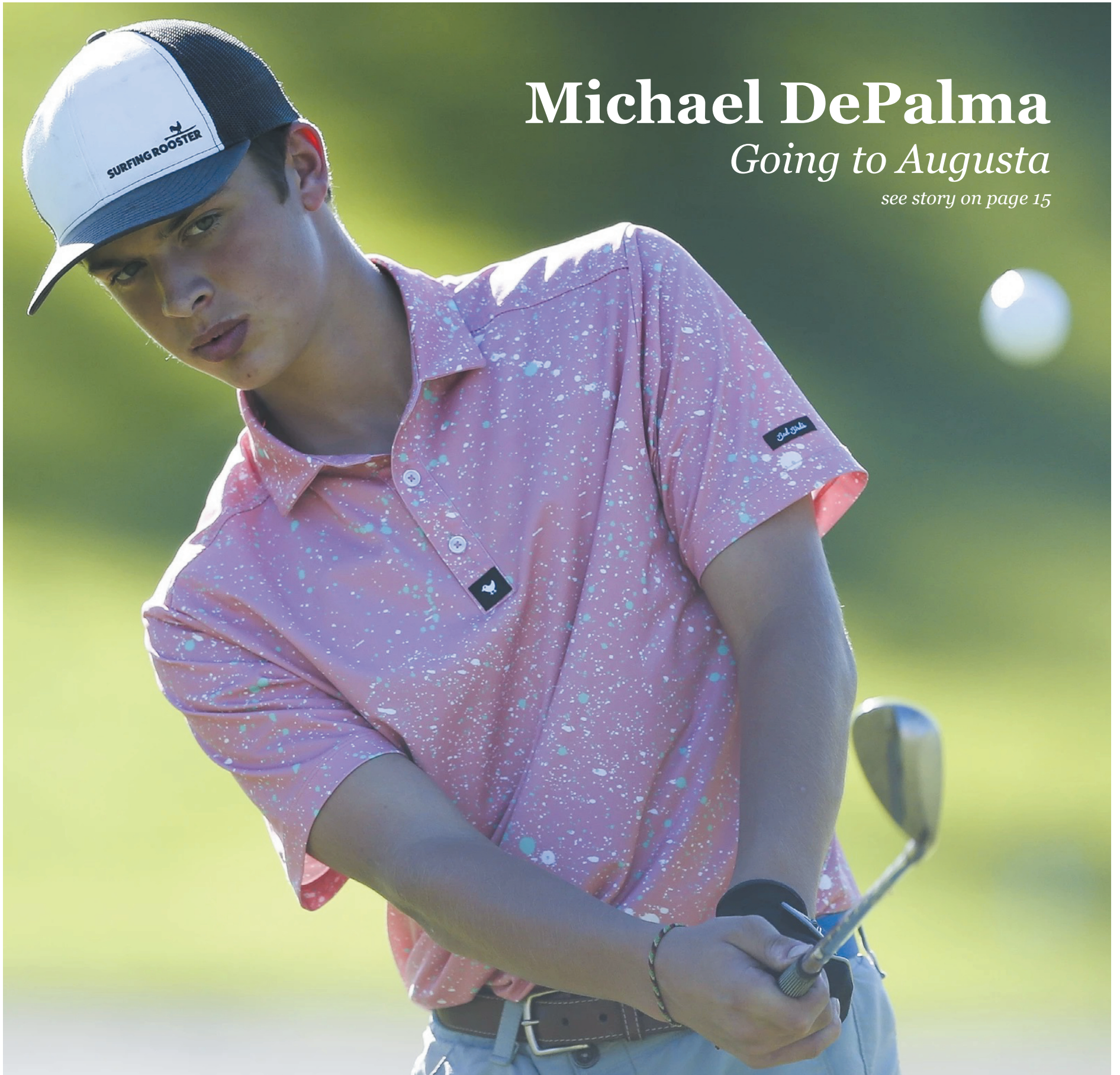


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Survey goes live

Members of the Ocean Pines Strategic Planning Advisory Committee released a new survey designed to gather community input on top priorities for the next several years.

Committee Co-Chairman Bernie McGorry said the goal for the survey is to capture a broad range of demographic and interest groups, including both young families and retirees, and full-time homeowners and seasonal residents.

The committee's target is at least 1,000 respondents, with at least 500 part-time residents and 500 full-time residents taking part. The survey has 15 questions and should take less than 15 minutes to complete.

Committee members developed the survey after months of research, including detailed comparisons with neighboring homeowners' associations, a SWOT analysis — or lists of strengths weaknesses, opportunities and threats — collected from Ocean Pines department heads, and input from other Ocean Pines advisory committees.

"We also had some great input on the survey from residents," committee Co-Chairman Moe Delcher said.

To take the survey, visit www.oceanpines.org and click on the "Community Survey" link at the top of the page. Reminder cards with a QR code link to the survey will also be available at several locations in Ocean Pines.

Those who wish to fill out a paper copy of the survey may do so by emailing info@oceanpines.org, or calling the administration office at 410-641-7717. Paper copies will also be available at the administration building and Public Works/CPI office, and at the visitor's center at The Parke.

"The goal was to make the survey easy to find and simple to take part in," McGorry said. "And the data we collect, we hope, will help align Board members and management on priorities for the next three-to-five years, and give homeowners a say on that."

McGorry said individual survey responses would be strictly confidential, and the overall results will be shared at a future town hall meeting and on the Ocean Pines website.

For more information, visit www.oceanpines.org.

For a direct link to the survey, use <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OP-PropertyOwnerSurvey>.



Goals - Ocean City Elementary School students from Cindy Leitgeb's class started off their year choosing a goal they'd like to achieve in second grade. Pictured from left to right are **Isabelle Larkin**, **Alexandra Torres Reyes**, and **Brendan Thompson**.

OPA to conduct new election

The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors met in a special meeting last Thursday

During the meeting, Board members voted on the following motions:

7-0 in favor of a motion "to rescind the standing motion to count the 2021 election ballots passed on July 30, 2021 and amended on Sept 9, 2021."

4-3 in favor of a motion "to conduct a new election for the 2021 Board of Directors. The election ballot will include the three eligible candidates (Daly, Hardy, Lakernick)." Association President Larry Perrone, Association Vice President Colette Horn, and directors Frank Daly and Frank Brown voted in favor of the motion, while Association Treasurer Doug Parks, Association Secretary Camilla

Rogers and Director Tom Janasek voted against the motion.

3-3 for a motion "to conduct an official count of the 2021 election ballots to include all four of the candidates that were on the ballot and to designate all the votes as invalid." That motion was amended from a previous version. Perrone, Horn and Brown voted against the motion, while Parks, Rogers and Janasek voted in favor. Daly abstained. Because of the 3-3 tie vote, the motion failed.

Also during the meeting, Rogers announced her resignation, effective immediately. Board members tentatively scheduled a meeting to discuss her replacement on Monday, October 11.

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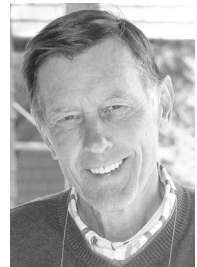
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A sad, bad day in OPA

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

The Sad

Camilla Rogers resigned from the OPA Board of Directors. As OPA corporate Secretary, Rogers was responsible for declaring Richard Farr an ineligible board candidate, a decision she made in good faith after consultation with legal counsel. After making the decision, her life turned into a living hell.



