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Ed Challenger
A life celebrating art

Boating course offered

Safe boating is fun boating. It is every boater's responsibility to know the rules of boating. The new requirement to use a "kill switch" when operating a boat under 26 feet went into effect this year. Engine kill switches considerably prevent runaway boat incidents and the deadly threats they pose. Learn more by taking the Maryland Safe Boating Course. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a course September 7, 8 and 9 at the Ocean Pines library. The classes start at 6 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

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Lack of quorum halts OPA annual meeting

For the third straight year, an official Ocean Pines Association Annual Meeting was not held because of the lack of a quorum.

Just after introductions on Saturday morning, Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue presented the Sam Wilkinson Award to Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore.

Following that, Association President Larry Perrone said a quorum was not reached and called for adjournment.

Slides from the annual President's report, GM report, finance report and auditor's report may be viewed online: www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/1507079/2021+Annual+Meeting+Presentation.pdf.

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Holding the ceremonial check showing contributions for FY 2020-2021 are Post 166 officers (L-R) **Bo Spicer**, chair, donations committee, **George Barstis**, treasurer and **Tom Wengert**, commander.

Legion donations surpass past years

American Legion Post 166 closed out its fiscal year that ended June 30 with donations to charitable and community organizations totaling \$176,000, despite having limited capacity for part of the year because of COVID restrictions. This amount was made possible from slot machine proceeds generated at the Post. The total disbursed was greater than donations made in each of the previous two fiscal years.

Groups receiving donations during the fiscal year included first responder and paramedic organizations such as volunteer fire departments in Ocean City and surrounding communities. Registered charities throughout the region and Maryland received funds, as did church programs to help the

needy. As befitting a veterans organization, numerous veterans groups received donations. Cultural and environmental organizations also were on the receiving end of donations from the Post.

In addition to the state mandated requirement to donate 50 percent of slot machine proceeds for the fiscal year to charitable organizations, the Post makes other donations throughout the community. The Post supports Boy and Girl Scout troop activities and projects, provides scholarships to deserving students pursuing higher education, provides aid to troubled veterans, and support to active duty and reserve units deployed throughout the world.

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In August, Ed Challenger opens a one-man show of his artwork in the Thaler Gallery at the Ocean City Center for the Arts. The retrospective covers a lifetime of significant artwork, including paintings, prints, and sculptures, a small representation of the amount of art Challenger has produced over his career.

"This retrospective covers prints and pen and ink from the 60s and 70s, sculpture from those years, and more recent works from my past 20 years of living in the area in oil and pastel," Challenger said. "I chose the work based on what I like. Works done on location are among my favorites."

A firecracker baby, Challenger was born in Newcastle, DE. on July 4, 1932 and graduated from Wilmington High School and the Philadelphia Museum

Paul Hogarth, John Singer Sargent, Jean Michel Basquiat, Richard Estes, and the Wyeths."

For his early sculpture, Challenger used a welding torch and created lanterns and lamps out of steel cans after spending days rummaging

replenishing the organic items in the still life such as the grapes and apples. The still life paintings in the Art League exhibit took Challenger several months each to complete, and he has been currently working for months on a painting of an Assateague sunset.



Celebrating a career in art

By **Elaine Bean**

through metal scraps at a salvage yard in York. He moved on to making molds and casting bronzes and created a series of realistic wildlife pieces including a turtle, owl, pelican, cat, pig, elephant, frog, and toad. The large piece in the show at the Arts Center, "The NightStalkers," was created using many of the scrap metal pieces he found at the salvage yard.

Summer painting excursions to Cape May, NJ resulted in two paintings included in the current show at the Arts Center. The egg tempera painting is of the Buchanan at Cape May Point, NJ. The pastel painting is of the Town Bank in North Cape May. "Painting in Cape May at an annual vacation has been a joy for Ed," Emmy Challenger, Ed's wife of 63 years, said.

"He sat on top of our Dodge van one summer and painted, and beachgoers always stopped to talk. He was glad they were not able to look over his shoulder while he worked."

"We also often strolled through the Italian Market in South Philly," Emmy Challenger continued. "Ed has been fascinated with those scenes ever since. The vendors would have open fires in oil drums, and they appear in several of his paintings. That and the harbor are two subjects he has returned to many times, doing them in pastels. In later years, I'd drive around the block many times while he was out in the rain taking photos."

Challenger believes strongly that art makes connections. "Someone like me shares my journey by interpreting what I see and feel," he said. "Others — no matter what language they speak or how old they are or where they care — can respond. Art is an important means of communication. It creates emotional responses and is a lasting means of transmitting ideas and culture."

Challenger's retrospective art show continues at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. bayside through August 28.



**Ed Challenger and
Marian Bickerstaff**

After retirement, Challenger moved to the Eastern Shore to be near his two daughters and grandchildren and now paints from his studio in Bishopville. "The Eastern

Shore inspires me, because it brings me back to my roots as a 'river rat' in Newcastle, always hanging around by the water, catching crabs, swimming," Challenger said. "What I love locally are the old boats in the area, and I have painted the West Ocean City marina many times, as well as the same boat in Chincoteague three times."

Challenger's still life paintings are reminiscent of classical masterworks and painted in much the same way, using traditional painting techniques. For a typical still life setup, the artist constructs a wood boxlike structure, drapes it in black cloth, sets the table inside, and projects light on the assembly. Since Challenger works slowly — one tempera still life took him a year to complete — and reworks the painting many times, he is always

College of Art, now the University of the Arts. His art career began as a commercial artist working for ad agencies and corporations and also as a teacher of advertising design at York Academy of Art. But the call of making fine art was strong, and he soon left the commercial world to do metal sculpture, traveling to art fairs all over the East Coast.

