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## Schweiger named Crafter of the Month

*The Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines has announced **Alison Schweiger** as the September Crafter of the Month.*

*Schweiger and her husband, Joe, moved from Baltimore to Ocean Pines four years ago. Before moving, she worked as a florist after having learned the trade from talented designers. Later, she experimented and found her own style.*

*In 1985, Schweiger was inducted into the American Institute of Floral Designers, an organization that showcases individual designers and their abilities, and helps new designers develop their craft.*

*After moving to Ocean Pines, Schweiger became involved in the Inland Bays Garden Center in Frankford, Delaware, a woman-owned native plant gardening center. Today, she designs floral projects at the center, hosts workshops, and helps clients find the right plants for their needs.*

*Schweiger also recently learned how to make baskets out of the pine needles in her backyard, thanks to a class at the Berlin Library, a few books, and a little help from the internet. While Schweiger said she still has much to learn, she once again developed her own style and is particularly interested in creating color movement by using dyed needles.*

*View Schweiger's projects and other handmade items at the Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park, on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. The shop is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

# Thank You

As we remember the tragic and transformative events of 9-11, we are thankful for the service and sacrifice of our soldiers who fought and died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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# Reflections on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11

By **Mary Beth Carozza**



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On September 11, 2001, enemies of freedom committed an act of war against our country. Nineteen terrorists trained by the Al Qaeda network hijacked four commercial airliners and murdered nearly 3,000 innocent people, who always should be remembered.

9/11 is seared in our nation's memory as the day that changed America, and it changed my life as well, underscoring my obligation and commitment to doing my part to help protect our American way of life, then and for the future.

Recent events in Afghanistan should remind all of us that we are in the war against terror for the long haul, bringing special meaning to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 and our future role in defending our homeland.

On 9/11, I was in the Pentagon serving as a senior executive at the Department of Defense, and we were preparing for upcoming Congressional hearings when the first reports came in about a plane hitting the World Trade Center in New York. After the second plane hit the twin towers, we at the Pentagon immediately knew it was a terrorist attack and we promptly switched gears in anticipation of lawmakers' requests to talk with Secretary Rumsfeld as soon as possible about those attacks.

Then, some of us felt the Pentagon building shudder and heard commotion on our side of the building (river entrance) which was on the opposite side of where the plane hit in the Army section. I checked the hallway and saw that we were evacuating, thinking that we were doing so out of an abundance of caution. Then, I stopped by my office to make sure the rest of the staff were out of the building.

As we proceeded in this orderly evacuation and saw the smoke coming from the other side of the Pentagon, we understood that the terrorists had

attacked our workplace, the symbol of America's military strength. Once outside, word spread that a fourth plane was headed to Washington, D.C. with an unknown target so we began moving further away from the Pentagon toward the river. Within a matter of minutes and with the sight of a couple of F-16s roaring overhead, there was a spontaneous cheer from the crowd as we knew the air space around the Pentagon had been secured.

Our blackberry phones initially were jammed with so many trying to make calls and I could see that family members had been trying to call me. Relief came when one of my calls finally went through to my family to let them know I was safe and outside the building. We would later learn on the Pentagon grounds that the towers had fallen and the fourth plane went down in Pennsylvania.



I stayed on the Pentagon grounds to see where I could assist and with the mindset that the terrorists would not drive me out. Seeking out a Marine Colonel, she told me that they needed assistance in setting up a medical support area and temporary morgue for the injured and dead on the grounds of the Pentagon center courtyard. While in this section of the Pentagon, I received a call from a colleague in Secretary Rumsfeld's office requesting that I come back into the building to help make calls to Members of Congress and prepare for a press conference with Secretary Rumsfeld to send the message to the terrorists and to the world that we've been hit but we're up and running.

By then, many of us knew that Secretary Rumsfeld went directly on site where the plane had hit and began

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# The election - what now?

Commentary by Joe Reynolds  
*OceanPinesForum.com*

During a Farr v OPA Worcester County Circuit Court hearing on August 30th, Judge Sidney Campen ruled to not grant Rick Farr's request for a preliminary injunction, thus allowing the Ocean Pines Association to proceed as it sees fit with counting the returned OPA board election ballots now in the hands of the OPA Election Committee.

Candidate Rick Farr, declared an ineligible candidate by OPA Secretary Camilla Rogers in the middle of the voting process, had previously obtained a temporary restraining order to halt the OPA board election process. The purpose of the hearing was for the court to decide whether or not the temporary restraining order should be replaced with an injunction to keep the election process stopped for some additional period of time.

Campen's decision now leaves it up to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors to decide if the already returned ballots will be counted and two new board members certified to take seats as board members.

However, Campen also scheduled another hearing for September 27th that potentially could result in the court declaring Farr was not ineligible. Campen did not make any formal decision with regard to Farr's eligibility during the August 30th hearing. There will be no witnesses at the September 27th hearing. The judge will hear a motion by OPA to dismiss the case, and motion for summary judgment for both sides.

What now? What should OPA do? While there is no longer any legal impediment to prevent OPA from proceeding to do as the board previously voted - counting of ballots but only select the two winning candidates from among the three remaining eligible

candidates - OPA is not required to do so.

In fact, given any possibility the court could decide Farr is eligible or the case should proceed to trial, OPA may be well advised to do nothing until the specific eligibility matter of law is decided by the court, hopefully on September 27th.

