctor of Education
- 25. Liberal arts
- 26. Shock treatment
- 27. Disfigure
- 28. When you hope to get there
- 29. Peacock network
- 35. Part of (abbr.)
- 36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
- 37. Not just “play”
- 38. Former CIA
- 40. Reduced to a sloping edge
- 41. Restricted the development of
- 42. Sciences degree
- 43. Sea eagles
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- 45. Joints
- 47. Sailing boat
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Interesting facts about Memorial Day

Each year on the last Monday of May, Americans celebrate Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a federal holiday that honors and mourns American military personnel who died while performing their duties in service to the United States Armed Forces.

Memorial Day has a rich history and one that's worth revisiting as the nation prepares to honor the sacrifices made by its military personnel over the centuries.

Freed slaves played a role in the establishment of Memorial Day. The American Civil War is the deadliest military conflict in American history, as the Union and the Confederacy each suffered more than 800,000 casualties by the time the war ended in 1865. According to History.com, as the war drew to a close, hundreds of Union soldiers who were being held as prisoners of war died and were buried in a mass grave in a Confederate prison camp in South Carolina. After the Confederate surrender, more than 1,000 now-freed slaves honored those recently deceased Union soldiers during a ceremony in which they sang hymns and distributed flowers. The ceremony was dedicated to the fallen soldiers and served as a precursor to what is now celebrated as Memorial Day.

Confederate soldiers were honored, too. Confederate losses during the Civil War outnumbered Union losses, and those losses were not forgotten by southerners who survived the war. History.com notes that, in 1866, the Georgia-based Ladies Memorial Association, one of many similar organizations to arise in the aftermath of the war, pushed for a day to honor fallen Confederate soldiers. In fact, these efforts are believed to have influenced General John A. Logan. In 1868, General Logan, a Civil War veteran who was then serving as commander-in-chief of a group of Union veterans, ordered the decoration of Union graves with flowers on May 30. The day would ultimately be known as "Memorial Day."

It took a long time for Memorial Day to become a federal holiday. Despite tracing its origins to the immediate aftermath of the Civil War, Memorial Day did not become an official federal holiday until 1971, more

than a century after the war ended. This is the same year the holiday was officially designated as taking place on the last Monday in May. The designation has periodically drawn the ire of veterans and military supporters who suggest it is now more widely seen as the unofficial beginning to summer and not a day in which the sacrifices of fallen U.S. soldiers are honored to the extent that they should be.

Debate exists about which town has the longest history of celebrating Memorial Day. A handful of towns claim to be the first celebrants of Memorial Day. That debate figures to continue in perpetuity, but History.com notes that Waterloo, NY,

was officially recognized by U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson as the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1966. Doylestown, PA, and Rochester, WI are some other towns that claim to have celebrated Memorial Day since the mid-1860s.

Memorial Day has a rich history that highlights the importance of



honoring the men and women who have given their lives while in service of the United States military.

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Knights recognize Curry

The Knights of Columbus, Council #9053, awarded Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School kindergarten teacher, Joanne Curry with their 2021 Teacher of the Year Award. The award ceremony that occurs annually will not take place this year as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mrs. Curry has served in our ministry of faith and academics as our kindergarten teacher since 2004 and was one of our first employees starting the year MBS opened in 2003. We are pleased to hold Mrs. Curry up as an example of the excellence and dedication that are found in our teachers and assistants.

In nominating Mrs. Curry, one of her colleagues speaks about the professionalism that she exhibits saying, "Mrs. Curry creates a positive structured classroom environment that is conducive to learning. She establishes effective rules for classroom behavior, and observes, evaluates and records students' academic and social progress."

Another colleague writes, "Joanne is one the most kind, compassionate and wonderful teachers on our staff. She always goes above and beyond for her students, and she is often found at school on the weekends. She is someone I look up to and strive to emulate."

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is truly blessed to have Mrs. Curry as a member of our faculty. We thank God for the many talents and gifts that she shares with students and staff each day.

Above: (L to R) **Joanne Curry** and **Kathleen Manns**, principal



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New recommendations announced for short-term rentals

At the recent Ocean Pines Association board meeting, Director Frank Daly introduced new attorney recommendations for a Declaration of Restrictions amendment about short-term rentals in Ocean Pines.

Daly said a short-term rental workgroup worked with stakeholders to provide a balanced approach to regulating short-term rentals in the community. He said after many discussions over the last two years, that work group determined that the best solution is to adopt the existing Worcester County Code into Ocean Pines Declarations of Restrictions, with "enhanced enforcement provisions."