Part of Challenger's inspiration comes from his many museum visits, and his favorites are reflected in his work: The Ogunquit (Maine) Museum of Art, The Barnes in Philadelphia, Musée d'Orsay and Pompidou in Paris, and the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore. "I am also inspired by reading from my large collection of art books," Challenger said. "Some of my favorite artists are Antonio Mancini,



Gilmore named volunteer of the year

At Saturday's unofficial annual Ocean Pines Association (OPA) meeting, Marie Gilmore, president of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation was honored as the community's volunteer of the year. In accepting the honor from Debbie Donahue, director of Recreation and Parks, Gilmore was quick to point out that she was one of many dedicated volunteers associated with the Foundation and accepted the honor on their behalf. She also recognized the spe-

traordinary efforts of founders Sharyn O'Hare and the late Roseann Bridgman.

What follows are introductory remarks by Debbie Donahue during the presentation of the 2021 Sam Wilkinson Volunteer of the Year Award.

Good morning everyone.

Each year we do a volunteer of the year award for The Recreation and Parks Department. This year we looked outside of the Recreation Department and found our volunteer of the year at

Pines in September of 1995. Always interested in volunteering in her community, she joined the Women's Club in Ocean Pines. She was very active and served three years as club secretary and two terms as Club President. She has also been a volunteer for the Garden Club, Craft Club, and Ocean Pines Boat Club.

She is a member of the American Legion Post 166, Ladies Auxiliary. She served as the Treasurer of the Ocean City Parrot Head Club and as a member of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee. During this time, she co-chaired a fundraising effort to construct the Ocean Pines Skate Park.

As if this was not enough, when she was invited to join the Veterans Memorial Foundation by Sharon O'Hare and Roseann Bridgeman (sic), she accepted the invitation and became a board member in 2005. She held the position of Secretary for two years and President for nine years, currently serving in that office.

She has grown the Memorial into a wonderful tribute to all Veterans.

To list a few of her accomplishments

during her tenure:

*Grade School Education Program to all 5th grade Worcester County students
Patriots Pathway History Flags for Heroes*

POW/MIA Chair Tribute Battlefield Cross Wreaths Across America

And of course, "The Wall that Heals"

She along with many other volunteers worked diligently for three years to convince them to bring the "Wall" to Ocean Pines. What an amazing event it was!

Even through the pandemic, she was able to work around challenges and managed to continue all of the mentioned efforts at the Memorial. She has put in countless hours volunteering for her community. She is one of the most amazing women I know and is so well respected in this community.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please join me in showing our abundant gratitude for all her efforts and all of the time she has put into making Ocean Pines an amazing community.

This year's Volunteer of the Year, Mrs. Marie Gilmore!



Marie Gilmore (left) accepts award from Debbie Donahue

Photo by Joe Reynolds

cial relationship the Foundation has with the OPA Board of Directors and thanked the above and beyond efforts of the Public Works department headed by Eddie Wells.

Gilmore said the Veterans Memorial which has dedicated in 2005 would not have been built were it not for the ex-

one of our most beautiful parks in Ocean Pines - The Veterans Memorial.

Although there are many volunteers at the Veterans Memorial, one person stands out in her efforts in making the Memorial such an amazing location.

She and her family moved from Rhinebeck, NY to their home in Ocean

Courier Almanac

On August 18, 1991, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was placed under house arrest during a coup by high-ranking members of his own government, military and police forces.

The August 1991 coup was carried out by the hard-line elements within Gorbachev's own administration, as well as the heads of the Soviet army and the KGB, or secret police. Detained at his vacation villa in the Crimea, he was placed under house arrest and pressured to give his resignation, which he refused to do. Claiming Gorbachev was ill, the coup leaders, headed by former vice president Gennady Yanayev, declared a state of emergency and attempted to take control of the government.

After thousands took the streets to demonstrate, the coup collapsed after only three days. Gorbachev was released and flown to Moscow, but his regime had been dealt a deadly blow. Over the next few months, he dissolved the Communist Party, granted independence to the Baltic states, and proposed a looser, more economics-based federation among the remaining republics. In December 1991, Gorbachev resigned.



According to KidsHealth.org, more than one-third of child injuries and deaths happen at home. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that most incidents at home occur where there is water, such as in the bathroom or kitchen; heat or flame, like in the kitchen or around the grill; toxic substances, like those found in medicine cabinets or beneath kitchen sinks; and in places where kids can fall, such as on staircases.

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Here fishy fishy

I enjoy fishing but don't fancy myself any great angler. Certainly, I like to catch a fish or two, but if I don't, I'm not disappointed because as the saying

ing the scene. We'd load the boat and wait for the water to lift the boat so we could walk it to deeper water and then climb aboard. Once aboard, Gramps lowered and cranked up the engine. The roar of the engine, breaking the silence of the morning, thrilled me to the core. To this day, I still get a thrill to the core when the engine on my goat roars to life.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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goes, "even a bad day of fishing is better than a good day doing anything else." And the older I get, the more I agree. Being on the water is the reward.

Not long ago my dog Chooch and I headed out in the early morning hours in hopes of catching something, anything; a flounder, a croaker, a crab, half a clam shell or even seaweed. Chooch is always excited to be on the boat and couldn't care a hoot about whether any fish are reeled in. It wasn't long after my second of third cast that I felt a tug and then another. So sensitive is my rod that even a minnow-size fish creates a lot of rod action. This felt like no minnow, nor did it feel like a keeper, but nonetheless there was satisfaction reeling it in. As the rig became visible so too did a small croaker. This scene played out about a dozen times or so that morning. I enjoyed it. Chooch got bored and climbed up on the front seat and laid down, hardly lifting his head each time I told him a hooked something.