A reasonable person might conclude that not granting Farr's request for an injunction indicates the court believes Camilla Rogers made no legal error in declaring Farr ineligible because he did not meet the by-laws eligibility requirement of being an "owner of record," but there certainly exists a possibility the court would declare him eligible. Not likely perhaps, but possible.

Questions abound. For example, why would Judge Campen not grant the injunction, thus allowing OPA to proceed with possible seating of election winners if there was a reasonable chance he would subsequently declare Farr eligible? Does the judge's decision indicate a feeling Farr would not likely prevail at trial?

Regardless of whether Farr is declared eligible or not, OPA should start the election process over again - with either three candidates or four candidates. If Farr is not on the ballot this would provide fairness to those association members who voted for Farr, giving them an opportunity to vote for one of the other three candidates.

If Farr is on the ballot, a new election ballot mailing would provide fairness to candidate Frank Daly, accused with no evidence in a widely distributed newspaper of being part of a "cabal" to rig the election in the middle of the actual voting. There is no way to measure how this impacted the votes cast for Daly. The same goes for any adverse impact on votes for Farr due to the legal wrangling.

Printing and mailing of new ballots is the only fair thing to do. Seating of elected board members would happen around December 1, perhaps earlier.

# Jesse's Paddle returns

After a year's hiatus, friends of the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund will gather for the 13th annual Jesse's Paddle on Saturday September 18, at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company in Snow Hill. Registration begins at 4 p.m. and boats will hit the water by 5 p.m. Support raised at the Paddle funds the nonprofit's suicide prevention outreach mission, mental health education programs, and grants for community needs.

"There will be free canoes and kayaks for those who raise more than \$30 to participate in Jesse's Poker Paddle," said JKMF President Kim Klump. "While our missions are very serious, this is a day of fun and celebration, and we expect to put dozens of boats on the Pocomoke River. We will observe all CDC and State of Maryland COVID-19 guidance. Masks will be required except while our guests are in boats, and we'll be asking our guests to observe social distancing

guidelines. There will be masks for those who don't have them and plenty of hand sanitizing stations"

Top fundraisers will be rewarded with prizes. There are also prizes for those holding the best hands in the Jesse's Poker Paddle, plus live music, free hot dogs and beverages. A surf-board-style standup paddleboard is the Paddle's raffle boat, and there will be a silent auction. Raffle tickets are already available at [www.jessespaddle.org/paddle](http://www.jessespaddle.org/paddle), and the silent auction is receiving bids at the same website address.

The Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program travels across the lower Eastern Shore teaching the recognition of suicide's risk factors and warning signs, with the goal of reducing the historically-high suicide rates in local communities. "A successful *Paddle* enables us to offer

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## Courier Almanac

Senator Huey Long is shot in the Louisiana state capitol building. He died about 30 hours later. Called a demagogue by critics, the populist leader was a larger-than-life figure who boasted that he bought legislators "like sacks of potatoes, shuffled them like a deck of cards." He gave himself the nickname "Kingfish," saying "I'm a small fish here in Washington. But I'm the Kingfish to the folks down in Louisiana."

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 were perpetrated on American soil and in American airspace, but the tragedy that unfolded on 9/11 affected countries across the globe. The attacks on 9/11 claimed the lives of citizens of 78 countries. People around the world mourned those who perished in the attacks, and various world leaders made comments that reflected the global impact of the senseless acts of violence that were perpetrated on 9/11. The comments from then-German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder reflect how shaken the world was in the aftermath of the attacks. "They were not only attacks on the people in the United States, our friends in America," Schroeder said, "but also against the entire civilized world, against our own freedom, against our own values, values which we share with the American people."



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# Strength and fortitude

**Author's Note:** Following the events of September 11, 2001, I wrote this column. Saturday marks the twentieth anniversary of that horrible day.



## ***It's All About. . .***

By **Chip Bertino**

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*Given all that has happened, especially during the past three weeks with the end of America's involvement in Afghanistan, I thought it appropriate to remember how we felt as individuals and as a nation during the days following that terrorist attack.*

He turned the television off. He had seen enough. Sitting in his favorite chair for several moments he thought about what he had been watching. He removed a red handkerchief from his vest pocket and wiped the tear from his cheek.

He rose slowly and unsteadily. He ambled tentatively across the room and down the hall. On the wall in the hallway

hung plaques and proclamations, pictures and tributes, all accolades from his past. He caught his reflection in the glass frames. He noticed he was stooped, his hair now a silvery gray. His beard was unkempt.

He continued to the room at the end of the hall, slowly opening the door to the darkened room. His hand hunted for the light switch. He clicked it on and the room flooded quickly with light. Cobwebs and dust were everywhere. The old man paid no attention as he walked to the closet. He quickly found what he was looking for and left the room.

Now in his bedroom, he laid his clothes on the bed. He walked into the bathroom to wash up. He turned on the cold water, cupped his hands under it and splashed his face. While doing so, he looked in the mirror. His face was weathered, but worn well for a man of his age. The creases and folds had come as a result of laughter, sadness, uncertainty and determination. His beard was long but his eyes remained steely blue. For

several moments he watched himself in the mirror. His search for something deep within escaped his glance. He washed up, trimmed his beard, combed his silvery hair and went back to the bedroom.