Wild accusations about her on Facebook. Newspaper editorials declaring her part of a cabal to rig the election. Farr and his co-plaintiffs charging her and/or certain board members with declaring Farr ineligible to further their own political interests. One newspaper publisher suggested it would be best for OPA if she resigned. A good woman hoping to serve her community was attacked unmercifully.

Any commentary aside, here is what Camilla Rogers said upon resigning:

This will be my last board meeting. This has been very difficult for my family. Actually, it has been horrendous.

You get accosted by people (in public places) who do not let me enjoy an afternoon with my friends.

My husband went to the doctor and had high blood pressure. The doctor asked if he was under stress in his life. Yeah. I sure am, he told the doctor.

Mr. Trendic (former OPA board member Slobodan Trendic) sent me an email and I found it very amusing. He told me I looked so stressed under the long examination that I went through (during a hearing in Farr's case) that someone should make a videotape of it to see how badly I did.

It's been this kind of activity that makes me sad to live here. I am not saying I am going to move. But these are the kind of things - threats to our lives, threats to our dog. This has really, really been terrible. Mr. Farr has suffered too, and I am sorry for that, but board members do not need to be condemned.

We are trying to do the best job we can, but my family and I cannot take any more of this.

The Bad

During voting at Thursday's board

meeting on a motion by Larry Perrone related to holding a new election with three eligible candidates and a motion by Doug Parks to count the ballots already returned, disqualify Farr and seat the remaining two top vote-getters on the board, current board member Frank Daly failed a test for the John F. Kennedy "Profiles in Courage" award.

Until Thursday's vote, Daly had abstained from any voting on issues related to the Farr case, presumably to eliminate any appearance of a conflict of interest since Daly is a candidate seeking re-election. Of interest is all of Daly's previous abstentions happened on votes where his vote was not needed for the current majority to prevail.

Thursday was different. For starters, board member Tom Janasek asked OPA counsel Jeremy Tucker for legal advice as to whether or not Daly should vote on the Perrone motion to hold a new election. Tucker said Daly

could legally vote but advised him not to do so as his vote could possibly be used against OPA in the Farr lawsuit.

Daly acknowledged the legal advice but voted anyway. Why would Daly do so? Quite simple. Daly likely did so in this case because without his vote the Perrone motion would have failed on a 3-3 tie vote and there would not now be a new election in the works.

Holding a new election is a bad mistake. Daly should have allowed the Perrone motion to fail and abstained as well on the Parks motion to seat two new board members based on publicly-counted votes from the recently returned, but unopened, ballots, and then declaring Farr ineligible regardless of his vote count. On Thursday, Frank Daly was his own worst enemy at a time when one local paper just editorialized, without any evidence, that the board is pursuing "its goal of giving Director Frank Daly a second term."

See related story on page 8.

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Courier Almanac

On October 6, 1981, Islamic extremists assassinated Anwar Sadat, the president of Egypt, as he reviewed troops on the anniversary of the Yom Kippur War. Led by Khaled el Islambouli, a lieutenant in the Egyptian army with connections to the terrorist group Takfir Wal-Hajira, the terrorists, all wearing army uniforms, stopped in front of the reviewing stand and fired shots and threw grenades into a crowd of Egyptian government officials. Sadat, who was shot four times, died two hours later. Ten other people also died in the attack.



The terms "hospice" and "palliative" are not interchangeable. Hospice care is a form of palliative care geared toward patients with terminal illnesses facing their final months or weeks of life. Palliative care, according to WebMD, aims to ease pain and provide help to people confronting a serious illness, even if it's not necessarily life-threatening. Palliative care may include assistance for those with cancer, kidney disease, multiple sclerosis, or any number of conditions. Illnesses can make it difficult to live life fully, and palliative care is used in conjunction with other treatments to improve quality of life.

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Behind the wheel

Sitting in the backseat of the family 1960 Oldsmobile 88, I spent countless hours looking at other cars, learning to distinguish a Ford from a Chevy, a

before the Mustang. This was the 'Cuda that had the curved back window, which was, I believe, the largest manufactured window made for a production car. By the time I was a teenager, the Barracuda was really showing its age; faded red paint, hubcaps long gone, dings and dents. The car had no power steering. Nonetheless, I enjoyed driving it. Gramps would let me drive



It's All About. . .
By **Chip Bertino**

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Buick Electra from a Buick LeSabre. I could identify the year and make of cars of the late 1960s and 1970s just by glimpsing their head or tail lights.

the car when I was underage. He'd sit in the passenger seat giving me instructions like come to a complete stop at the traffic light, turn on the turn signal, check your mirrors and don't tell your mother.

The car had a slant six motor that seemed to always be in

need of a tune up or minor adjustment. Many an afternoon I spent under the hood of that car passing tools to my grandfather who was elbows deep in the engine. It was on this car that I learned basic auto maintenance.

For reasons that defy logic, I had an affinity for the 1972 Ford LTD station wagon, with faux-wood paneled sides. I would imagine sitting in the backseat of that car with our dog Lassie riding in the wayback, her head poking out the back window. I know it makes no sense, we didn't even have a dog named Lassie.

Like most kids my age, the Ford Mustang was to me the coolest car on the road. When the time came, all I wanted was to get a Mustang and cruise around. It took a few years but my first new car was a 1986 Ford Mustang. It was a garden variety type, nothing fancy. It had none of the oomph of a Shelby or Cobra. It was a four-cylinder, stick shift with no air conditioning. And there were times when the car couldn't get out of its own way. But oh, how I loved it! The arrival of our first child illuminated the shortcomings of a Mustang as a family car so it was eventually traded for a Subaru Legacy wagon.

I learned to drive in my grandfather's 1965 Plymouth Barracuda, arguably the first pony car, hitting showrooms a couple months

nance like changing spark plugs and oil. Gramps was the type who believed that experience was the best teacher,



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going so far as not telling me to put something under the oil filter to capture dripping oil when I unscrewed it. What a mess! Watching him from under the car as oil dripped down my face, I swear I noticed a mischievous smirk flash across his face.

I had hoped that when I was licensed to drive the Barracuda would be mine. But it wasn't to be. Gramps sold the car when he purchased a new Chrysler. There wasn't enough room in the driveway for the new car, my grandmother's car (a 1973 Plymouth Gold Duster) and the old 'Cuda. So much to my chagrin, it was sold.

When it did come time for me to get my first car, my grandparents bought me a four door 1977 Plymouth Volare off Bill Leed's used car lot in Villas, NJ. It wasn't the emerald green with white interior Oldsmobile Cutlass 442 I wanted or the 1976 Pontiac Firebird I would have settled for, but it was my first car and I loved it. White with a gold vinyl top, it looked pretty spiffy. No air conditioning and only an AM radio, I didn't care, it was mine. It did

have a neat feature though, turn signal indicators on either side of the hood. Why that feature and not air conditioning? I have no clue.

Gushing with youthful, first-car enthusiasm and pride, I washed and waxed that car more than I've ever washed and waxed any car since. It was the car I drove to Florida. And it was the car I drove during my senior year of high school and my first year of college. It was also the car I took my wife, then girlfriend, on a first date. Unfortunately, while driving between Villas and Philadelphia on a lonely backroad, a carload of migrant farmers blew through a stop sign, and smashed into the side of my car spinning it into a farmer's field. Fortunately, I was wearing my seatbelt. Unfortunately, the Volare was totaled.

Many years have passed since I last sat behind the wheel of that old Barracuda and the Volare. But the memories of those experiences remain as does my wish to have had that '76 Firebird. Well, there's still time to make new memories.