Kodachrome images pasted in albums not opened since long ago are the only memories I have of my first fishing experience. In a somewhat faded picture in which I was about two or three, I'm standing on the beach wearing a Mae West life jacket. My grandfather's boat, *Jo-Lyn*, is anchored behind me. I'm holding two very small sand sharks.

Growing up there were many fishing trips with my grandfather who lived on the shores of the Delaware Bay in Villas, NJ. At low tide sandbars stretched out about a half mile to the waterline. At high tide the waves smacked the bulkhead. We'd sometimes head out at dawn. Those trips were the most fun for me: the excitement of walking across the bars to the boat during the stillness of predawn, the sweet aroma of salt air accentuat-

Gramps and I would head out to various fishing locations. Looking back, I don't know that there was rhyme or reason to his chosen destinations. I didn't care. Sometimes we'd head to Bug Light. Other times we'd head to the Rips just off the Cape May coast. We'd make our way, gliding over flat reflective water, the morning sun brightening the horizon as the blue of the night embraced the gold of the day.

The results of those fishing trips were mixed. Sometimes the fish bit and sometimes they didn't. Weakfish were common. Catch limits and size minimums were never an issue either because they didn't exist or they concerned Gramps not at all. We kept just about anything we reeled in with the exception of oyster crackers and small sand sharks. The only bait we used was squid which Gramps cut into strips. There were a couple times when we'd bring out minnows that my brother and I had netted the evening before.

In the quiet morning, waves lapping lazy on the side of the boat, our lines in the water, Gramps would often chant, as if singing a lullaby, "Here fishy fishy. Here fishy fishy." And when fortune smiled and a fish grabbed his bait, he'd reel it in all the while making sure I understood that fish were attracted to his voice. As a kid I glommed onto his pronouncement. It was only later when it dawned on me, if fish were attracted to his voice, why was it there were trips when we experienced nary a bite? But those sorts of thoughts never crossed my mind in the moment. Anyhow, I'm sure he would have had an explanation.

It's been many years, too many, since I've enjoyed fishing with Gramps. To this day, I find myself occasionally singing his little song. "Here fishy fishy." Chooch just rolls his eyes and turns his head. He's not that gullible.

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Pickleball tournament scheduled for October

Oktoberfest is coming to the Ocean Pines Racquet Center, with a three-day tournament scheduled October 22-24, including a money bracket with a \$1,250 prize purse.

Tournament Co-Director Darryl Noble said the event is likely the first pickleball tournament with cash prizes ever held on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Noble is the former chairman and treasurer of the Board of USA Pickleball, which is the national governing body of the sport of pickleball.

"Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States, and possibly the world," Noble said. "We encourage everyone to come out and participate in this exciting new tournament, or just come and watch. Don't miss your chance to participate or spectate on some incredible matches."

Noble said the Ocean Pines Racquet Center is open to the public. Anyone can sign up to play a game, or just come out and watch to get a feel for the sport.

"Anyone is welcome to play at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center pickleball courts, and we encourage everyone to try it for themselves. It's fun to get out and get some exercise, and the facility is top notch," he said. "Expansion plans are also in the works to substantially increase the number of permanent pickleball courts at the

center."

For the tournament, singles and age 60-plus mixed doubles matches are scheduled October 22, men's and women's doubles are scheduled October 23, and mixed doubles are scheduled October 24.

The money bracket for players under 50 is scheduled October 23, and the money bracket for those 50 and older is set for October 24.

The prize purse is \$375 for gold (first place), \$160 for silver (second place) and \$90 for bronze (third place). The money bracket is open to any combination of genders and skill levels.

For general play, each grouping category – men's, women's and mixed – will include four skill-level brackets: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5/5.0. The minimum skill level for the tournament is 3.0, and tournament directors will set age and skill-level brackets about three weeks prior to the tournament.

The registration fee, due by October 1, is \$35, plus \$10 per event. Money brackets are \$30 per event.

Tournament organizers will post the full tournament schedule, including match start times, two weeks prior to the tournament.

Food, beer and cold beverages, ice cream and snowballs, and other ven-

please see **tournament** on page 14



Stamp of approval

The Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health located in Berlin recently became the recipient of a generous donation from the Delmarvalous Stampers. The Stampers is a group of about 25 women who meet on a monthly basis (via zoom during COVID) to create stamped cards and to celebrate each other's special life events. There is a different member leader each month to focus on teaching new stamping skills and designs. The Delmarvalous Stampers has been in existence for 20 years. They collect dues in an effort to spread their caring to other in the community. Over the years they have supported a number of different non-profits in the Worcester County community. The Grace Center will use the money to help provide ultrasound exams and fund support groups for prenatal and postpartum needs of women in the local area.

Pictured above are **Ann Runo**, of the Delmarvalous Stampers, **Jasmine Dennis**, executive director of the Grace Center, **Kristine Barron**, from the Stampers and **Jackie Failla**, nurse manager at Grace.

Stillman assumes leadership at MBS

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is busy preparing for the new school year with new principal, Trinetta Stillman, at the helm. After an extensive search last spring, Stillman was named the fourth principal to serve at the school in its 18 years of operation. Her background offers the school the perfect blend of experience to continue to grow in our community.