He dressed. His clothes fit as they always had. He spent several minutes shining his shoes and his belt buckle. He brushed off the lapels of his jacket. When finished, he again looked in the mirror. He spent several minutes scanning the reflection before him, searching for the confidence he had known from earlier years. It wasn't quite there yet he tugged the lapels of his jacket, patted his chest and left the room.

He walked to the foyer, lifting his hat from the hook by the front door and placing it on his head. After several adjustments he tapped the top of it and declared it just right. He picked up his walking stick that was leaning on the wall next. His fingers rested naturally in the worn indentations made through years of use. He opened the front door and stepped out onto the white marble steps.

The sky was overcast but the temperature comfortable. To the old man it felt like one storm had passed and another was developing. Instead of walking on the sidewalk, he strode down the

middle of the street. Cars cleared a path for him. At first his pace was slow. He walked like the old man he appeared to be. The more he walked the more fluid his gait, the more confident his stride. He looked to his left and to his right. Passersby waved and grabbed the attention of friends and family to watch what was happening. People hung out of windows from the homes and businesses along the way, cheering him on. He was feeling more comfortable, absorbing the energy of those around him.

He turned down Main Street. Behind him he could hear the footsteps of people taking up behind him. Their steps took on a natural, rhythmic cadence. People lined the streets watching him and his entourage. Many left the sidewalks and joined the march.

Children sat on the curbs in front of their standing parents waving flags and shouting encouragement. As he passed two children, he could hear one child ask the other, "who is that man?"

"That's our uncle, Uncle Sam."

The young child's response lifted the old man's spirits; he straightened his back, puffed out his chest. He had once again discovered the depth of courage, determination and strength he had known to be his many years before.



## *Remembering* **9-11**



*"I can hear you, the rest of the world can hear you and the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon."*

*-President George W. Bush*

In the face of terrorism on our homeland, we rallied around each other and our flag. And since that time we have rallied around our troops who served and sacrificed. You have done us proud and we are grateful.

The Republican Women of Worcester County

# Golf members raise funds for charity

Ocean Pines golfers raised \$1,200 during the 15th annual Ernie Stiles Bavarian Hops Scramble, held August 27 at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

The event, each year, is held in honor of the late Ernie Stiles and is hosted by the Ocean Pines Golf Members Council. Don McMullen and Bob Long coordinated this year's event.

To date, the scramble has raised more than \$30,000 for local charities.

"Ernie's idea was simply to bring together some good people and go out for nine holes, have some good fun, and support some good causes," McMullen said.

Long said the event always has a lighthearted atmosphere. Longtime traditions include a toast, "Nostrovina," to good health before teeing off. Players then "head to the course and let their hair down a bit," he said.

"Ernie ran the Hops Scramble on his own for many years as a fun event," Long said. "He charged \$5 to play and all the money would get paid out to the skin winners. Often, no skins were cleared and the money would go to the charities."

Stiles created a stick figure, called

"the Hops Guy," who holds a donation box and is placed at the seventh tee. Players donate a few dollars, or maybe more, as they pass by to tee up their shot.

Tournament proceeds often went to Stiles' favorite charities, Diakonia and the Humane Society, and money collected this year will again benefit those two organizations.

"In other years, the Hops Scramble helped local people who were having a tough time," Long said. "In 2017, the members took responsibility for the Hops Scramble and that year made significant donations to Cancer and ALS research. After Ernie's passing in 2018, we have again focused on local charities."

Along with the skins (the rewards for winning a hole outright), golfers vie for the coveted "Hops Hat" by getting closest to the pin on the seventh hole. Nongolfers, meanwhile, join in on the fun by being part of a grandstand where they cheer and jeer for players as they attempt their shots.

"Again, our members and friends had a great time at this annual event," McMullen said. "Congratulations to Kevin Brooks and Jeff Smith, who collected the only skins of the events and went home with all the prize money. And congratulations to John Malinowski IV, who won the rights to wear the Hops Hat with his closest-to-the-pin shot at the seventh hole."

"Thanks to all for supporting the Humane Society and Diakonia, and thanks to Darin Stuiber and his group for adding to the celebration that took place at the seventh hole," Long added. "We hope to see everyone again next year!"



**Groundbreaking** - On August 31, Atlantic General Hospital celebrated the groundbreaking for the Gudelsky Family Medical Center, the latest project funded, in part, by the Campaign for the Future, which concluded in late 2019 with a goal-breaking gift of \$4 million from the Gudelsky family.

The 53,000 square foot facility, to be located on the southern end of Racetrack Road in Ocean Pines, will provide the local community and surrounding areas easier access to necessary medical services in a more cost-effective environment.

The Gudelsky Family Medical Center will include multiple services, including the first multispecialty outpatient surgery center in Worcester County, an additional AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacy, laboratory and imaging services, a new Atlantic ImmediCare location, and other specialty offices.

Attending the event was President and CEO Michael Franklin, Atlantic General senior leadership and staff, local elected officials, Campaign for the Future donors, including the Gudelsky family, and the property developers. All those who helped bring this project to fruition were given the opportunity to break ground at the event, marking the beginning of construction.