"This will have no effect on property rights, but will provide a fast and efficient mechanism to address problem properties," Daly said.

To view the proposed amendment, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/Short+term+rental+proposal.pdf>.

The Board has also committed to scheduling a town hall meeting, prior to further action on this issue. That date will be publicized once it's established. To send comments or questions, email directors@oceanpines.org.



Art League promotes summer kindness

The Art League of Ocean City has developed a summer campaign to help businesses in the resort promote positive messages and kindness themes to their clientele. The Art League has created three free and unique posters with positivity headlines to provide businesses with effective communications strategies, leading to a positive Ocean City experience for visitors. Businesses in the resort as well as the town are promoting the “post the positive” messages.

The Art League developed the campaign along with a coordinated effort by the OC Tourism partners to create a “2021 OC Strong & United Toolkit.” Local businesses may pick up free preprinted posters at the Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th St. or go online to ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org where they are available for download and printing. Individuals may also download and print the posters at no charge.

To encourage visitor participation, the Art League has also developed coloring page versions of the posters for children and families to create and color, also available for download and printing on the website.

“The three posters are colorful, quick messages to encourage everyone who comes to OC to love it and to be kind to others,” Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League said. “Art brings out the humanity in all of us, and it is part of our mission as a nonprofit community arts organization to promote community pride through art.”

“In 2020, our hugging heart cam-

paign helped people get through the pandemic,” Thaler continued. “In 2021 - with the expectations of a busy summer and staffing shortages - we hope these posters make people stop and think and smile, and perhaps diffuse tension and impatience.”

The posters’ headlines promote positive themes: “Enjoy your crabs. Don’t be one. Love OC;” “Love OC. Relax & Chill;” and “Kindness and a smile always work.”

The Art League encourages participating businesses, as well as families who create coloring pages, to post them on the Art League’s Facebook page — [Facebook.com/artleagueofoceancity](https://www.facebook.com/artleagueofoceancity) with the hashtag #PostThePositive



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Kiwanis rebuilds pollinator garden

There's a pollinator garden in Ocean Pines that Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City President Steve Cohen learned needed some work. So, he and his wife, Kiwanian Shelley Cohen, organized Kiwanis members to volunteer to tend the garden. Pictured (L-R) Maryland Coastal Bays Program staff members **Liz Wist**, education coordinator, **Chandler Joiner**, environmental educator, **Shelley Cohen**, **Steve Cohen**, **Bob Wolfing**, **Janet Wolfing** and **Sharon Peterson**, administrative specialist.

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Transitional event held

The Worcester County Health Department invited all eighth grade Worcester County Public school students who are transitioning to high school next year, and their parents or guardians to the 8th Grade Transitional Event. The event was held at Shad Landing on May 20 under the Manokin Pavilion. Since 2011, Worcester County Health Department has hosted an annual Father-Daughter Dinner with the goal of highlighting the relationship between young women and their fathers, or other role models. This year, the invitation list was expanded to include mothers/mother figures and sons. Parental figures have a powerful impact on



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Aloha - Hundreds attended a "Kick Off Summer Luau" last week at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Organizers decked out the bayfront Yacht Club patio in tiki torches and guests enjoyed a Hawaiian-inspired buffet. The event also featured authentic island entertainment, including hula dancers and a fire-breathing emcee.

Tips to grill a juicier burger

Summer weekends wouldn't be the same without backyard barbecues. And no backyard barbecue is complete without hamburgers.

The exact origins of the hamburger are unknown, but historians believe this beloved staple of American barbecues can be traced to mid-nineteenth century Germany. According to History.com, political revolutions in Germany in the 1840s spurred many Germans to emigrate to the United States. Germans brought many of their cultural traditions with them, including their cuisine. One such dish was the chopped steak, which can be traced to Hamburg, a city renowned for its high-quality beef. Though few might now see ground beef as a remedy for digestive issues, that was a common belief in the 1860s, when a New York-based doctor named James Salisbury suggested that cooked beef patties could benefit the digestive system as much as chopped, chipped or ground beef. Buns were not yet in the picture at that time, but they were by 1904, when beef patties on buns were available at the St. Louis World's Fair.

In 1921, the first White Castle restaurant opened in Kansas, and hamburgers have been a staple of American cuisine ever since.

Though it's been a century since White Castle opened its first restaurant, people are still perfecting the art of making the perfect hamburger. Exactly what defines the perfect hamburger may be open to debate, but there's no denying the desirability of juicy burgers. As grillmasters prepare for another season of back-

yard barbecues, the following are some ways they can make their burgers juicier.