Stillman's career journey began as "one of self-discovery and acceptance of change," she shares. "As with so many young people, I entered my undergraduate studies not knowing what I wanted to do with my life. I had a curiosity of the world and how things worked. I felt I was strong in science and math, so I pursued a package engineering degree from Michigan State University. After entering the work

force, I expanded on my education and received an MS in business degree from Johns Hopkins University. As my career evolved, so did my family. I married my husband, now of 27 years, and had three beautiful children. At the time, I was teaching religion classes at my parish when the principal asked if I would join them as their financial manager. That was the beginning of my educational experience. From there I began teaching science and math classes while pursuing my teaching credentials from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, WI. Twenty-two years later, I continue to evolve in my career as I step into this new role. I'm proud to be a Catholic educator, and I'm excited to share my

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Platform tennis tournament seeks players, sponsors

The Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Club will host its third annual benefit tournament on Sept. 25, at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

This year, the club has dedicated the tournament to Jim Freeman, an active platform tennis member who passed away on March 15 after a battle with cancer.

Freeman served the U.S. Marines with honor and later worked for 31 years as a seventh-grade science teacher at Keith Valley Middle School in Horsham, Pennsylvania. He retired

to Ocean Pines with his wife, June, and became an active member of the platform tennis community.

The Platform Tennis Club will donate all tournament proceeds to Semper Fi & America's Fund, a non-profit "dedicated to providing immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families."

"Our friend Jim was a proud Marine, and a multi-term president and passionate advocate for our Platform Tennis Club," tournament co-organizer Karen Kaplan said. "He is sorely missed. We respectfully request that all entry fees, donations, and sponsorships be donated in honor of Jim to

the Semper Fi & America's Fund Charity, which provides many vital layers of services to members of all service branches and their families."

All platform tennis clubs in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania may compete. Individual players may also enter.

The entry deadline is Sept. 11, and the entry fee is a \$50 donation, per player.

To download an entry form, visit <https://oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/SemperFi.9.25.21.3.pdf>.

Entry checks may be made payable to Semper Fi/America's Fund, "in Memory of Jim Freeman," and mailed with an entry form to Michael Petito, 4 Long Court, Ocean Pines, Maryland, 21811.

The Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Club is also seeking sponsors for the event.

Gold sponsors, \$500, get their name on the event banner, an announcement at the event, a video "thank you" post, and a mention on social media. Silver sponsors, \$250, get their name on the banner, an announcement at the event, and a mention on social media. Bronze sponsors, \$100, get an announcement at the event and a mention on social media.

Sponsorship checks may also be made payable to Semper Fi/America's Fund, "in Memory of Jim Freeman," and mailed to Michael Petito, 4 Long Court, Ocean Pines, Maryland, 21811.

For questions or more information, email oppaddle2020@gmail.com.

County prevails in tax setoff case

The Worcester County Commissioners welcome the recent announcement by the Court of Appeals, which ruled in favor of Worcester County Government (WCG) in the tax setoff case filed by Ocean City.

Beginning in October 2018 Ocean City sought a ruling that provisions of the Maryland Tax-Property Article that grant certain counties, like Worcester County, the ability to deny municipal tax setoff requests violate the Maryland Constitution. Ocean City also requested that the court require all Maryland counties to grant tax setoffs to municipalities within their borders and, specifically, to declare that Worcester County is required to grant tax setoffs to Ocean City or its taxpayers.

Maryland's highest court held that the law is constitutional and that some counties, like Worcester County, may decide not to have tax setoffs.

In lieu of tax differentials or tax setoffs to the four municipalities, WCG issues annual grants to Berlin, Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Pocomoke, and Snow Hill. Specifically, the commissioners allocate millions of dollars in grant funds annually to Ocean City in the form of an unrestricted grant and restricted grants that are designated to assist with costs for ambulance and fire services, tourism and the convention center, police, and other city services.

In recent years, WCG and Ocean City officials have been working cooperatively to reach an equitable funding agreement that benefits the town without negatively impacting taxpayers who reside outside of the corporate limits of the town.



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Financial planning for the self-employed

By **Mark E. Engberg** CFP

As someone who has been self-employed for more than 20 years, I understand there are many facets to running a business.



Mark Engberg

However, one of the most valuable lessons I've learned is it's not just about the product or service you provide, it's also about how you structure your business

for longevity and to help protect the financial security of the owners and the employees.

Most people who go into business for themselves often have a self-starter's personality and are keen to tackle a challenge. Still, they may sometimes neglect the more mundane tasks that come with self-employment, such as setting up a retirement plan or getting the right kinds of insurance; those items are vital.

When you're self-employed, you're the steward of your own long-term financial security. If you keep a few basic financial planning strategies in

mind, you can be confident you are on the right path.

Retirement. The first thing a self-employed worker should do is the same thing all workers should do: Start saving for retirement *today*. If you can't save a lot, save a little. The important thing is to add to your savings regularly.

If your self-employment income may be highly variable, one strategy is to set aside a portion of any windfall you receive such as commission income, a large contract payment or an unexpected tax refund. Another approach is to treat your retirement like any other recurring expense: Cut a check for a set amount on the same date each month.

Where to put away those retirement dollars will require some research, since you don't have an employer offering you a savings plan. There are four main possibilities designed for the self-employed: an Individual 401(k); a SIMPLE IRA; a SEP IRA; and a Personal Defined Benefit Plan. Each comes with pros and cons related to contribution limits, tax considerations, and whether you have em-

ployees who might benefit from a retirement program.