"Since 1993, Atlantic General has kept a close eye on the growing Worcester County population, and the significant acceleration of the Grayshore. It had become evident that our community was in need of another medical facility; one that would provide easier access to specialty services and care for our older generations. It was this recognition of our community's needs that sparked the planning for the Gudelsky Family Medical Center," commented AGH President and CEO Michael Franklin. "We would like to express our most sincere appreciation for the Gudelsky family and the many other Campaign for the Future donors. Their generosity will give us the opportunity to provide Ocean Pines and the surrounding community with convenient, high-quality, locally accessible medical care at the future Gudelsky Family Medical Center."

The 18-month construction project is scheduled for completion in early 2023.

(From left to right) AGH President and CEO **Michael Franklin**, Sina Companies President **Malcom Sina**, **Rolfe Gudelsky** and family, AGH Foundation Chair **Steve Green**, AGH Foundation Past Chair and Board member **Todd Ferrante**, AGH Campaign for the Future Co-Chair **Jack Burbage** and AGH Board President **Greg Shockley**.

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# Ranking your goals: a smart move

Submitted by **John Bennish**  
Financial Advisor, Edward Jones

Like most people, you may have several financial goals. But can you reach them all?



John Bennish

It would be simple if you had great wealth. But you'll likely need to rank your goals in terms of their importance to your life and then follow appropriate strategies to achieve them. By doing so,

you may end up getting pretty close to covering each of your objectives, in one way or another.

When prioritizing your goals, consider following this process:

• **Identify goals as "must have" or "nice to have."** Making sure you don't outlive your resources is a must-have goal, so you need to be as certain as possible of achieving it. On the other hand, a nice-to-have goal might be something like buying a vacation home. If you don't attain the money needed for this goal, you do have room to compromise, perhaps by scaling

down to a smaller home in a different area or just renting a place for a few weeks a year. Having this flexibility can provide a psychological benefit, too. Since this goal doesn't have an either-or outcome, you won't have to feel that you failed if you don't get the big vacation home – instead, you can still enjoy the results of your investment efforts, even at a more modest scale.

• **Put "price tags" on your goals.** You need to know what your goals will cost. Even if you can only make an estimate, it's essential to have some figure in mind. As time goes by, you can always revise your projected costs. To arrive at these price tags, you may want to work with a financial professional who has the tools and technology to create hypothetical illustrations and scenarios.

• **Follow an appropriate strategy.** The nature of your goals and their estimated cost will drive your investment strategy. So, for example, using the must-have goal mentioned above – the need to avoid outliving your money – you'll want to balance your growth objectives with your comfort

with risk, as well as maintain an appropriate withdrawal strategy when you're retired. However, for a nice-to-have goal, such as your large vacation home, perhaps you don't need the same urgency – consequently, with part of your portfolio, you might be able to take more risk in hopes of greater returns. And if you fall short, you can always go with Plan B – i.e., the smaller home or the rental experience. But if your "nice to have" is closer to a "must have" in this area as well, you might want to focus less on achieving greater returns and instead look at ways of adjusting your budget to save more.

• **Monitor your results.** As you pursue your goals, whether must have or nice to have, you'll want to check your results regularly. If you think you're not making enough progress to-

ward your desired goal, you may need to make adjustments. But don't over-react to short-term swings in the financial markets or in the value of your portfolio, or take on an inappropriate amount of risk. When trying to reach your goals, you can alter your path, but it's usually not a good idea to change directions altogether.

The decisions involved in identifying, prioritizing and achieving your goals can be somewhat involved. But by following a well-designed process, you can help yourself get to where you want to go.

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## Bertino to host town meeting

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Wednesday, September 23 at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library. This will be Commissioner Bertino's first community meeting since before the pandemic. "I'm pleased to restart these meetings," he said. "It will be nice to once again meet personally with residents."

Commissioner Bertino's guest speakers are Rebecca Jones, Worcester County Health Officer, Lou Taylor, Su-

perintendent of Worcester County Schools and Senator Mary Beth Carozza.

"The two areas about which I received the most questions during the pandemic related to health issues and our schools. I'm glad Mrs. Jones and Superintendent Taylor will be joining me. They were a big help to me as I worked with constituents who contacted me with questions related to COVID testing sites, vaccination appointments and remote learning issues."

Senator Carozza will provide information on state issues that could impact the Ocean Pines community.

Commissioner Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well.

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# A thorough estate plan includes your child with special needs

By **Amber B. Woodland**, Esquire

Any well-rounded estate plan plans for your incapacity and ultimately your death. With the use of foundational, thoroughly drafted estate planning documents, you can ensure that your affairs are in order. But, if you have a special needs child, grandchild or other beneficiary, there is a bit more you should consider.

*Does your child with special needs have to be disinherited?* No. While we recognize and understand that disinheriting your child with special needs may seem like an easy solution to ensure she maintains her public benefits at your death, it is poor planning. Imagine your daughter having no nest egg to supplement her public benefits after you are gone? Surely there will be things she needs besides what her Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid benefits will cover. If she's completely disinherited, she runs the risk of having to do without the things that offer her independence and quality of life.

*Can you leave assets outright to a child with special needs?* No. Many children with special needs receive needs-based government benefits. These benefits are awarded based on the child's income and assets, among other things. If your child received an outright inheritance, then she would be at risk for losing those benefits, which she depends on for her care support, health related expenses, food, and shelter.