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Communities use different approaches to recycling challenges

By **Mark Thomas**

Recycling has become an established practice and cultural value for many government entities and the citizens they serve. But it is also becoming more challenging and costly to implement. The decision by China, in 2019, to stop accepting recycled items from around the world has caused serious disruption in both the logistics and economics of recycling. Headlines in various publications and broadcasts highlighted the problem: “As Costs Skyrocket, More U.S. Cities Stop Recycling,” “Is Recycling Worth the Trouble, Cost?” and “Recycling Is a Waste.” Even before the Chinese decision, skeptics were asking if recycling is worth the bother and the cost. As far back as 1996 John Tierney declared in a *New York Time Magazine* article that “Recycling is Garbage.”

In Worcester County, recycling practices differ widely. The County government provides collection centers at several locations throughout the county to which residents can bring paper, cardboard, plastic containers, and glass and place the items

in designated bins for each type. The County has a recycling building at its central solid waste site in Newark. When the County’s recycling program was first set up, it was part of the Solid Waste Services enterprise fund. This fund is designed to be self-sustaining, using fees and other revenues to offset operating costs. In 2019 the County moved the recycling program to the general fund.

The Town of Berlin provides curbside pickup of recycling materials – glass, paper, cardboard, plastic containers and also offers a collection bin for cardboard near the entrance to Heron Park. The Town of Snow Hill provides curbside pickup of recyclables and also has three drop-off sites that collect newspapers, cans, mixed glass and plastic. Pocomoke City has two drop off sites for newspapers, cans, glass, and plastic.

The Ocean Pines Association contracts with Republic Services, which collects trash and recyclables for a quarterly fee paid directly by homeowners. Unlike the municipal services in Berlin and Snow Hill,

Republic employs a single stream collection system which allows homeowners to put all recycle items in one container rather than separating them by type. This system is extremely convenient for the resident and has been used widely in major cities across the country. Some cities are abandoning single stream because citizens either don’t know or don’t care to learn which items can be recycled and which cannot. “This lack of knowledge has led them to recycle incorrectly. More often than not, this leads to “wishcycling,” the act of adding an item to your recycling bin without knowing if it’s actually recyclable or not. Wishcycling is also another name for *contamination*,” reports *Roadrunner*, a recycling industry trade publication.

Ocean City has taken an entirely different approach to solid waste services, including recycling. All types of trash, including items that could be recycled, are collected together. Rather than sending this material to the Worcester County’s or any other landfill, Ocean City sends it to the Energy Resource Re-

covery Facility in Chester, PA which is owned and operated by Covanta. After recyclable metals are separated and removed, the waste is incinerated to produce steam, which in turn generates electricity.

Environmentalists, understandably, are alarmed at the number of communities across the country that are modifying or abandoning recycling programs. They acknowledge that it may appear to be cheaper to simply place all waste in landfills, or, as Ocean City does, send it to companies to incinerate. This short-term cost-saving ignores the benefits of re-purposing materials rather than making everything from virgin raw materials. In addition, the ethic of recycling that has become established by widespread recycling helps to keep in people’s minds the ongoing challenge of use and waste of materials and the increasing cost of disposing of our trash. Some voices urge that people should focus more attention on the first two Rs of the environmental catch-phrase, “reduce” and “re-use” than on the third, “recycle.”



Carozza urges reconsideration for fair representation on Education Oversight Board

Senator Mary Beth Carozza today joined with Governor Larry Hogan and a group of bipartisan elected officials and organizations calling for diversity and fair geographic representation on the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB), charged with implementing the new Kirwan education overhaul statewide and overseeing tens of billions of taxpayer dollars.

In her letter to the leaders of the Nominations Committee, Senator Carozza called on them to reopen the application process to ensure that AIB adequately represent Maryland’s geographic, racial and gender diversity as required in statute.

“Representing Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset, I especially am concerned with the lack of representation from the Eastern Shore and from the majority of jurisdictions in the State. As you know, only nominees from Anne Arundel

County, Baltimore County, Baltimore City and Montgomery County have been named to the AIB Board. There is no representation from the Eastern Shore, Western Maryland, or any rural jurisdiction. Within the past week, I have talked to local Board of Education members from my district who are alarmed by the prospect of no representation on the Accountability and Implementation Board.”

There are a total of nine nominees representing only four jurisdictions in the State. Senator Carozza believes this is a fair, reasonable and bipartisan request of the AIB Nominating Committee to provide additional names to ensure that the individuals who are appointed to the AIB truly reflect all of Maryland’s student population and constituencies.

“I urge that action be taken now so every student is fairly represented with access to a world-class education,” said Senator Carozza.

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Farr v OPA court order

Social media, including *OceanPinesForum.com*, and local papers are alive with discussion of the Farr v OPA court case. Armchair legal experts are having a field day. Farr himself wrote on social media that OPA's attorney "did not follow Maryland Rules which is required by the courts." Others say it looks like the judge is siding with Farr.

For those who are interested in the actual facts, and not just armchair opinions, below find the court order issued on 9/24/2021. Apparently, this order submitted by the judge in the case regarding the first Farr v OPA hearing was posted last Friday, prior to the recent hearing this past Monday. Nothing major happened on Monday, other than we can look for-

ward to more hearings and litigation. It would seem the following ORDER represents the only official information formally issued by the judge in the case.

-Joe Reynolds
Oceanpinesforum.com

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Ocean Pines Association, Inc., et al. Defendants
STATE OF MARYLAND
C-23-CV-21-000127

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter was before the Court on August 30, 2021, on a request for a preliminary injunction pursuant to Maryland Rule 15-501 et seq., at which time testimony and exhibits were presented to and accepted by this court. Background

The Ocean Pines Association, Inc. ("OPA") is an incorporated homeowner's association which is governed by a seven-member Board of Direc-

tors. The Plaintiff, Richard D. Farr, applied for and was certified by the Board Secretary as a candidate for election for one of the two available seats in the 2021 election of Board members. Ballots containing the four approved candidates were mailed to all eligible voters on or about July 12, 2021, with the deadline for the return of completed ballots being August 11, 2021.

During the campaign period, however, acting on an anonymous "tip" regarding Mr. Farr's ownership interest in his Ocean Pines residence at 21 Bird Nest Drive (the "Property") the Board Secretary and the Board of Directors met and decided to disqualify Mr. Farr's candidacy, during a closed session on July 30, 2021. The following day, July 31, 2021, the Board issued an "official" statement that Mr. Farr was disqualified and that any votes for Mr. Farr would not be counted in the election. The purported disqualification was based on an assertion that, as of January 2, 2021, Mr. Farr was not an owner of record of the Property and therefore not eligible to be certified as a candidate under the Ocean Pines' Bylaws.¹

Thereafter, on August 9, 2021, Mr. Farr initiated this action by filing his Class Action Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief.² Accordingly, a temporary restraining order (TRO) was issued by this court on August 10, 2021, which: a) allowed completed ballots to be received by OPA through August 11, 2021; b) required all returned ballots to be securely maintained and confidential; c) required that ballots not be tabulated, counted or reviewed; d) prohibited announcement, certification or disclosure of results; e) prohibited disclosure of number of ballots distributed or

¹ Section 5.02 (a) of the Bylaws states that all candidates must be one of the "owners of record" of real property . . . on the first day of January of the year in which the election is to be held.

² In addition to the request for injunctive relief (Count II), the class action complaint seeks a declaratory judgment (Count 1), and damages for an alleged breach of contract/fiduciary duty (Count III).

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Festa Piccola to feature homemade Italian foods

The Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge in Ocean City is well-known for its annual St. Joseph's Festival in the spring, where traditional home-made Italian foods were sold for 10 consecutive years, until Covid hit. The Festival held to raise money for lodge charities and high school scholarships, had to be canceled because of COVID concerns.