Avoid extra-lean meat. Extra-lean meat might be healthier than the alternatives, but 93 percent lean ground beef is unlikely to produce juicy burgers. When making burgers from scratch, opt for 80 percent lean. WebMD notes that fat helps to hold burgers together while searing and cooking the meat. The result is a juicier interior than cooks are likely to get when using lean meats.

Swap beef for lamb. Cookbook author John Holl notes in his book, "The American Craft Beer Cookbook," that substituting ground beef with ground lamb makes for a juicier burger. Lamb is moist, so unlike lean beef, it can be grilled as well-done without drying out. Lamb also offers a different taste than beef, adding a little variety to a backyard barbecue.

Saddle your spatula. Flipping the burgers too much or pressing them against the grill as they cook can dry them out.

Be conscious of carryover cooking time. Carryover cooking time refers to the length of time temperature in a food continues to rise even after it's been removed from a cooking area. Beef is among the many foods that continue to cook after being removed from a heat source, so beef burgers can be removed from the grill before they reach the desired cooking temperature. This prevents drying out and ensures that once they're served, the burgers will be juicy and safe to eat.

Grilling a juicy burger is easily accomplished with a few simple and time-tested strategies

Carozza initiatives signed into law

Senator Mary Beth Carozza's priority legislation to increase penalties for criminally-negligent driving, Wade's Law, along with other initiatives that she supported, were signed into law May 18 by Governor Larry Hogan, Senate President Bill Ferguson, and House Speaker Adrienne Jones.

"After five long years, my legislation to provide a more fair and just penalty for criminally-negligent driving causing a life-threatening injury will now become law," Senator Carozza said, noting how she had introduced similar legislation in previous sessions. "It was a total team effort to pass Wade's law, and I appreciate my colleagues for understanding the urgency to pass this legislation."

Senate Bill 17— Criminal Law – Life–Threatening Injury Involving a Motor Vehicle or Vessel – Criminal Negligence (Wade's Law) will establish the offense of a life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel as criminal negligence. A violator is guilty of a misdemeanor and if convicted is subject to a maximum of one-year imprisonment and/or a \$5,000 fine. Wade's Law will go into effect on October 1, 2021.

This legislation was prompted from a violent crash involving two Worcester County road workers, Scott Tatterson and Wade Pusey, who were struck by a criminally-negligent driver. The violent crash occurred in 2016 and left Mr. Tatterson dead and Mr. Pusey with several life-threatening and life-sustaining injuries. This case was brought to Senator Carozza's attention by Wicomico County Deputy State's Attorney Bill McDermott, who emphasized the fact that Senate Bill 17 is simply building on existing law to create a more just penalty for the crime of criminally-negligent driving causing a life-threatening injury during the January 2021 hearing.

Also testifying in support of Wade's Law was Je'Ani Lyles, who also suffered both life-threatening and life-sustaining injuries as the result of a criminally-negligent driver on June 18, 2018. Je'Ani's mother, Carla Ortiz, described not only the horror of the crash with Je'Ani suffering a severing of her T8 vertebrae, multiple surger-

ies, and paralysis from the chest down but pleaded for a more just penalty to hold those who are criminally-negligent responsible for their actions.

"My parents always taught me that if you believe in a just cause or action, then you keep working it, not for yourself, but for people like Wade Pusey and his family, and Je'Ani Lyles and her mother, Carla, and for all the unnamed victims and future victims. Thanks to all for making the case for Wade's Law – a fair and just penalty."

Senator Carozza is grateful for all

"It was a total team effort to pass Wade's law"

the survivors and their families who persevered testifying over the years, the State's Attorneys Bill McDermott, Steve Kroll, and Dave Daggett, the local police chiefs and sheriffs, and Delegate Wayne Hartman for his leadership as House sponsor of Wade's Law.

Other priority pieces of legislation supported by Senator Carozza were signed into law today. This includes Senate Bill 205, that will allow restaurants, bars, and taverns to sell and deliver certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption or delivery, with a food purchase, as specified by a county liquor board until 2023; Senate Bill 448, which provides local flexibility for student transportation services; House Bill 940, that will implement sports wagering and fantasy gaming competitions in Maryland; and Senate Bill 168 that will expand eligibility for an existing tax credit for companies that hire veterans.

"This has been a very difficult session with the COVID-19 protocols limiting public interaction and access as we debated and voted on so many bills impacting the lives of Marylanders," Senator Carozza said. "I look forward to welcoming my constituents back to Annapolis and our historic State House, and encourage them to contact my office to set up a tour."