*Should you leave your assets to another child expecting him to use those funds to provide for your child with special needs?* No. Even if one of your other children plans to serve as the caregiver for your child with special needs after you can no longer serve in that role, it is never a good idea to leave all your assets to that caregiver child. Why? Well, what if your caregiver child gets sued, files for divorce, goes through bankruptcy, has sticky fingers, needs long term care, or prematurely passes away? Suddenly the assets you intended be used for

your child with special needs are at risk of being lost.

So, what's the solution? A *third-party Supplemental Needs Trust*.

In the simplest of terms, a third-party Supplemental Needs Trust is a revocable trust that is funded with assets of a third-party (for example a parent or grandparent) for the benefit of a person with special needs. This type of Supplemental Needs Trust is not typically funded until after the third-party has passed away. In essence, it allows a parent to leave assets for the benefit of a child with special needs without fearing that such an inheritance would jeopardize the child's public benefits.

Assets in a third-party Supplemental Needs Trust are not "available" to the beneficiary; therefore, they do not affect the beneficiary's ability to qualify for public benefit programs, like SSI and Medicaid. However, the Trustee is permitted to use assets in the Trust for the beneficiary's "supplemental needs". Let's say the child is

capable of living independently, wishes to take vacations, loves owning and caring for a pet, or desires to make gifts to family members or friends. Assets in a third-party Supplemental Needs Trust create a nest egg that can be used for these purposes.

A well-drafted third-party Supplemental Needs Trust should:

Never include a payback provision. In other words, assets in a third-party Supplemental Needs Trust never have to be paid back to the state as reimbursement for benefits paid out to the beneficiary.


Never permit the child with special needs to add her own funds to the Trust. This is considered a co-mingling of funds and can jeopardize the integrity of the Trust. Remember, assets in this type of Supplemental Needs Trusts should only be those of a third-party.


Never restrict the Trustee's discretion on how to use Trust assets. In

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# Dams, locks and fish ladders

A lot has happened since Sam Morse demonstrated the telegraph with the message, “What Hath God Wrought?” in 1844 – especially on the 70% of the world that is covered by water. Wooden square-riggers have given way to cruise liners and container ships while the land that touches the water has also been dramatically enhanced.

In Ocean City, we have dredged channels, piled rocks into jetties, replenished beaches and built dunes but elsewhere the Corp of Engineers have tackled more demanding challenges like dams and locks and canals and fish ladders.



View of the lock at the Chicago River's entrance to Lake Michigan. Note the dark water markings on the side. The river is approximately three feet lower than the lake.

Long before railroads and trucks, rivers and canals were the primary commercial transportation paths. The Chesapeake-Delaware (CD) Canal was an example of cost-effective shipping up and down the East Coast.

However, when the water is too shallow or the two connecting bodies of water are at different heights, it is necessary to install a dam and a lock. The dam builds up water deep enough upstream to allow a vessel to traverse and the lock is a mechanism that allows the vessel to be lifted up or lowered down to the other side.

A series of dams in combination with locks have been used to control water levels and make navigable waterways for millennia. The Panama Canal has three sets of locks to raise a vessel up over the Isthmus of Panama and lower it down the other side. In

Europe, the Rhine/Danube Rivers have 68 locks from Budapest to Amsterdam that make them navigable.

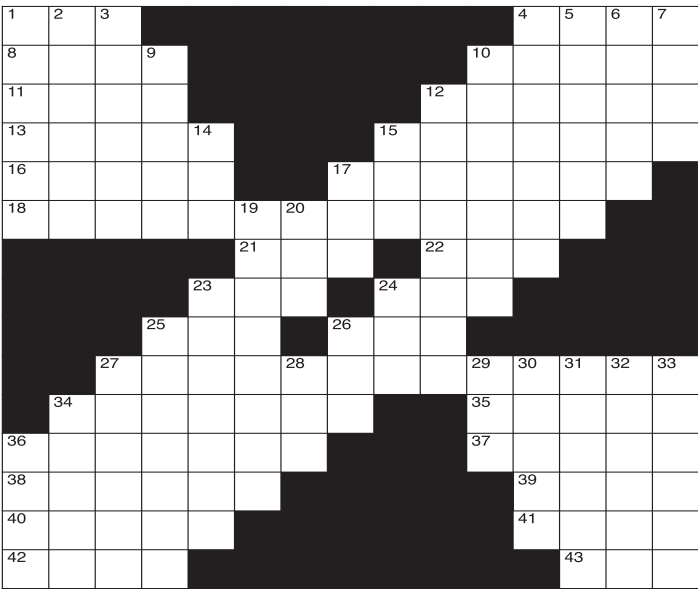
A lock looks like a section of what could be a concrete canal (technically called a caisson) that is embedded in the dam. As a boat approaches, the water tight lock gate is opened and the vessel enters and stops. The gate is then closed behind it and valves are opened to fill the lock from the higher water level if the boat is going upstream or different valves are open to drain water out of the lock if lowering the boat to the downside level. Once the level in the lock matches the outside level, the gate at the other end is opened and the boat proceeds.

Migrating fish, like salmon, that have to go upstream to spawn are accommodated by the installation of fish ladders. These are a series of water pools that from a distance look like a large stair case. The steps are actually pools of water, each a foot or so higher. The fish jump from one pool to the next to get around the dam/lock and proceed upstream. The fish ladder also does double duty to act as a spillway in times of flooding.