Not willing to concede to the pandemic, the Lodge has planned a mini festival for October 9. Festa Piccola will offer many of the traditional foods and bakery items that Lodge members have cooked and sold at the St. Joseph's Festival, but for carry out only.

Mark your calendar. Festa Piccola will open its doors at the St. Andrews Parish Hall at 14401 Sinepuxent Avenue, a block of Coastal Highway at a 11 a.m. and serve hot foods until 6 p.m.

The carry-out menu will have ravioli and meat balls, Italian subs, hearty minestrone soup. New items will be home-made meatballs to be purchased separately and homemade tomato sauce. No Italian meal will be complete without baked goods and delicious

desserts, and these will be available also.

Admission to Festa Piccola is free. The only cost is the food purchased,

The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America has been in existence in the U.S. since 1905. The Ocean City lodge was started by Italian businessmen and women in May of 1980. Its goals include increasing awareness of the Italian culture and contributions of Italian Americans to the progress of the United States, helping the community through charitable contributions, and promoting Americanism based on absolute loyalty to the Constitution.

Today Ocean City Lodge 2474, with more than 200 members living in Worcester County MD and Sussex County DE, is active throughout the local area, donating to many charitable organizations. The lodge also provides scholarships to young Italian American high school students and helps support the many young men and women who travel from Italy every summer to work in Ocean City and the surrounding resort areas.



Milestone - On Tuesday, September 21, Coach Carol Hartnett achieved a coaching milestone by gaining her 525th win with Worcester Preparatory School (WPS).

Coach Hartnett and the Varsity Girls Soccer team beat Saints Peter and Paul High School in Easton, MD with a score of 3-0. Following the game Athletic Director Matt McGinnis awarded Coach Hartnett with the major milestone.

"Anybody who knows me, knows it's not all about winning," Coach Hartnett said. "It's everyone on the team who contributes to a win."

In Hartnett's 27 years of teaching health and physical education at WPS, she has coached many competitive girls' teams including Varsity Girls Lacrosse, Middle School and Varsity Girls Basketball and Varsity Girls Soccer.

"I'm lucky to do a job I love as a teacher and a coach," Coach Hartnett said. "I try to be someone who makes a difference. At WPS we work hard together. We play hard together, and we succeed together."

Above: Coach **Carol Hartnett** kneels in the center, and Athletic Director **Matt McGinnis** stands on the far right both surrounded by the WPS Varsity Girls Soccer Team.

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Winter birding

When we think of fall and the onset of winter, we often think of comfort food, football and maybe even the warmth of a fire pit. Being bird lovers, we also should think of how we can help our feathered friends survive the winter months. With so many varieties of birds that do not migrate, we should think of three important things, water, food, and shelter.

So, let's start with water. Bird-baths can crack and break if the water is allowed to freeze in them. Having said that, you still have choices. You can purchase one that has a built-in heater which doesn't really heat the water, just keeps it from freezing. You could also use a separate heater in your existing birdbath which will do the same job. Another alternative is to put fresh water out every morning if you empty it out on those icy cold nights.

Food is extremely helpful as winter progresses because insects, berries and dried seed from your garden have diminished. Birds need food for fuel as they use and incredible amount of energy just trying to stay warm through those blustery nights. Pick a good wild bird mix. Read the ingredients label and watch for fillers like red millet and milo. Put out a suet which helps the birds put on fat to survive the harsh winter nights. Birds puff up their feathers and shiver to stay warm and they burn many

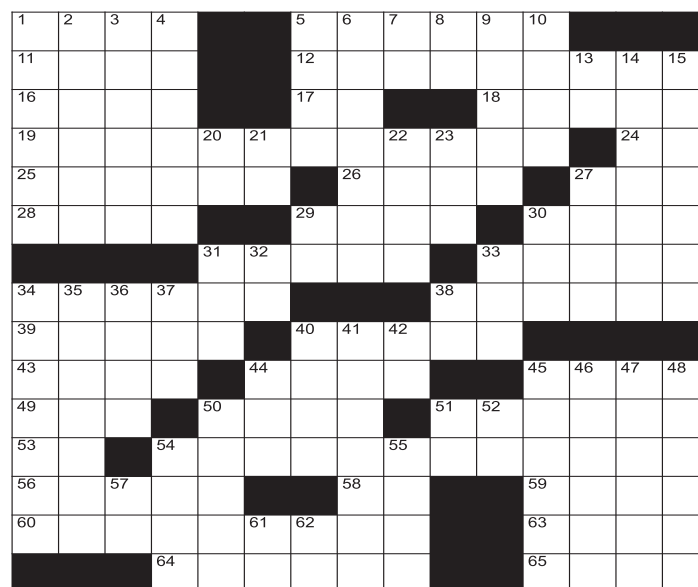
calories doing so. Birds fill up at your feeders at dusk and dawn, so try to make sure they are ready for your hungry visitors.

Shelter can be easy to provide. Clean out old nests and disinfect your bird houses at the end of the season with a 50/50 white vinegar and water and let dry in the sun. Put the well-built houses back up as some birds will use them to roost at night when the weather gets bad. Another idea is while you are doing your fall clean up, make a small leaf/stick pile in the corner of your yard. The birds will get under the dried leaves to shield them



from the elements.

To help us humans get through the cold season, keep a pair of binoculars and a bird identification book close by. You don't have to know all the names of the birds to enjoy watching them. Keep a winter journal of all the different birds that visit your feeders. Make your backyard an everyday learning experience. You will be pleasantly surprised what a relaxing hobby it becomes. Happy birding.

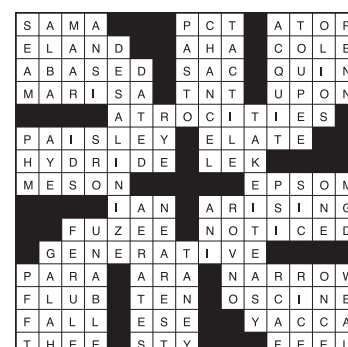


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Leg shank
- 5. A way to recognize
- 11. "VeggieTales" character
- 12. Getting out of by cunning
- 16. Mythological mountain
- 17. Atomic #18
- 18. Viscous liquid
- 19. 2010 Denzel film
- 24. 12th star in a constellation
- 25. Made better
- 26. Pouches
- 27. Nervous twitch
- 28. This (Spanish)
- 29. Tennis legend Bjorn
- 30. Hand (Spanish)
- 31. Afrikaans
- 33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
- 34. Treated with kid gloves
- 38. Leaseholder
- 39. Frogs, toads, tree toads
- 40. Popular dance
- 43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _
- 44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
- 45. Mark
- 49. Health insurance
- 50. Custom clothing brand
- 51. One who makes suits
- 53. Execute or perform
- 54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting
- 56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels
- 58. Blood group
- 59. Imaginary line
- 60. Hopeless
- 63. Darken
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A way to fit out
- 2. Football carries
- 3. Force out
- 4. Maintaining equilibrium
- 5. Sealed with a kiss
- 6. Type of container
- 7. Hollywood
- 8. We
- 9. Small freshwater ducks
- 10. Norse personification of old age
- 13. Says who you are
- 14. Candidate
- 15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
- 20. Defunct language (abbr.)
- 21. Take too much
- 22. Iranian province
- 23. Records electric currents
- 27. ___ and feathers
- 29. Beloved Mr. T character
- 30. More (Spanish)
- 31. Beverage
- 32. Promotional material
- 33. Green vegetable
- 34. National capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node
- 37. Anger
- 38. Pound
- 40. Popular Yugo
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. Milliheny
- 44. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 45. Make wider
- 46. Drink containing medicine
- 47. Acknowledging
- 48. Private, romantic rendezvous
- 50. Calvary sword
- 51. Disease of the lungs
- 52. 2001 Spielberg film
- 54. Fleshy, watery fruit
- 55. In one's chambers
- 57. Set of information (abbr.)
- 61. Dorm employee
- 62. Indicates position



