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Ott speaks to Kiwanis

*On August 31 Realtor Marlene Ott spoke at the Kiwanis meeting. Marlene is a local realtor who has worked in coastal real estate for more than 40 years. She is an Associate Broker with BHHS PenFed Realty and has been active in the community through volunteering. She's a graduate of the University of Maryland and serves on the Worcester County Planning and Zoning Commission. Marlene updated the club on what is going on in our local market and gave suggestions about buying or selling. Good information to know. Pictured (L-R) Kiwanis Club President **Tim Lund** and **Marlene Ott**.*

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Board approves police vehicle purchase for take-home program

During their August 23 meeting, Ocean Pines Board members on voted unanimously to buy three new vehicles for \$158,000 that will jump-start a “take home vehicle” program for police in the community.

Police Chief Leo Ehrisman said three Chevy Tahoes became available when a police agency in Virginia ordered 50, but was only able to pay for 47 because of budgetary constraints. He had hoped to request three new vehicles during the next budget cycle.

Ehrisman said there’s a line of police agencies vying for new vehicles and supplies are often too short for the demand, adding the last two times he tried to bid the manufacturer said the SUVs were not available.

“The reason that I requested this special meeting ... is because if I don’t do it now, I start back at ground zero in September to prepare for February’s approval” of the budget,” Ehrisman said.

“It’s a very extensive period of time, and the fact that we only order two or three at a time puts us at the bottom of the list,” he said.

There may also be a cost savings, as

Ehrisman said the vehicles were already outfitted with about \$9,000 in police lights and computer equipment that are the standard for modern police cars.

“The prices that we have now on these three cars are fully equipped [and] ready to go,” he said.

Ehrisman said the Tahoes would help jump-start a take-home vehicle program that’s essential for police retention. He said Ocean Pines lost four officers in less than six months to neighboring agencies that offered signing bonuses better benefits.

“They have take-home cars, they have insurance policies, and they have a pension,” he said.

Ehrisman said take-home cars help off-duty officers respond quicker in case of an emergency, and they can deter crime by being visible in a neighborhood.

He said county police are getting about five-to-six years on take-home cars, which is longer than shared vehicles that can see three shifts each day.

“The issue today is the cost, the opportunity, and the timing does it have to be done today? My opinion is yes,”

Ehrisman said. “If this passes ... it fulfills my obligation to be able to implement” the take-home policy.

“There’s not a police agency I’m aware of that does not offer a take-home policy ... so this is huge for us,” he added.

General Manager John Viola said the purchase would come out of replacement reserves and would help spread out milage and extend the life of other vehicles in the police fleet.

Asked by Director Doug Parks what impact the purchase would have on the overall reserve percentage, Viola said it would only be a fractional impact.

“It shouldn’t move the needle from where we’re at,” Viola said.

Director Rick Farr asked why the purchase wasn’t part of the last budget, and Ehrisman said there were two reasons. One, he budgeted conservatively because of looming state mandates requiring body cameras for police, and two, many other agencies “upped their game” last December and January with offers of bonuses and take-home cars.

Asked about the disparities between Ocean Pines Police and other agencies, Viola said Ocean Pines officers receive

401k benefits and he has been working to close the gap in pay between neighboring agencies. The Association does not qualify for the federal Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System, also known as LEOPS, because it is not a municipality.

Director Stuart Lakernick called for the Board to make “an actual commitment that we will do better by our police department” in the future.

“The car is one aspect, but the pay is the big aspect,” he said. “You want a career cop, make a career commitment to them.”

Association President Colette Horn said that would likely be part of the next budget process.

“I think we all agree that retention and recruitment is a huge challenge, and this board has an opportunity to impact that,” she said.

Board members voted 6-0 in favor of a motion to purchase the vehicles. One Board member, Frank Daly, was not present.

To view a video of the meeting, visit <https://youtu.be/8b-TZ2ThSzE>.



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Commentary

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Janasek hearing

During a June 9, 2022 meeting, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors banned former director Tom Janasek from OPA food and beverage locations for 90 days. The vote was 5-2. The motion and vote came about as a result of Janasek verbally accosting OPA Director Josette Wheatley with vile, filthy language at the Yacht Club on May 20, 2022. Wheatley had previously obtained a court Peace Order preventing Janasek from contacting her for six months.