Insurance. Self-employed workers typically buy health insurance, as they know the consequences of not doing so can be so catastrophic. However, they're less likely to recognize the risk of loss of income - being unable to work due to an injury or disability. I recommend pricing disability insurance. The cost can vary greatly, depending on your profession but there may be policies available with more limited coverage for more reasonable rates. Some coverage is better than none.

Most businesses should also consider general-liability insurance. This protects your business from claims, including personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, and other liabilities.

All of this coverage can add up. However, it helps that most business and health insurance premiums are tax-deductible.

Professional support. When you're just starting out with a new business, you may be understandably hesitant to pay a professional to help with insurance, retirement planning, or even taxes. But it's often better to put your time into what you know: building your business. Just because

you've hung out your own shingle, doesn't mean you need to do everything yourself.

Running a business can be very rewarding but can also be challenging and stressful. However, I believe if you love what you do you will be successful. *"The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are: Hard work, Stick-to-itiveness, and Common sense."* —Thomas A. Edison

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Lynch named county roads superintendent

The Worcester County Commissioners named Kevin Lynch as the new superintendent within the Worcester County Roads Division of Public Works. He joined Public Works on August 9.



Kevin Lynch

"I'm excited to have Kevin on board," Public Works Director Dallas Baker said. "He brings 14 years of Roads Division experience to Worcester County. In his most recent role, Kevin has helped manage a 700-mile roadway network, 40 plus employees, and assisted in developing a \$12 Million operating budget."

Lynch, a 2005 graduate of Snow Hill High School, brings 14 years of experience to this position. Prior to joining Worcester County Government (WCG), he worked in the Wicomico County Roads Division, where he rose through

the ranks, learning all aspects of roads operations, and was promoted to maintenance supervisor in 2018.

"I would like to thank the Commissioners for this opportunity, and I look forward to being able to give back to my home county and its citizens," Lynch said.

Lynch currently resides in Fruitland, with his wife and two daughters. He enjoys spending time with his family, playing cornhole, and serving at SonRise Church in Berlin.

He will take over for Roads Superintendent Frank Adkins, who will retire September 1. In his role with WCG, Lynch will take the lead in planning, directing, organizing, and coordinating the construction and maintenance of new and existing county infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and drainage systems. He will prepare and maintain oversight of the annual operating and capital budgets and be responsible for public inquiries regarding county roads, bridges, and drainage systems.





Published - **Maureen Kennedy**, owner of My Backyard in Ocean Pines, hosted a book signing Friday for the launch of "A Wonderful Day with Gilly Gilay," a children's book inspired by stories told to Maureen by her father.

Non-credit courses offered

The fall schedule of classes being offered by the continuing education and workforce development division at Wor-Wic Community College is now available.

In addition to a variety of online and in-person classes, information sessions are offered online and in person for those interested in exploring new career options.

Non-credit courses are offered in the areas of academic preparation, business and leadership, child care, computers and technology, health and safety, hospitality and culinary, real estate, trades and manufacturing, transportation and veterinary assistant training.

Classes begin as early as September 7. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. If you don't receive your schedule in the mail, visit www.worwic.edu or call 410-334-2815.

PTK chapter receives awards

Members of the Alpha Nu Omicron chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) international honor society at Wor-Wic Community College recently received a 2021 Recognizing Excellence in Acceptance and Completion with Honors (REACH) Award for membership development and furthering PTK's mission of providing recognition and opportunities for growth and development for students on campus. REACH chapters achieved or exceeded a 15% membership acceptance rate in 2020.

Alpha Nu Omicron members also recently received the Student Government Association Outstanding Community Service Project Award, based on their work with the campus food pantry.

PTK is an internationally-recognized honor society serving America's two-year colleges. The Alpha Nu Omicron chapter was chartered at Wor-Wic in September of 1987. Advisors of the chapter are Dr. Dana Burnside, professor of communication studies; Dr. Pamela G. Budd, assistant professor of nursing; Amanda Messatzzia, registrar; and Dr. Lynn M. Derickson, professor of nursing.

A colorful advertisement for Jolly Roger Amusement Parks. The background is light blue with various circular and rectangular graphics. At the top, there are images of people on water slides, a red apple with a face, a green parrot, and a pirate character. The text "Jolly Roger Amusement Parks" is prominently displayed in a stylized font. Below this, the text "Experience Jolly Roger® Amusement Parks Before Heading Back to School" is written in a teal font. Underneath, "Get Your Nighttime Armbands" is written in an orange font. The advertisement features logos for Pepsi, Speed World, and Splash Mountain Water Park. At the bottom, it says "2 GREAT LOCATIONS: AT THE PIER AND 30TH ST" in purple. A yellow school bus with the word "school" on its side is shown on the left. On the right, there is a large Ferris wheel and a person on a water slide. The website "www.jollyrogerparks.com" is at the bottom.



Striper fishing

Fishing Report: The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament was once again a great success. The weather was not the greatest but the water was calm and fairly clear. My son-in-law took 2nd place with a 22-5/8 in fish. 1st place went to Brandon Miller with a 25-1/4 in 7.1lb. fish. 3rd place went to Thomas DeWees with a 21-1/2 in fish. Quite a few fish were caught mostly on live Bunker and Gulp. Well run tournament.

Fall rock or striper fishing: This is the time of year to begin looking forward to when the water cools that Rock fishing improves with the fall migration. They are not a difficult fish to catch but you need to know what equipment is used, when and where to fish, baits and how to fish for Rock. Rock can be caught from a boat, bridge, surf or bulkhead. For the purpose of this column, I am going to focus on fishing from a boat. Also, don't forget to check the DNR website for current regulations.