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Astronomy & Spaceflight

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Trial run of Gateway lunar orbit

NASA's Artemis program is now preparing a series of missions to send astronauts back

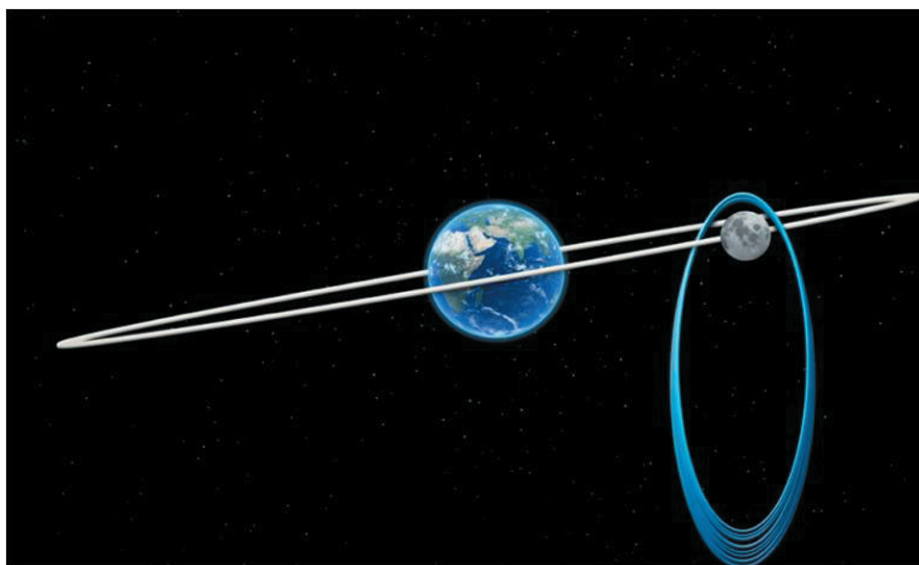
to the lunar surface. An integral part of that series is a lunar-orbiting space station known as "Gateway" which will act as a way station for astronauts traveling to and from the moon. "CAPSTONE" is a mission scheduled to launch in the last quarter of this year, and offers a trial run for the Gateway, as it traces out the same orbital pathway.

The title CAPSTONE is the acronym of the full name: Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment.

CAPSTONE is scheduled to follow an orbit called a "near-rectilinear halo orbit" (NRHO) which is unusual in several ways. The phrase "near-rectilinear" points out its extremely elongated shape, almost a straight line. The NRHO orbit will, at its closest, be just 1,000 miles above the lunar surface and at its furthest, 43,500 miles away.

Success of CAPSTONE will mark the first NRHO orbit in history. The mission will collect the first actual data regarding fuel and thrust requirements to navigate into this trajectory and to maintain stability once there. CAPSTONE will also test communication links with the LRO, a lunar satellite orbiting since 2009. Six months of testing and data collection are planned. This testing will pave the way for the Gateway space station.

What is the NRHO orbit? Many science fans know that the planets trace out orbits that are "ellipses." This discovery was made in the 1600s by Johannes Kepler. However, not all ellipses appear the same, and most of the planetary orbits are very close to circular. By contrast, comets follow extremely-elongated pathways as Edmond Halley first proved in the early 1700s. The CAPSTONE satellite, as well as Gateway, will follow a trajectory that is stretched even thinner, and hence designated "near rectilinear."



The Near Rectilinear Halo Orbit of CAPSTONE and Gateway satellites. Not to scale.

Apart from its unusually elongated shape, there is another important difference in the NRHO orbit. The Earth, the moon and all the planets follow orbits about the sun which are essentially in an east to west direction. In contrast, the special orbit of the CAPSTONE and Gateway will carry them above and below the moon's north and south polar regions. If it were possible for viewers from Earth to watch the arc of these satellites, they would see an angelic halo around the moon.

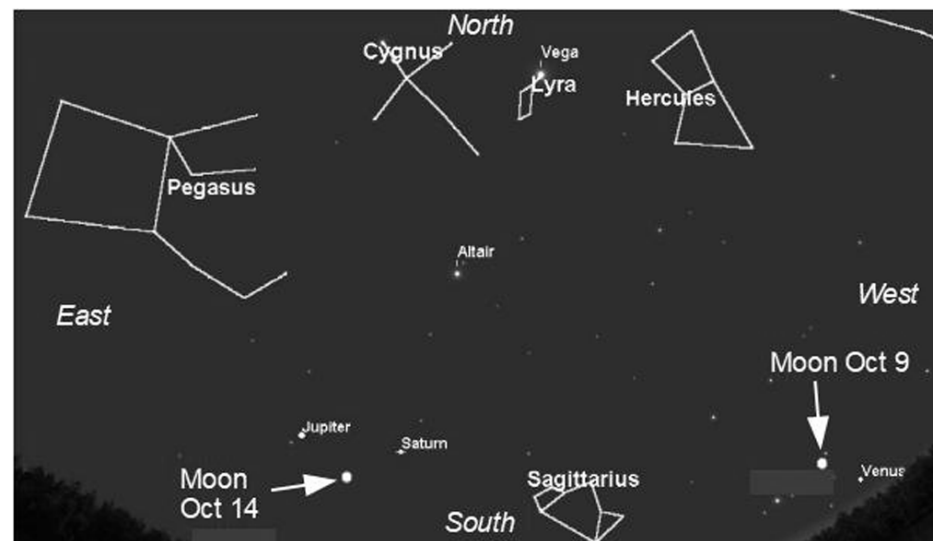
NASA has good reasons to put their satellites into this curious route. The elongated movement is one which offers long term stability and minimum demands in rocket propellant. The halo's north to south trajectory means that the satellite will never pass behind the moon, i.e., its

6:30 p.m., with Venus hovering over the western horizon. Look quickly, prior to 7:30 p.m., as the planet may soon be setting.

As the skies grow fully dark, after about 7:30 p.m., the "teapot" of Sagittarius appears near the southwestern horizon. High overhead Cygnus the Swan (Northern Cross) appears.

The familiar fall constellation, the Great Square of Pegasus rides high above the eastern horizon. Sports fans may proclaim that its large square shape outlines a baseball diamond in the sky, celebrating the championship season.

Look for the planets Saturn and Jupiter east of Sagittarius, hovering about 30 degrees above the southern horizon. Of the two, Jupiter is the brighter and makes a magnificent sight for stargazers.



communication signal will never be blocked off from the Earth.

The CAPSTONE unit is being developed and built by Advance Space of Boulder, CO and U.S. collaborators at a cost of \$13.7 million. Rocket Lab will power the launch from its New Zealand launch complex under their \$9.95 million NASA contract.

The launch window includes final testing, followed by blast off during the fourth quarter of this year. Rocket Lab's main phase rocket called Electron will power the unit into Earth orbit. After the main phase breaks away, a booster rocket, the Photon, will power the escape from Earth orbit and begin the journey to the moon. After its three-month journey, when reaching the lunar vicinity, CAPSTONE will use its own propulsion system to enter its NRHO orbit.