Janasek is suing OPA over the ban. Janasek's attorney Bruce Bright convinced Judge Campen, the judge who decided against OPA in the Rick Farr case (Farr was also represented by Bright), to grant a temporary restraining order, allowing Janasek to continue drinking at OPA venues serving alcohol until a formal court hearing was held.

After some delays, that court hearing was held on August 25, 2022, in the Snow Hill Circuit Court with Judge Beau Oglesby presiding.

This commentator and OPA association member Jack Barnes were the only individuals not directly involved in the case who were present for the entire hearing.

The case for each side, in a nutshell, is as follows:

Janasek's attorney Bruce Bright's case seemed to be the OPA governing documents allow the Board of Directors to ban association member use of amenities only for specific purposes, such as failure to pay the assessment or for continuing DR violations declared by the board.

OPA attorney Megan Mantzavinos' case seemed to be the board is not limited to only those items specifically mentioned in the governing docu-

ments. Mantzavinos referenced by-laws section 5.13 which states, "The Powers of the Board of Directors shall include (but not be limited to) those set forth in this section. Any power of the Board of Directors enumerated in this Section shall be exercised only in accordance with the limitations set forth herein."

Section 5.13(g) then states, "The board may do any and all lawful things and acts that it deems to be for the benefit of Ocean Pines and the members and residents thereof or advisable, proper, or convenient for the promotion of the interests of said members and residents with regard to health, safety, education, culture, recreation, comfort, and convenience."

At its core, Janasek's case seems to be that he or any association member can drink at the Yacht Club tiki bar, use the vilest foul language to accost another patron (with children present according to Wheatley's testimony), and the Board of Directors lacks the authority to ban that individual for any period of time because the governing documents do not directly specify such authority.

Bright questioned former OPA president Colette Horn for perhaps three hours or more. Other witnesses included Tom Janasek, OPA director Frank Daly, former OPA director Larry Perrone, and former director Josette Wheatley.

One independent observer felt Colette Horn, as a witness, was "Bright's worst nightmare." An exaggeration perhaps, as Bright is an extremely experienced litigator and represented his client with vigor. Horn, however, did represent OPA very well during her long testimony.

Bright seemed bent on convincing

Judge Oglesby that Janasek was a victim of a board majority out to get him because he did not go along with them on the Farr case. Bright attempted to prove the board lacked authority to ban Janasek from OPA drinking establishments and avoided as much as possible Janasek's verbal abuse of Wheatley at the Yacht Club.

What transpired at the Yacht Club was vile and disgusting, based on eyewitness reporting. A copy of the written, signed and witnessed eyewitness report of what took place is available at oceanpinesforum.com. Warning: Many will find the language extremely offensive.

Janasek did write an "apology" to Wheatley following the incident. OPA attorney Mantzavinos asked Janasek about this in court. Part of what Janasek wrote was, "I promise you I'm not a bad person, but I obviously have some anger issues which became very apparent on Friday night. I am so sorry that it landed on you and Bob and I'm currently getting help to change my emotional issues. I'm sorry

it happened the way it did and I'm doing everything in my power to ensure that it never does again. You won't have to worry about seeing me at any of our amenities in the foreseeable future but I hope when the time comes that we meet again it will be back to the friendly relationship we once enjoyed."

Of interest is that Wheatley testified she was Janasek's campaign manager when he successfully ran for the Board of Directors.

Wheatley's court testimony didn't indicate she accepted Janasek's apology. She seemed to testify she feared for her life. She was afraid to be around Janasek. She also noted she did see Janasek again shortly after his apology indicating otherwise. The eyewitness report said, "I was concerned that he was going to hit her."

Bright's questioning of Wheatley bordered on badgering. Finally, Judge Oglesby said, "I get your point, Mr. Bright."

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Courier Almanac

On September 7, 1813, the United States got its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, New York, who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson (1766-1854) stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's." The local newspaper picked up on the story and Uncle Sam eventually gained widespread acceptance as the nickname for-and personification of-the U.S. federal government.



The most valuable rare stamp in the world is the British Guiana 1c Magenta. The stamp was auctioned in 2014 and sold for \$9.48 million, though that price tag dipped considerably when it was auctioned again for a price of roughly \$8.3 million in 2021. According to Invaluable.com, the stamp was included in an 1856 emergency run that was produced after the initial shipment of 1c magenta stamps went missing. That emergency run included a small boat on the stamp, which can be seen in the lone remaining stamp from that run that is now so valuable. That lone stamp was discovered by a young boy in 1873. Nearly 150 years later, the world's most valuable stamp can be purchased via fractional ownership, a method through which unrelated parties can share in the ownership of a high-value tangible asset.