Equipment: A medium action spinning or conventional rod & reel are required but one that has enough backbone to set the hook. I personally prefer a conventional rod and reel because I find it easier to use particularly when bottom fishing. For rock I will use 15 or 17 lb. monofilament line with a three-way swivel tied to the end to which I attach approximately 30 inches of 40lb. test Fluorocarbon or Monofilament leader material and a 2.5 or 3 oz weight depending on the tidal flow. At the business end of the leader attach either a circle hook in the range of #4/0 to #6/0. At times I will also use a fish finder rig. If fishing plugs or other artificial baits simply attach a swivel at the business end of the line to attach the lures.

Where and when to fish: Rock fishing by boat is best in deeper water such as the East Channel, Harbor Island, the inlet along the North and South Jetty. Off shore in loca-

tions such as Gull Shoal or just off the Coast Guard Station but remember to stay within the 3-mile limit. I prefer to fish the incoming tide and the first two hours of the outgoing tide early in the morning or at night are the best times.

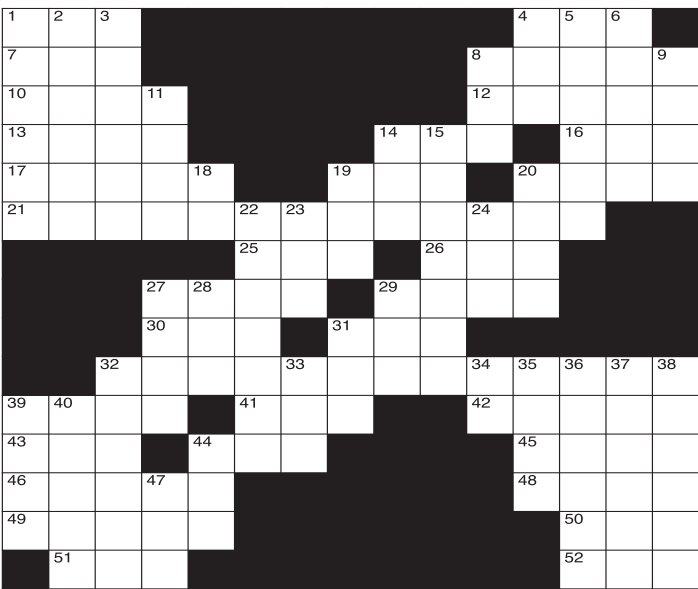
Baits and how to fish: When fishing from a boat and fish are in the area two deadly baits are live spot and live eels fished close to the bottom on the rig I described earlier. Spot should be hooked through the upper lip and out the hard tissue next to the nostril. Eels should be hooked through the eyes or lips then simply drop your rig to the bottom and drift with the tide. Be certain you have enough weight to hold bottom. Other options are to cast plugs, lures, or bucktail jigs with a worm attached along the bulkhead in the East Channel or along the Jetty's in the Inlet. Some popular lures are soft body worms & shad, Got-cha plugs, Rattletrap, Zoom flukes and Mirror lures are also popular. Also, don't overlook trying Peelers and Bloodworms.

Fishing with eels: Although eels are excellent bait for rock fishing, they are difficult to handle and will frequently twist up you line if not handled properly. I keep my eels on ice which reduces their activity and will retrieve them from the bucket with a paper towel or glove. A helpful hint once hooked, keep their tail in the water and they will not twist your line.

Did you know? Oysters have been around for approximately 15 million years? Or that they can change their gender? In fact, often more than once.

Your next raw oyster may still be alive as you eat it. The next time someone shucks you a fresh oyster, its likely breathing. Give it a poke with a fork to see if it moves.

Until next time remember to take a kid fishing,
Capt. Ron



CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between east and southeast

4. Sun up in New York

7. Japanese honorific

8. Czech name for Prague

10. Ochocinco's first name

12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)

13. Scots word for "home"

14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)

16. Monetary unit of Albania

17. Raise

19. Drain of resources

20. Uncultured, clumsy persons

21. Hikers use them

25. Retrospective analysis (military)

26. Tibetan form of chanting
27. Influential European statesman

29. Soluble ribonucleic acid

30. Monetary unit of Romania

31. Round green vegetable

32. Well acquainted with

39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid

41. Basics

42. "The Godfather" actress Keaton

43. Snakelike fish

44. Tall deciduous tree

45. Russian river

46. Long Balkans river

48. Ancient Greek coin

49. Senegal's capital

50. Unwell

51. Snout

52. Low bank or reef of coral

CLUES DOWN

1. Abstain from

2. Vast desert in North Africa

3. Cover the crown of a tooth

4. A major division of geological time

5. Urban center

6. Crook

8. Parts per billion (abbr.)

9. Questions

11. A pack of 52 playing cards

14. Recording of sound

15. Pithy saying

18. Atomic #22

19. Soviet Socialist Republic

20. Plant with ridged seedpods

22. Innate

23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
24. Soda receptacle

27. Spanish stew: __ podrida

28. Viet Cong offensive

29. Large body of water

31. Beginning military rank

32. Dissimilar

33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)