CAPSTONE's launch could occur just a few weeks from now, late in the month of October.

October's stargazing begins about

Once again, the moon dances with the planets. On October 9, the moon hovers 3 degrees north of Venus, and then on the 14th, it forms a triangle with Saturn and Jupiter.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.

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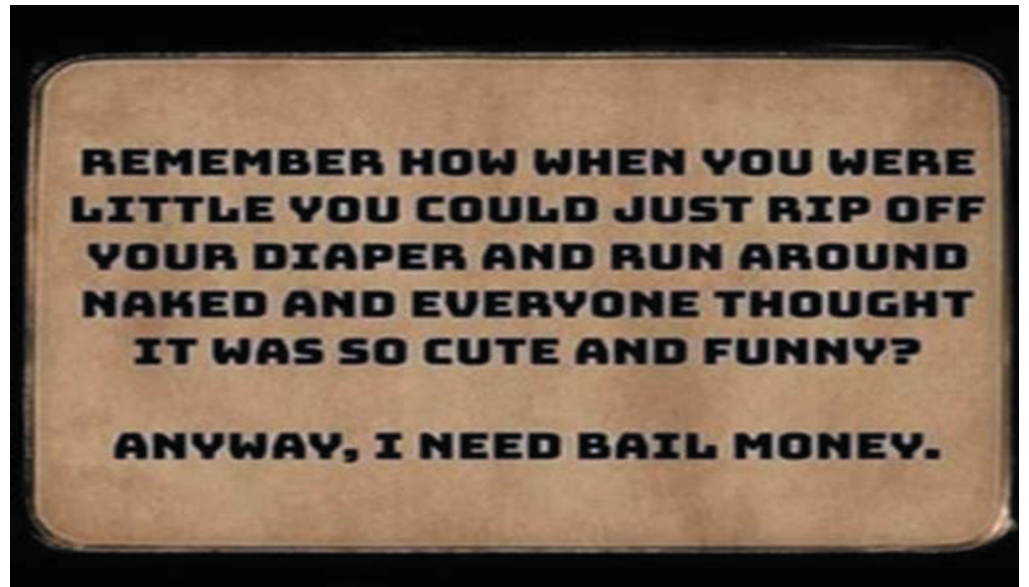
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Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by Jack Barnes



The official sports drink when I was a kid..



Fall Festival returns

Showell Elementary will host its annual PTA sponsored Fall Festival on Saturday, October 9, on school grounds from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The family friendly event is open to the public. Children's wristbands will be sold at the door for \$20 and include unlimited access to all activities, hayrides, games, touch a truck, petting zoo, inflatable obstacle course, pirate ship bounce house, dunk tank,

Scholastic book fair and much more. There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50 raffle, as well. There will be many carnival games, a moon bounce, balloon animals, candy, and prizes.

There will also be DeNovo's pizza, Chick-fil-A, chips, drinks, and Kona Ice snow cones for sale. There will gift baskets that will be up for raffle and a 50/50 raffle as well; tickets will be available for sale up until the drawing at 2 p.m. You must be present to win 50/50 raffle; raffle basket winners will be contacted via phone.

The event is open to the public. Proceeds from the festival will be used by Showell Elementary School's PTA to help fund school-sponsored activities or needs such as positive behavior incentives, visiting assemblies, recreational equipment, Read Across America Week activities and much more. Come casual or dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy the festivities.

Showell Elementary is located at 11318 Showell School Road and Route 589 in Berlin. For more information email showellschoolpta@gmail.com.

Puppy Penguin Swim scheduled

The Atlantic General Hospital Foundation is adding a fun new event to the festivities leading up to the big Penguin Swim plunge on New Year's Day: the Puppy Penguin Swim and Yappy Hour.

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 17, local dogs and pups will have the opportunity to play in the water at Ocean City's Residence Inn by Marriott while the adults partake in Yappy Hour drinks and food. The event will take place between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The venue is located at 300 Seabay Lane in Ocean City.

Entry is \$20 per pup (one pup per person). Pups each get a free gift, with a complimentary drink for their adults. Learn more and register at www.agh.care/puppyswim. Or call 410-641-9671.

The event is sponsored and hosted by Residence Inn by Marriott. All proceeds benefit Atlantic General Hospital Foundation. Atlantic General Hospital is a 501C3 organization; gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Fisher to present at angler club

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, October 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. The speaker will be Ron Fisher known for his monthly newspaper column "Fish Tales." He is also dockmaster of the Ocean Pines Marinas. Ron will discuss flounder and tautog fishing. Also, members will review fishing regulations affecting our area. All are welcome.



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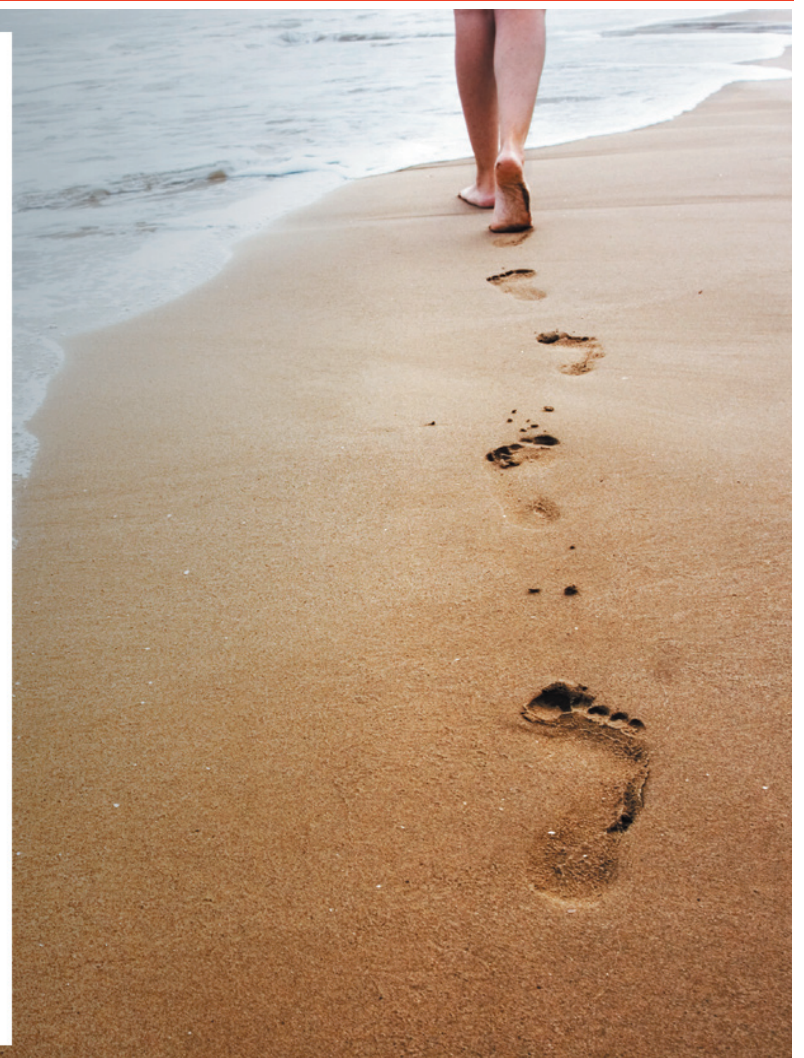
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Vaccine boosters are now available

COVID-19 vaccine boosters are now available through the Worcester County Health Department. Currently, only the Pfizer vaccine is approved for use as a booster. This means you will need to have already received two doses of Pfizer and meet the following qualifications:

These boosters are for:

- people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot at least 6 months after their primary series,

- people aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster shot at least 6 months after their primary series,

- people aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster shot at least 6 months after their primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks, and

- people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may receive a booster shot at least 6 months after their primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

Visit [cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0924-booster-recommendations-.html](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0924-booster-recommendations-.html) for more information about the booster recommendations. To learn more about which medical conditions booster shots are recommended for, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html).