Blue Crab population shows healthy female abundance

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the results of the 2021 Blue Crab Winter Dredge Survey, a cooperative effort with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, which annually estimates the number of blue crabs in the Chesapeake Bay.

The 2021 results showed that the spawning age female abundance increased from 141 million spawning age female crabs in 2020 to 158 million spawning age female crabs. This year's survey estimate is above the long-term average of 126 million spawning age female crabs.

"Protecting spawning age females is a critical component to maintaining a healthy and sustainable blue crab population," Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. "We are pleased to report that the cooperative management efforts of our Chesapeake Bay jurisdictions have continued to conserve female crabs within a healthy range."

Scientists and managers use target and threshold abundance estimates to establish a healthy level of spawning age female abundance based on available historical information. Recently

scientists reevaluated the healthy range of spawning age female abundance through a stock assessment analysis and updated the target and threshold spawning age female abundance estimates. This year, the number of spawning age females estimated to be in the Bay is well above the updated threshold of 72.5 million, but slightly below the updated target of 196 million.

The total abundance of blue crab in the Chesapeake Bay in 2021 was 282 million crabs, a below average total for the 32 years of survey results, which is largely attributed to low juvenile abundance. The number of juvenile crabs in 2021 was 86 million, which is the lowest recorded juvenile abundance since the start of the survey. Additionally, the results showed there were 39 million adult male crabs, below the long-term average of 77 million.

Although the specific cause of this year's low abundance of age-0 crabs cannot be identified, large variations

in annual juvenile recruitment to the Chesapeake Bay are normal for blue crabs. After spawning at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, young crabs de-



velop in the ocean over the continental shelf and rely on winds and currents to be transported back into the Bay where they settle and grow. Therefore, annual juvenile abundance is largely driven by environmental factors.

"Blue crab fishery managers will need to keep a close eye on juvenile and male abundance over the summer through our monitoring efforts and to exercise caution moving forward into

next year, as these crabs recruit to the fishery," said Mike Luisi, director of Maryland DNR's Monitoring and Assessment Division of Fishing and Boating Services.

The Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee will review the survey results and provide their scientific advice for management during their May meeting. Following their advice, DNR will begin discussions with the Blue Crab Industry Advisory Committee to provide guidance concerning the course of action for 2021 that promotes the health of the Chesapeake Bay blue crab population and its fisheries.

The Winter Dredge Survey has been conducted cooperatively by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Virginia Institute of Marine Science since 1990, and the results are reviewed annually in an effort to have consistent management efforts across the jurisdictions. Throughout the survey, biologists use dredge equipment to capture, measure, record and release blue crabs at 1,500 sites throughout the Chesapeake Bay from December through March. Detailed results are on the DNR website.

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proved a new five-year lease to allow Seacrets to use the oceanside parking lot of the Ocean Pines Beach Club, after hours.

Terms of the agreement were \$60,000, plus a 3% annual escalation. Seacrets will also pay related property taxes.

Association Vice President Colette Horn said Ocean Pines has leased the oceanside and bayside lots to Seacrets for many years, and this latest version of that agreement also include a two-year extension on the bayside lot agreement, to bring both renewal dates into alignment.

B-08 first reading

Director Frank Daly introduced a first reading to repeal Resolution B-08, on "Director and Officer Ethics and Conduct."

Daly said a second reading would be held in June. To view the current resolution, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/docu->

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Succession planning

Board members unanimously approved several policy documents related to succession planning for the general manager position, including documents on the process, job description, and qualifications and required skills.

Horn said the Board worked with an outside consultant to develop the succession planning process, and these documents are a result of that work and the consultant's recommendations.

Jenkins Point

Board members unanimously approved \$10,000 for design and permitting for the proposed Jenkins Point project.

Director Doug Parks said the project would focus on "a natural and nature-based restoration of Jenkins Point, an eroding peninsula in the Isle of Wight Bay, to strengthen natural in-

frastructure and thereby protect communities from the adverse effects of climate change, including the increasing frequency and intensity of coastal storms resulting in shoreline erosion and flooding."

Parks said the expense would "establish a commitment by Ocean Pines to move forward with the requested funding from the state [Department of Natural Resources] for the proposed project."

Perrone said the project is estimated to cost \$2-\$4 million and the understanding is that grants would cover that cost. However, he said there was a concern that Ocean Pines could be saddled with other engineering expenses, in addition to the \$10,000. He cited the Bainbridge Pond project as an example of a situation where Ocean Pines had to contribute more funding than first expected.

"I just want to make sure our eyes are wide open as we go into this, that we're not thinking that this is not just going to cost \$10,000," Perrone said. "I hope I'm wrong."