One of the most interesting lock systems is in Chicago. Rivers naturally flow downstream and empty into some body of water that is lower than the river. In Chicago, the Chicago River used to naturally dump into Lake Michigan. However, since it was dumping sewage into Lake Michigan, a project to reverse its flow and send its waste to St. Louis via the Mississippi River was completed in 1900. Although no one mentions it, I suspect this is the root cause of the intense sports rivalry between the two cities.

The pollution problem has been solved by modern day wastewater treatment plants. However, the Mississippi River people are getting the last laugh. The invasive Asian carp that escaped from Southern fish farms in the 1960-70s are working their way

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## CLUES ACROSS

1. It governs Federer and Nadal's sport

4. Golden apple tree

8. Central Mexican river

10. Horn

11. Egg-shaped

12. With tooth

13. French modernist painter

15. Disprove

16. Painful intestinal obstruction

17. Baby shoes

18. Make the grade

21. Type of screen

22. Christian fraternal organization (abbr.)
23. Computer giant

24. When you hope to get there

25. Corporate executive title (abbr.)

26. Shout of welcome or farewell

27. Imaginary awards for good deeds

34. A citizen of Iran

35. It can be sounded

36. Making dirty

37. Romanian city

38. Baking ingredient

39. Share a common boundary with

40. Succulent plants

41. Penny

42. Jr. U.S. Senator Paul

43. "Laurie Partridge" actress Susan

## CLUES DOWN

1. A type of bomb

2. Pacific island country

3. Earth is one

4. A place to gather around

5. Expressed opposite views

6. Group that lives near Siberia

7. Ore deposit

9. Language related to Eskimo

10. Narrative piece of music

12. The distance covered by normal stride

14. Glycoprotein hormone (abbr.)

15. Mathematical term (abbr.)

17. Popular beer

19. Jabbing

20. Historic Swedish castle
23. Humorous expressions

24. Christmas and New Year's Day each have one

25. Filled up

26. Nerve that serves the forearm (abbr.)

27. One of British descent

28. A way to get at

29. Food-related allergic reaction

30. Group of arteries near the pelvis

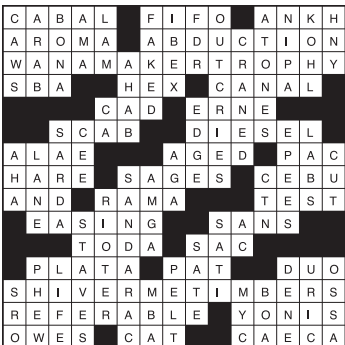
31. Picked up

32. Being three in one

33. Obscene

34. Dravidian language

36. Growl



Answers for September 1

# MCBP to celebrate anniversary

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) is hosting its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery, Thursday, September 30, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

This outdoor celebration will feature a big screen showing of "The Biggest Little Farm" with an introduction from the creators, live music, a silent auction, demo booths, kid's activities, and food and drink.

"The Biggest Little Farm" is an enchanting and inspiring documentary about Apricot Lane Farms, a traditional foods farm started by John and Molly Chester, Eastern Shore natives.

This husband-and-wife team left their jobs in Los Angeles to become farmers and pursue their dream vision of starting Apricot Lane Farms in 2011. Located 40 miles north of Los Angeles, the farm is dedicated to the mission of creating a well-balanced eco-system

## Auditions to be held for musical

The Ocean Pines Players has received the rights for "The Big Bad Musical."

Rumor has it, that the notorious Big Bad Wolf is going to be slapped with a class-action lawsuit by storybooks' quirky characters who want to get even.

A cast of eighteen is necessary to commence the legal wrangling during the upcoming holiday season as the two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest, the Evil Stepmother and the Fairy Godmother clash in a trial that appears as wickedly funny yet judicially significant forever after.

The auditions are set for September 13 and 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Marlin Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. With no experience necessary, these auditions are open to those ages eight through 17 and designed to be safe, casual, and fun.

For the most updated information and the audition form, go to: <http://sites.google.com/view/ocean-pinesplayers> or email Frank Pasqualino at [BigBadMusicalOPP@google.com](mailto:BigBadMusicalOPP@google.com).

"The Big Bad Musical" by Al Strum, with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur is possible through Pioneer Drama Services, Inc of Englewood, CO.

and rich soils that produce nutrient-dense foods while treating the environment and the animals with respect.

This family-friendly event is \$20 for adults and free for children. Visit [mdcoastalbays.org](http://mdcoastalbays.org) for advanced ticket purchases.

MCBP is one of 28 National Estuary Programs (NEP) across the country that receives EPA funding to work toward the restoration and protection of "estuaries of national significance."

The Program is a grassroot, multi-stakeholder collaboration working toward meeting this goal through restoration, science, education, and outreach projects. These projects occur through partnerships which include Assateague Island National Seashore, Assateague Island State Park, Department of Natural Resources, Worcester County, the Town of Ocean City, and the Town of Berlin.

For more details on this event or on current MCBP projects contact Sandi Smith at [sandis@mdcoastalbays.org](mailto:sandis@mdcoastalbays.org) or by calling 410-213-2297, ext. 106.