Please bring your vaccination card for proof of receiving two doses of Pfizer in the past. If you need proof of your vaccination, visit myirmobile.com/. Proof of vaccination is required.

To schedule your booster appointment, visit WorcesterHealth.org. If you need help scheduling your appointment, please call 667-253-2140. These clinics are operated in partnership with the Worcester County Department of Recreation and Parks and the Town of Ocean City. The health department recommends the public continue to follow prevention strategies such as: washing your hands often, staying home if you are sick, covering your cough, wearing a mask, getting plenty of rest, eating healthy foods, and exercising regularly.



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DePalma qualifies for national competition

On September 19, in Rochester, NY., Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) Freshman Michael DePalma placed first in the Boys 14-15 Division of the Drive, Chip and Putt (DCP) Oak Hill Regionals qualifying him for Nationals in Augusta, GA in April.

DePalma started golfing with his dad and grandfather at the age of 9. He quickly realized his passion for the sport one short year later, and started playing golf competitively. By the time DePalma reached sixth grade he had won a number of golf tournaments, realizing that golf was about to become a major part of his life.

DePalma started playing for WPS in the seventh grade on the Middle School Golf Team, and is now playing Varsity. Besides competing on the school team, he also plays in the Under Armour Junior Tour's Eastern Shore League, where he has won several tournaments in the past couple years, and in the Hurricane Junior Tour, where he will be competing in New Jersey and North Carolina this Fall.

In 2019, DePalma was watching the Drive, Chip and Putt (DCP) tournament with his family when his parents and grandparents started to encourage him to compete.

"This was my first and only time trying for this tournament," DePalma said. "I had zero expectations with how I would do in the tournament, I just wanted to see how well I could do."

At DCP, each golfer is given three attempts, and DePalma scored the highest in his division with 68 in Drive, 40 in Chip and 45 in Putt resulting in a total score of 153 reaching first place.

"I am very proud to have tried my best and was able to perform under the pressure of each competition and qualify for the final round at the Masters," DePalma said. "Each competition brought strong golfers to compete against. It feels really good to be among the many thousands that started this summer competing and now I am one of only 10 remaining in the 14-15 age group. I can't wait to go to Augusta to see where the Masters is played and be able to compete myself there."

Moving forward, DePalma plans on improving his golf game by playing competitively, as well as for fun with family and friends. He dreams to play golf in college when he graduates from WPS.

"It has been amazing to watch

Michael grow in the game of golf, in his ability, confidence and love of the sport," said DePalma's mother, Errin DePalma. "We are very proud of the composure and maturity he has shown while competing in the Drive, Chip and Putt, as well as during the interviews he has done afterwards."

A joint initiative founded in 2013 by the Masters Tournament, United States Golf Association and The PGA of America, Drive, Chip and Putt is a free nationwide junior golf development competition aimed at growing the game by focusing on the three fundamental skills employed in golf.

By tapping the creative and competitive spirit of girls and boys ages 7-15, Drive, Chip and Putt provides aspiring junior golfers an opportunity to play with their peers in qualifiers around the country. Participants who advance through local, sub-regional and regional qualifying in each age/gender category earn a place in the National Finals, which is conducted at Augusta National Golf Club the Sunday before the Masters Tournament and is broadcast live by Golf Channel.

Tides for Ocean City Inlet

Day	High /Low	Tide Time
Th 7	Low	2:42 AM
7	High	9:08 AM
7	Low	3:13 PM
7	High	9:31 PM
F 8	Low	3:25 AM
8	High	9:56 AM
8	Low	4:04 PM
8	High	10:18 PM
Sa 9	Low	4:10 AM
9	High	10:45 AM
9	Low	4:58 PM
9	High	11:08 PM
Su 10	Low	4:59 AM
10	High	11:37 AM
10	Low	5:56 PM
M 11	High	12:00 AM
11	Low	5:53 AM
11	High	12:33 PM
11	Low	6:58 PM
Tu 12	High	12:56 AM
12	Low	6:53 AM
12	High	1:35 PM
12	Low	8:04 PM
W 13	High	2:01 AM
13	Low	7:58 AM
13	High	2:43 PM
13	Low	9:12 PM

New partnership will reduce unsafe living conditions

The Chesapeake Housing Mission, Atlantic General Hospital and the Worcester County Health Department are partnering to form the "Healthy Homes Initiative," a three-pronged approach to reducing the growing number of unsafe and unhealthy living conditions found in homes in Worcester County.

This partnership is the first of its kind in our region and is focused on people living below the poverty level. The main goal of this initiative is prevention of falls and other illness caused by living in an unhealthy environment.

Chesapeake Housing Mission will provide critical home repair services to Worcester County residents living below the poverty level. CHM will design, obtain permits and provide all materials for the projects.

Atlantic General Hospital and Health System will provide employee work teams to complete projects and reimburse CHM for materials for each proj-

ect. The Worcester County Health Department will collaborate with CHM to screen vulnerable adults who may be in need of critical home repairs and work on a training program on home safety and health.

A collaboration between these three groups will facilitate improved living conditions for poverty level residents helping them to remain safely in their homes, reduce the risk of falls and other health problems, increase access to services and offer an improved quality of life in Worcester County.

A recent outcomes study found that clients reduced falls by more than 90 percent after completion of their CHM projects.

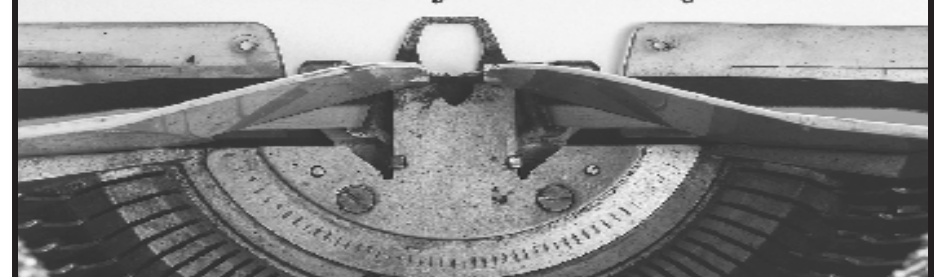
For more information, contact Sarah Yonker at Atlantic General Hospital at syonker@atlanticgeneral.org or Don Taylor at Chesapeake Housing Mission at chmed@chesapeakehousingmission.org.

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Longtime residents to share Ocean Pines history

As part of Worcester County History Week, Ocean Pines will host a live “History Panel” discussion about the early days of the community, on Sunday, October 10 from 2 p.m. -4 p.m. at the Community Center.

Guest speakers are scheduled to include longtime Ocean Pines residents Sue Adkins, Jack Barnes, Sharyn O’Hare, Gloria Richards, Alta Weiss, and Ed Moran.

The event, organized by the Ocean Pines Public Relations Department, will expand upon the history section of the Ocean Pines Academy, a virtual, self-paced civic education course about the Association.

Jenny Cropper Rines, who previously chaired the 50th Anniversary Committee, will moderate the panel discussion.