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many aspects of their child's life in areas such as academic achievement, avoiding teen pregnancy, and being self-confident and self-reliant.

"We encourage parents and guardians to take the time to celebrate, acknowledge and appreciate their sons and daughters who are heading to high school next year. This event was designed to help foster the start or continuation of a strong connection between a parent/guardian and child as they keep communication open while navigating the future together," said Mimi Dean, Director of Prevention Services for Worcester County Health Department.

The event included dinner, activities, and an opportunity to recognize the powerful bond that exists between a parent and child. The banquet has a rich tradition of bringing families together in Worcester and helping families gain insight into each other's lives. Former participants have described the night as "rewarding" and "special."



Riding - The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City participated in the Ocean Pines Bike Event on Saturday May 1. Pictured (L-R) **Sue Wineke**, President Elect **Tim Lund**, President **Steve Cohen** and **Shelley Cohen**.

Savage named as new budget officer

The Worcester County Commissioners named Candace Savage as the new budget officer. She joined County Administration on May 3.



Candace Savage

Savage brings 16 years of accounting experience to this position. Prior to joining Worcester County Government (WCG), she owned

and operated Titanium, Inc. in Ocean City from 2006 to 2016 and served as an agency budget specialist with the Wicomico County Health Department from 2017 to 2021.

She graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Corporate Finance and a minor in Accounting, from Salisbury University in 2005. She later earned professional certification as a Certified Government Financial Manager through the Association

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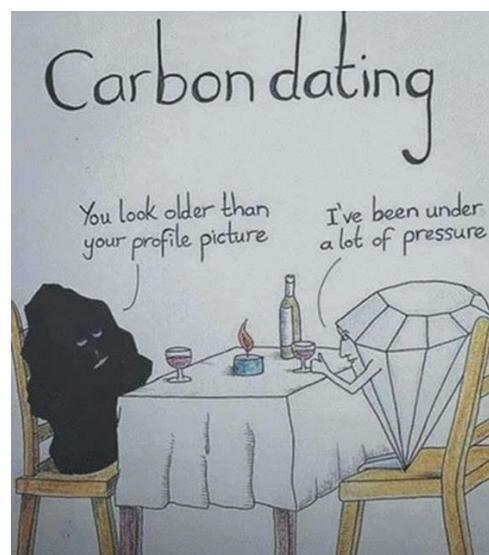
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Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**



Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.



We all know mirrors don't lie...

I'm just grateful that they don't laugh.

For those weddings cancelled due to COVID-19. God is giving you a second chance to think about it.



savage
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of Government Accountants in 2019. "I would like to thank the Commissioners for this opportunity," Savage said. "I hope to use my accounting and business background to promote fiscal responsibility for Worcester County."

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Savage resides in Worcester County with her husband and two sons. She will take over for Kathy Whited who will retire in September 2021 following 23 years of service to WCG.

In her role as budget officer, Savage will help assure the accountability and effectiveness of WCG by providing efficient, innovative services, public policy analysis, and financial expertise in support of all departments, including preparing, appropriating, monitoring, and analyzing the budget, reviewing revenue projections and assessment. She will also assist in the development of investment strategies, and collaborate with the Treasurer's Office to prepare the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and any other financial documentation for the annual audit and bond financing.

Tides for Ocean City Inlet

Day	High /Low	Tide Time
Th 27	Low	3:11 AM
27	High	9:17 AM
27	Low	3:05 PM
27	High	9:45 PM
F 28	Low	4:04 AM
28	High	10:10 AM
28	Low	3:57 PM
28	High	10:39 PM
Sa 29	Low	4:59 AM
29	High	11:04 AM
29	Low	4:51 PM
29	High	11:33 PM
Su 30	Low	5:56 AM
30	High	11:58 AM
30	Low	5:49 PM
M 31	High	12:27 AM
31	Low	6:54 AM
31	High	12:55 PM
31	Low	6:50 PM
Tu 1	High	1:24 AM
1	Low	7:51 AM
1	High	1:57 PM
1	Low	7:53 PM
W 2	High	2:23 AM
2	Low	8:46 AM
2	High	3:01 PM
2	Low	8:56 PM

Recipients - Four Stephen Decatur High School students were recently presented with \$6,000 scholarships from the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club. From left to right they are: **Trent Ortega** who will attend the Advanced Technical Institute; **Kellen Catrino** who will attend Salisbury University; **Lauren Kemp** who will attend Salisbury University; and, **Ericka Holdren** who will attend the University of Maryland at College Park.

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