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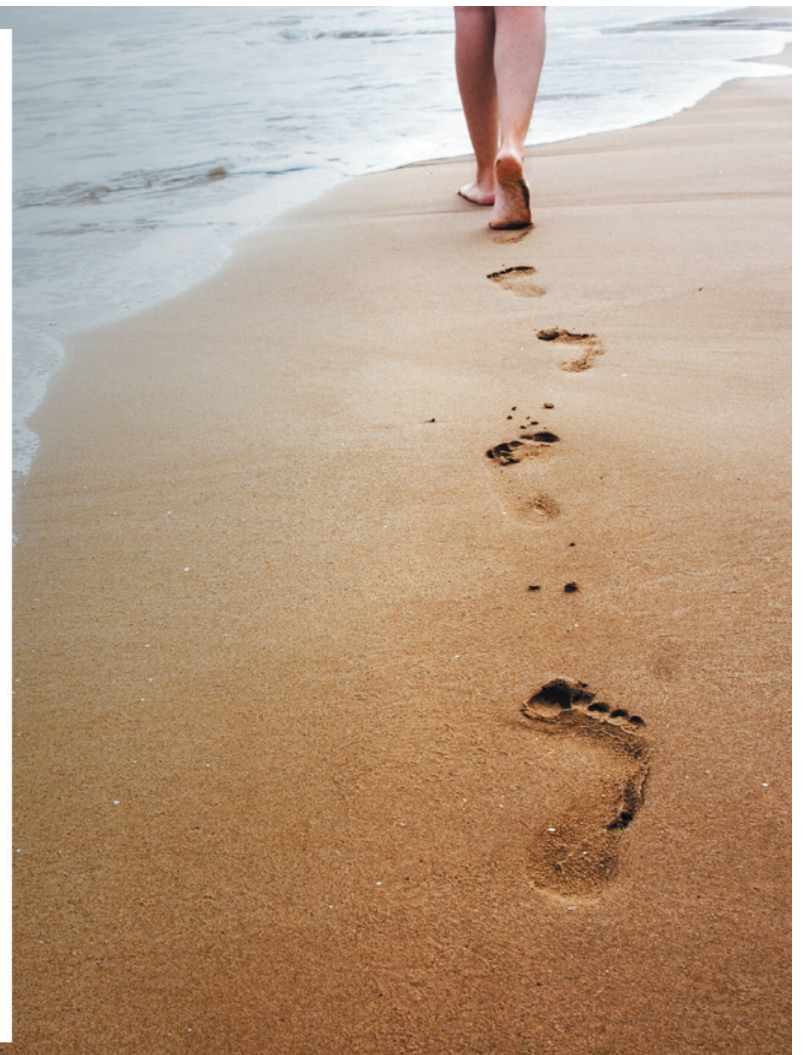
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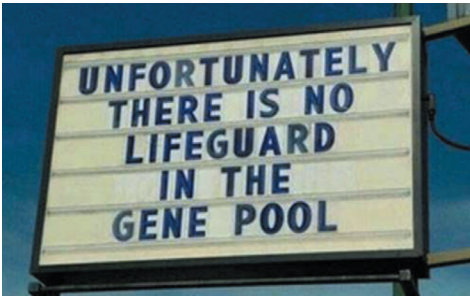
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Left to Right: Head of Upper School **Mike Grosso**, Cpl. **Eric Lenz**, Head of Lower School **Sara Timmons**, teachers **Madelyn Beebe**, **Cheryl Marshall** and **Kim Jankowski**, Head of Middle School **Megan Wallace**, Sgt. **Stephen Hallman**, Head of School **John McDonald**, teachers **Laura Holmes** and **Hunter Causey**, Sgt. **Jason Crowe** and Lt. **Earl Starner**.

## WPS holds active shooter training

Recently, prior to the students return, Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) faculty and staff participated in CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) training.

Maryland State Police Sgt. Stephen Hallman presented the difficult topic of an active shooter situation, and the ways to increase the chances of surviving such an event, while also protecting students. Also in attendance was Cpl. Eric Lenz, Sgt. Jason Crowe and Lt. Earl Starner of the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack.

The CRASE course is designed and built around the "Avoid, Deny, Defend" strategy developed by Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERT) Center in 2004. This course provides strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, and considerations for conducting drills. The CRASE course is an instructor led, question and answer session geared toward churches, businesses, and public organizations.

"In order to provide an educational environment conducive to higher learning, safety has to remain our number one priority," Head of Upper School Mike Grosso said. "Along with

the drills that we practice and the codes that we have in place, this was a wonderful opportunity for us to host the event and be more prepared in case of an emergency."

To learn more about CRASE training, or to schedule a course for your business, organization or community please contact MSP Sgt. Hallman at 410-202-9670 or Lt. Starner at 443-496-0258.

Sgt. Hallman has earned multiple certifications in the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERT) program based in San Marcos, TX. He is a certified instructor for ALERT's Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), as well as a certified trainer for Incident Responses to Terrorist Bombings from New Mexico Tech's Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center.

## Anglers' flea market scheduled

The Anglers Club of Ocean Pines will host its first Fishing Flea Market. It will be held at the Ocean Pines Community Center in the Assateague room on Saturday, September 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Tables are available for \$10. To reserve please contact Jerry Leuters at 240-427-8929.

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**9-11**  
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helping the injured. His security detail later took him to the command center at the Pentagon while word spread throughout the military and civilian ranks about Secretary Rumsfeld’s actions, and morale was bolstered.