34. Shows who you are

35. Chinese dynasty

36. Type of verse

37. African nation

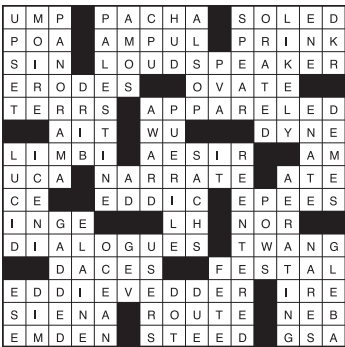
38. Quite

39. Former Bucks star Michael

40. Showed again

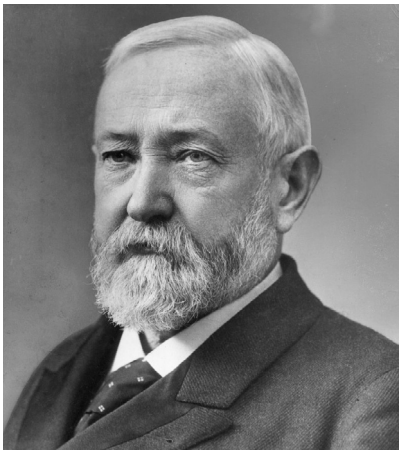
44. Body part

47. Steal



Answers for August 11

Legacy of Benjamin Harrison



Nominated for president on the eighth ballot at the 1888 Republican Convention, Benjamin Harrison conducted one of the first “front-porch” campaigns, delivering short speeches to delegations that visited him in Indianapolis. As he was only 5 feet, 6 inches tall, Democrats called him “Little Ben;” Republicans replied that he was big enough to wear the hat of his grandfather, “Old Tippecanoe.”

Born August 20, 1833 on a farm by the Ohio River below Cincinnati, Harrison attended Miami University in Ohio and read law in Cincinnati. He moved to Indianapolis, where he practiced law and campaigned for the Republican Party. He married Caroline Lavinia Scott in 1853. After the Civil War, he was Colonel of the 70th Volunteer Infantry, Harrison became a pillar of Indianapolis, enhancing his reputation as a brilliant lawyer.

The Democrats defeated him for Governor of Indiana in 1876 by unfairly stigmatizing him as “Kid Gloves” Harrison. In the 1880s he served in the United States Senate, where he championed Indians, homesteaders, and Civil War veterans.

In the presidential election, Harrison received 100,000 fewer popular votes than Cleveland, but carried the Electoral College 233 to 168. Although Harrison had made no political bargains, his supporters had given innumerable pledges upon his behalf.

When Boss Matt Quay of Pennsylvania heard that Harrison ascribed his narrow victory to Providence, Quay exclaimed that Harrison would never know “how close a number of men were compelled to approach... the penitentiary to make him president.”

Harrison was proud of the vigorous foreign policy which he helped shape. The first Pan American Congress met in Washington in 1889, establishing an

information center which later became the Pan American Union. At the end of his administration Harrison submitted to the Senate a treaty to annex Hawaii; to his disappointment, President Cleveland later withdrew it.

Substantial appropriation bills were signed by Harrison for internal improvements, naval expansion, and subsidies for steamship lines. For the first time except in war, Congress appropriated a billion dollars. When critics attacked “the billion-dollar Congress,” Speaker Thomas B. Reed replied, “This is a billion-dollar country.” President Harrison also signed the Sherman Anti-Trust Act “to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies,” the first Federal act attempting to regulate trusts.

The most perplexing domestic problem Harrison faced was the tariff issue. The high tariff rates in effect had created a surplus of money in the Treasury. Low-tariff advocates argued that the surplus was hurting business. Republican leaders in Congress successfully met the challenge. Representative William McKinley and Senator

Nelson W. Aldrich framed a still higher tariff bill; some rates were intentionally prohibitive.

Harrison tried to make the tariff more acceptable by writing in reciprocity provisions. To cope with the Treasury surplus, the tariff was removed from imported raw sugar; sugar growers within the United States were given two cents a pound bounty on their production.

Long before the end of the Harrison Administration, the Treasury surplus had evaporated, and prosperity seemed about to disappear as well. Congressional elections in 1890 went stingingly against the Republicans, and party leaders decided to abandon President Harrison although he had cooperated with Congress on party legislation. Nevertheless, his party renominated him in 1892, but he was defeated by Cleveland.

After he left office, Harrison returned to Indianapolis, and married the widowed Mrs. Mary Dimmick in 1896. A dignified elder statesman, he died in 1901.

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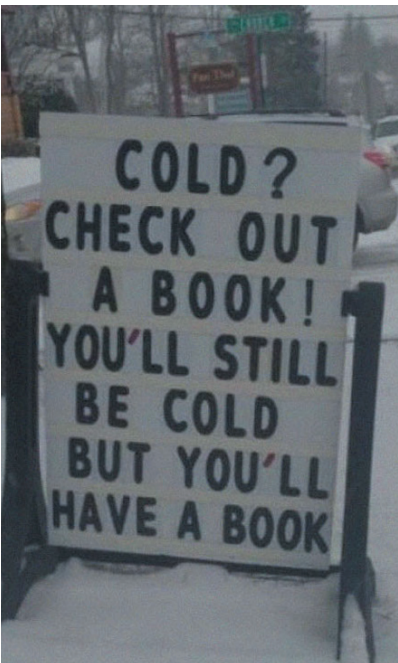
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Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**





Ribbon cutting - Worcester County officials cut the ribbon on the new concession stand at Showell Park to kick off outdoor movie night on the ballfields. Those pictured include Program Managers **Derek Jarmon** (from left), **Kelly Buchanan**, and **Hunter Nelson**, Recreation and Parks Director **Kelly Rados**, Commissioners **Chip Bertino** and **Ted Elder**, and **Allen Swiger**.