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The first days of school

The start of the school year reminds me of those bygone, sepia tone years when summer pursuits of reckless abandon gave way to early morning wake-up calls, school bus rides, warm lunches in warm lunch boxes and adjusting to the yoke of conformity that could only be found in a Catholic grade school under the watchful eyes of humorless nuns, those creatures of habit.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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Back in my day, Catholic school education for me was more a pursuit of survival than academic endeavor. From the time I entered first grade until the evening I walked in tight formation down the aisle at eighth grade graduation, the first day of school was pretty much the same.

The yellow bus would come to a stop in the large playground in the shadow of St. Albert the Great Church. We kids would disembark in a riotous mass despite warnings from the bus driver. Once on the playground we'd seek out our friends, many of whom we hadn't seen since the last day of school. Very quickly the boys would be sitting on their knees flipping baseball cards: *"Flip you colors last, wins on first, everything in it but tops!"* The girls would be jumping rope or playing hopscotch. There'd be all sorts of yelling and screaming. And then, just as quickly, the noise would halt when Sister Rosemary, our principal, would clang the brass bell, the sound echoing off the church and rectory. We froze in place. God help anyone who kept yelling or running around after Sister clanged the bell. When satisfied that all the kids were quiet and motionless, Sister would then ring the bell a second time and we would make a mad dash for our grade lines.

Each grade had its own lines at the head of which were the teachers for that grade. We would be assembled in groups by grade. Then each homeroom teacher would read from a roster, calling out the names of the kids in her class. Cheers could be heard

from the kids whose name was called by a preferred teacher. Solemn, muffled utterances of profanity could be heard when a kid's name was called by a less popular teacher.

Once the classes were identified, we lined up like little soldiers waiting to be led through the church doors within sight of the crucified Savior, and then to the right into the school. Grades one through four were on the

first floor; grades five through eight on the second. It was a rite of passage to be guided to the second floor. The hallway floors gleamed on the first day of school. They actually gleamed throughout the year. Walt the janitor

made it his life's work to polish those floors to a sparkle. Some kids thought it amusing to scuff their heels on the floor leaving a mark. The laughter subsided quickly when they found themselves after school removing their scuff marks with a tooth brush.

The hallway floor was comprised of big square tiles with lines down the middle. To ensure tidy formations, we had to walk on the lines. There was little tolerance for kids who didn't walk the straight and narrow. It wasn't unusual for Sister Rosemary to walk the halls inspecting our lines. That woman was everywhere. She had no compunction about yanking a wayward kid from the line and directing him, or on those rare occasions her, to walk beside the teacher. Oh, the embarrassment and shame reflected on the kid's face. Truth be told, I was never pulled from the line. As I look back so many years later, I realize I was too much of a goodie two-shoes. But in my defense, I didn't want wayward line walking indelibly scrawled on my permanent record.

Once inside our classrooms, we stood in the back of the room as our new homeroom teacher called our names in alphabetical order to take our seats in alphabetical order. There was a rigidity in Catholic school that unless experienced, it's hard to explain. I usually sat in the second or third seat in the first row behind Paul Aceto and Dominic Anzideo. What I would have given to have had my last name start with a "Z."

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Parks to serve as president, Farr as vice president

Doug Parks will take over as Ocean Pines Association President after a unanimous vote during an organization meeting, Thursday in the Administration Building Board Room.

Also decided during the meeting, Rick Farr will serve as Association Vice President, Stuart Lakernick will be secretary, and Monica Rakowski will be the treasurer. Each was a unanimous selection.

Other Board appointments included Linda Martin as assistant secretary and Steve Phillips as assistant treasurer. Directors agreed to keep the current legal counsel and auditing firm. The current legal counsel, Lerch Early and Brewer,

will also serve as parliamentarian.

Directors also set the regular Board meeting schedule for the next year, with the locations to be determined. Meetings were scheduled for the third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m., with one exception.

Regular Board meetings were scheduled as follows:

- Saturday, Sept. 24
- Saturday, Oct. 15
- Saturday, Nov. 19
- Saturday, Dec. 17
- Saturday, Jan. 21
- Saturday, Feb. 18
- Saturday, March 18
- Saturday, April 15
- Saturday, May 20
- Saturday, June 17
- Saturday, July 15

Parks said the Association would host at least two town hall meetings during the next year, with times, locations, and topics to be determined.