We kept working the phones the rest of the day and night, calling lawmakers and giving them Pentagon updates. Around 12:30 a.m., I walked out of the building and to the site where the plane had hit the Pentagon. Firefighters still were battling their hearts out to control the fire, and you could see the resolve and determination on the faces of our emergency, military, and civilian personnel on the scene.

# GM town hall with ‘effluent water presentation’ scheduled

Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola has called a special town hall, to include an “Effluent Water Presentation,” on Thursday, September 9 at 2 p.m. at the Golf Club-

The next day driving back to the Pentagon and seeing the building still smoking, I was encouraged to learn that nearly 20,000 Pentagon employees returned to work on September 12 to fight the war on terror together.

A couple days after the terrorist attacks, President Bush declared that on the heels of a terrorist attack there would be overwhelming support from the American people to fight the war on terror, but our challenge would be to sustain that support and the vigilance needed to defeat a patient enemy whose sole mission is to destroy Americans and our way of life.

His words ring especially true today in light of recent actions in Afghanistan and violence against our military and innocent Ameri-

cans and Afghanis. Like many Americans, I believe our objective is clear – to defeat those who use terrorism and those who harbor and support terrorism.

In the face of the evil experienced on September 11, 2001, we saw the best of America coming together as a united people. We had a shared commitment to protect the homeland and defeat the terrorists. We vowed then that we would never forget those killed on 9/11 and that the sacrifices of those 9/11 families and our military and emergency personnel responding to the war on terror would never be in vain.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11, we should recognize that we are still fighting a war on terror,

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all training, and all our educational material at absolutely no cost,” Fund officer Ron Pilling said. “Every penny raised at the *Paddle* is devoted to ending the risk of suicide, making our school programs possible to save young lives, and enabling folks with great ideas to address unmet community needs.”

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up the Mississippi. They eat everything smaller than a Volkswagen Beetle and threaten all marine life on the Great Lakes, a challenge for the 21<sup>st</sup> century that is not the result of global warming or presidential tweets or nefarious laboratory practices in Wuhan, China.

The original ‘Windy City’ project involved building a series of canals to connect the South Branch of the Chicago River to the Des Plaines River that eventually feeds into the Mississippi. This also provided the additional benefit of creating another navigable transportation path to access the Great Lakes.

However, there remained one nagging hydraulic challenge. The Des Plaines and Mississippi water levels were low enough to cause the Chicago River to flow in their direction but Lake Michigan was then too high above sea level and left unchecked would gush through Chicago, wiping out significant real

which goes well beyond Afghanistan, and we should renew our American commitment in the war against terror and to the protection of our homeland.

**Note:** Mary Beth Carozza was working at the Pentagon on 9/11 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. She received the Secretary of Defense’s Medal for Outstanding Public Service in 2003 for her efforts in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and for her overall service at the Department of Defense. Ms. Carozza was elected State Senator for Maryland District 38 in 2018. She served as a Maryland Delegate (38 C) between 2015 and 2019.

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estate and lowering the depth of Lake Michigan. The flow rate had to be controlled and that has been accomplished with a lock at the mouth of the river.

Probably the most intriguing design aspect of this lake front lock is that it does not use valves to change the water level in the lock. Instead, the operator cracks open the water tight gate a couple feet to allow a free flow. Once the levels are about even, the operator opens the gate the rest of the way – very cool design.

We don’t have any locks or Asian carp around Ocean Pines and Ocean City however you may encounter some if you cruise. They are fascinating but your encounter will be surprisingly quick. For example, it only takes about eight hours to traverse the entire Panama Canal and when you look back over the stern you’ll be saying to yourself, “Wow.”

Stay safe. Stay dry.  
Dan Collins can be reached for comment at [dancollins.oceanpines@gmail.com](mailto:dancollins.oceanpines@gmail.com).

## Tides for Ocean City Inlet

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	High	11:56 AM	
	Low	6:09 PM	
Su 12	High	12:17 AM	
	Low	6:16 AM	
	High	12:50 PM	
	Low	7:10 PM	
M 13	High	1:11 AM	
	Low	7:11 AM	
	High	1:51 PM	
	Low	8:15 PM	
Tu 14	High	2:13 AM	
	Low	8:12 AM	
	High	2:58 PM	
	Low	9:23 PM	
W 15	High	3:23 AM	
	Low	9:17 AM	
	High	4:09 PM	
	Low	10:32 PM	

house meeting room.

The town hall is scheduled to include a presentation by Worcester County Public Works Director Dallas Baker and Deputy Director John Ross, as well as a second presentation by Ocean Pines PGA General Manager of Golf John Malinowski and Superintendent of Golf Justin Hartshorne.

Viola will offer an introduction, and public comments will be permitted following the presentations.

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some cases, a well-funded Trust can be used to provide for better housing options than what public benefits provide even if it means foregoing the benefit itself. If the Trust is too restrictive, then the Trustee would not be able to use the assets for the beneficiary’s shelter-related expenses, which could be devastating.

Never allow the beneficiary to compel distributions from the Trust. Instead, give the Trustee sole and absolute discretion over all distributions.

In summary, if you have a child with special needs (or grandchild) that you would like to provide for at your death, then you should consider adding a third-party Supplemental Needs Trust to your overall estate plan.

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