Health Dept. urges childhood vaccination

In support of this year's National Immunization Awareness Month this August, Worcester County Health Department is joining Maryland in the "Don't Wait, Vaccinate" student vaccination campaign. With children returning to in-person learning and play, it is important to make sure they are on track with routinely recommended vaccinations. Vaccines are essential in protecting your child and family members from a number of serious diseases including measles, meningitis, and whooping cough. Vaccines save lives. Children and young adults are required to receive certain vaccines before entering daycare, elementary, middle or high school, and college.

According to state data, April 2020 saw the greatest decline in the number of vaccinations given to children from birth to age 18, with a decrease of 46% when compared to April 2019. For routine childhood vaccinations, the largest decreases occurred in the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine—a decrease of 71%—and the chickenpox vaccine—a decrease of 68%. Parents can view their children's official vaccination records online at MyIRMobile.com, a free and secure portal where users can access official copies of their

records.

"We are here to support families to protect their children by making sure they are up to date on their recommended vaccines. Part of this effort includes reassuring parents by taking the time to listen, understanding specific concerns, providing guidance, and assisting with linking their children to the needed services," said Debra Stevens, Director of Community Health.

Parents who have not been able to make appointments for their child with their doctor or pharmacy can take advantage of back to school vaccination clinics at Worcester County Health Department in August and September. To schedule an appointment visit www.marylandvax.org or call 410-632-1100 ext.2009.

For more information about vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/growing/school-vaccinations. Parents can view their child's vaccination record by registering at <https://md.myr.net/rorl?next=/>. For more information about the Worcester County Health Department, visit worcesterhealth.org.

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When it's time to call in a tutor

Busy schedules, hybrid learning and demanding coursework have affected students' academic performance over the last year-plus. The months since a pandemic was declared in March of 2020 have been unlike any other, and confronting the academic challenges of the pandemic may have adversely affected some students' grades.

A recent report from the Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Research and Strategic Improvement in Virginia found the number of middle and high school students with two or more failing marks increased by 83 percent in the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year compared to the year prior. But students' grades may slide or they may find certain school work overly challenging even in normal years. Since many parents have not seen a periodic table or had to solve high school math problems in decades, tutors may be just what students need to regain their academic footing.

Failing grades are not necessarily the most notable indicator that students can benefit from the services of a tutor. The Princeton Review says 25 percent of high school students say homework is their

biggest source of stress, and homework progress can help parents determine if it's time to call in a tutor. Students who find their homework is taking too long, particularly double or triple the amount of time it once required, may need some extra help. Here are some additional indicators that a tutor may be needed.

Declining test scores: Some students are simply poor test takers, but a gradual or sudden decline in test scores may indicate students are having trouble mastering material. Teachers can pinpoint if certain concepts are overly challenging to students and notify parents if there are any problem areas.

Poor time management or focus: Students who are struggling may have their attention drift or they put off doing tasks because they don't grasp the assignments.

Lack of homework help at home: Parents may have prior commitments during the times of day when their children are doing homework. Even when parents are home, they may discover that the concepts covered in school are not being taught in the ways parents learned them and they may have diffi-

culty assisting their children. Tutors can step in and help students when parents cannot.

Learning disorder: Certain students learn differently from others due to a diagnosed or undiagnosed learning disorder. A child who is struggling with reading, phonics, spelling, and writing may have dyslexia, according to the tutoring experts at Dyslexia Practitioner NJ. Tutors who specialize in learning disorders can assess and address learning conflicts and tailor instructions in ways that can help students overcome those challenges.

Students shut down or say they hate school: Disinterest in school or expressions of hating going to school may be indicative of academic struggles in the classroom, says the Princeton Review. Some students get so frustrated they simply give up. Tutors can solve learning puzzles and help get students back on track and reignite their interest in school.

Tutors can be valuable resources for students who need some one-on-one attention to master general learning concepts or reinforce skills for key tests or projects.



New dean named

Dr. Patricia L. Riley of Hebron was selected as dean of general education at Wor-Wic Community College, after the retirement of Dr. Colleen C. Dallah.

Riley has worked at Wor-Wic full time since 2010, first as academic and disabilities counselor, then as a faculty member, and most recently as human services department head and professor of social science. From 2006-2009, she was a part-time faculty member. Prior to joining Wor-Wic, she held various mental health and teaching positions.

Riley earned her bachelor's degree in English secondary education from Asbury University in Wilmore, Ky., her master's degree in biblical counseling from Dallas Theological Seminary in Texas and a doctor of education from Morgan State University in Baltimore.

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experiences with the MBS community."

Leading the school into this next chapter, Stillman continues to gain a strong understanding of the vision and goals of MBS. This will enable her to help define the strengths and weaknesses, set future initiatives for

growth and continue to enable our students to be high achievers.

When pulling together a team to work on any initiative, Stillman says, "I believe in setting clear goals and expectations. Allowing for open, safe discussions while exploring these goals is crucial and allows for varying perspectives. Listening and developing respect for others helps create a supportive commu-

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dors will be onsite during the tournament.

The tournament is outdoors only, and no rain date is scheduled. No refunds or credits will be given in case of a cancellation.

To register online, visit <https://app.pickleballden.com/external-tournament/8732201>.

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nity and will allow for the best outcomes while achieving the goals."

"MBS is known for its dedicated teachers who are empowered to utilize a STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) approach in their teaching. In addition, we rely on our families and volunteers to bring exciting opportunities to our students. During this last year with Covid, it made it difficult to utilize this approach. We are hoping this year that we can further develop these initiatives," states Stillman.

On becoming a member of the community on July 1, she adds, "One of the most amazing discoveries for me has been the welcoming atmosphere at MBS and the local community. Their desire to build a Christ-centered community that empowers their children to become lifelong learners and confident faith filled leaders is inspiring."

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