“We hosted a similar panel as part of the yearlong 50th anniversary celebra-

tion and it was very well received. However, there was no video of that event and several of our key speakers have since passed away,” she said. “With this new History Panel, we hope to give the live audience a fun and informative view of the early history of Ocean Pines, where they can hear from our guest speakers, but also interact and ask questions.”

For those who cannot attend, the History Panel will be recorded and will become a permanent part of the Ocean Pines Academy.

The Public Relations Department also recently produced a new Academy video, “Early History of Ocean Pines, with Marlene Ott and John Talbott.”

Ott and Talbott were involved in the real estate business when the community was first developed by Boise Cascade in the late 1960s. To view the video, visit <https://youtu.be/IyFQ3jfoL8o>.



Pride - Students at Ocean City Elementary School (OCES) showed their school pride and enjoyed the fresh air during their Back to School Spirit Day and A.C.E.S. (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) event. For ACES, each month, the entire school exercises on the field for 30 mins. Pictured showing their school spirit in their OCES apparel are Liz Engh’s kindergarten students **Stephanie** and **Alexandra**.

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any candidate listed on the ballot, including Mr. Farr.

The TRO was set to expire in ten (10) days. By Order of August 19, 2021, it was extended to the August 30, 2021, hearing date.

Discussion

The primary issue is whether the Plaintiff who was certified as a candidate, was improperly disqualified, or had the rug pulled from under his feet, during the election process. Factually, Mr. Farr’s residence, the Property, was titled in the name of a family trust established by his father, Richard L. Farr, styled the “Farr Living Trust dated May 23, 2000.” The Plaintiff and his sister are the designated beneficiaries. The Plaintiff’s father died on May 19, 2017. Under the terms of the Trust, legal title to the Property vested in the names of Theresa R. Farr, the Plaintiff’s mother, and Lisa Marie (Farr) Donahue, the Plaintiff’s sister, as Trustees. It remained so until Mrs. Theresa R. Farr passed away on May 17, 2021, at which time the Plaintiff became Co-Trustee with his sister, Lisa Marie Donahue. It is undisputed that, as of January 1, 2021, the Plaintiff was living at 21 Bird Nest Drive, paying all relevant association fees

and charges, and was a member of the OPA with voting privileges as defined by the Bylaws.³ Thus, the final determination of the merits of this action will necessarily depend on the interpretation of “owner of record” status of the Plaintiff as of January 1, 2021.

In the meantime, the intended purpose of a preliminary injunction is to preserve the status quo between the parties, pending the hearing on the merits, or until the parties’ rights and obligations can be adjudicated at trial. Md. Rule 15-501 (b). To determine the appropriateness of a preliminary injunction, the court must weigh:

- 1) The likelihood that the plaintiff will succeed on the merits;
- 2) The balance of convenience determined by whether greater injury would be done to the defendant by granting the injunction than would result in its refusal;
- 3) Whether the plaintiff will suffer irreparable injury unless the injunction is granted; and
- 4) The public interest.

Turning to the factors that this court must consider, it must be noted that the temporary restraining order issued on August 10, 2021, permitted all completed ballots to be received by OPA through the deadline of August 11, 2021, and required the ballots to be securely maintained and confidential.

Accordingly, the likelihood that the plaintiff will suffer irreparable harm is

not great if the preliminary injunction is denied since all ballots cast in his favor can be ultimately counted without the injunction. It may develop that the majority vote is in his favor. If not, he is free to argue that the Board’s disqualification in the middle of the election irreparably damaged his chances in the 2021 election. However, there is apparently little doubt that Mr. Farr is qualified and eligible to run for an open Board seat in the 2022 election. So, the third factor must be weighed in favor of OPA. Likewise, greater injury is likely to OPA by an injunction which will prohibit the tabulation, counting or review of the ballots received by the deadline. The cost of conducting a new election for the 2021 Board of Directors would be unduly burdensome and costly. The balance of convenience favors OPA on the second factor.

In litigation between governmental and private parties or when injunctive relief directly impacts governmental interests, the court may properly withhold injunctive relief in furtherance of the public interest. Accordingly, the fourth factor weighs strongly in favor of OPA.

Considering the likelihood that Mr. Farr will succeed on the merits in this matter, it is noted that the balance of likely hardships does not tip decidedly in his favor. So, he must demonstrate that he has a very clear and strong case with the real probability of success on

the merits, not merely a remote possibility.

At this point in the proceeding, the court is neutral on the likelihood of Mr. Farr’s success on the merits. He continues to be entitled to a declaration of his rights, status and legal relations under the Bylaws of OPA pursuant to § 3-406 of the Courts Article, as requested in Count I, as well as a determination of his breach of contract/?duciary duty claim for damages as requested in Count III of the Complaint.

C.JP as requested in Count I of his Complaint.

Now THEREFORE, it is this 09/24/2021, by the Circuit Court for Worcester County, Maryland,

ORDERED, that a preliminary injunction be, and hereby is, DENIED in this matter; and it is further,

ORDERED, that all returned ballots shall be kept, maintained and preserved by the Ocean Pines Association Election Committee; and it is further,

ORDERED, that the entire ballot count shall be preserved insofar as ballots in favor of the Plaintiff may be relevant in the final determination of this matter.

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Entered: Clerk, Circuit Court for Worcester County, MD
September 27, 2021

Platform Tennis tourney is successful

The Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association raised more than \$6,000 for charity during a September 25 tournament honoring Jim Freeman.

Freeman was an active Platform Tennis member and former club president who passed away on March 15.

Funds raised during the tournament will go to Semper Fi and America's Fund, a nonprofit that serves veterans from all branches of the military, in honor of Freeman's service in the U.S. Marines.

Tournament co-chairs Michael Petito and Karen Kaplan said the event featured mostly Ocean Pines players.

However, in the final match, out-of-towners Ginger Patron and Theresa Christofferson played against Platform Tennis members June Freeman and Tracy Jones.

"The large crowd was mesmerized by their long rallies and was dazzled by finesse shots from both teams," Petito said. "Ginger and Theresa emerged victorious, and June and Tracy, who played valiantly, were runners-up."

"We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our members, as well as that of local sponsors," he said. "It was an outstanding event for a wonderful cause."

"Our members went above and beyond with their generous monetary donations and contributions towards the tournament and the after-celebration. We could not have done it without their support, both on and off the courts. They are an amazing group of



people," Kaplan added.

For more information on Platform Tennis, Timeless Tennis and SPEC Tennis in Ocean Pines, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/platform-tennis>.



Fashion - The Republican Women of Worcester County held their 12th Annual Patriot Day Fashion Show and luncheon on September 16 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Fashions were presented by Bruder Hill of Berlin. Featured is **Gwen Crisafulli** wearing one of the many styles modeled by volunteers. Almost 200 guests were present at the event.

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Since 2006, the mission of the Boardwalk Buddy Walk has been to create a community where people with Down syndrome, or any cognitive disorder, can live, learn, work, and play.

The event will take place starting at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9. Registration is free; to register or for more information, visit www.boardwalkbuddywalk.com.

OPA worker tests positive for COVID-19

The following is a communication from General Manager John Viola.

Another employee of our Aquatics Department recently tested positive for COVID-19.

The employee has not returned to work and will not until it is safe to do so consistent with CDC protocols. We notified the local health department of the situation and will cooperate fully with public health officials. In addition to reporting the positive test to the health department, we were able to determine who had close contact with the employee in question and

communicated directly with those individuals. We understand the employee had no close contact with residents.

Due to the second positive case in Aquatics, to further ensure safety of patrons and staff, the OPA Sports Core Pool will be closed for 10 days and will reopen on 10/09/21. An extensive disinfecting process will be performed.

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