To view a video of the meeting, visit <https://youtu.be/z6FijmgouJ8>.



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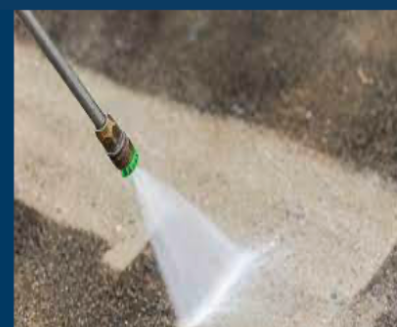
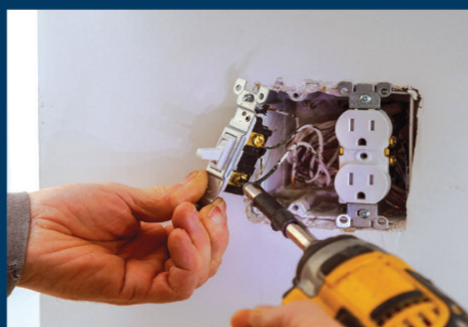
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commentary

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Back to the Janasek apology, to avoid a board vote to remove him from the board many months earlier, he apologized to OPA General Manager John Viola for verbally harassing him at the Yacht Club and other venues for nearly a year. Doug Parks brokered a deal to keep Janasek on the board in return for an apology and acceptance of a censure. However, when Janasek later did resign from the board after sending a vile email to Colette Horn, he seemed to actually withdraw his apology to Viola.

Interestingly, an informed source says during the closed session portion of the June 9 meeting that concluded with the public ban sparking the Janasek case currently in court, Director Doug Parks said he believed Janasek would “do it again” and “I’ll put money on it.” Two additional informed sources said they do not recall the exact language Parks used, but that he definitely suggested Janasek would do it again.

OPA director Frank Daly testified that he believed the Janasek incident with Wheatley at the Yacht Club involved a “crime” by Janasek. Attorney Bright objected. Judge Oglesby overruled, saying that while no crime had been charged, Daly was free to express

his opinion a crime was committed.

Former OPA director Larry Perone testified he was concerned about Janasek’s increasing aggressiveness. He feared a failure to take action against Janasek could result in some increased OPA liability in the event something more serious happened.

Then there is the security video of what transpired that evening at the Yacht Club. It appeared Bright made an attempt to not have it made a part of the case. Judge Oglesby said he had been provided a copy of the video. Oglesby said, “I cannot unsee what I have seen.”

Judge Oglesby asked witnesses questions. Among them were several instances where he clearly wanted to clarify that Janasek was not banned from all OPA amenities, only the three food and beverage amenities where alcohol is served. It seemed this was an important distinction for Oglesby.

Frank Daly testified that when watching the video, he saw a drunk, totally out-of-control individual intimidating and bullying a Yacht Club patron.

Strangely, during his testimony, Janasek described how he saw himself essentially as a volunteer bouncer, helping staff remove unruly Yacht Club customers on a number of occasions.

There is concern by some association members that the new board majority will move to settle the case before Oglesby hands down a decision.

In an interview after the hearing, Daly said, “Unless your main interest is protecting one of your drinking buddies, this case needs run to a decision. There are many reasons to do so. One reason is we have already paid for the decision, as a practical matter.”

Daly also references what he heard Oglesby say at the conclusion of the

hearing when setting a date for the final decision in 25 days beginning August 26th. Daly says Oglesby remarked, “Both parties owe it to themselves to get a well-thought-out judgment from me.”

Having a legal decision is important for OPA. Forget Janasek as an individual plaintiff. Forget friendships and internal board political battles. Our HOA needs to know if our Board of Directors has the legal authority to ban bad actors from our amenities where alcohol is served. This new board would do a massive disservice to the membership if it chooses to settle this prior to any decision by Oglesby — especially since association members have already paid the cost of the case as a practical matter. As Judge Campen said to the OPA Board of Directors in the Farr case — “Do the right thing.”

New sheriff in town

Elections have consequences. There is a new sheriff in town. Unconditional surrender. Take no prisoners. The fat lady’s song is over.

Pick your cliché. Or come up with a new one with regard to our new OPA corporate officers. The Organization Meeting to elect officers on the evening of August 25th left no doubt that it was 100% out with the old leadership and 100% in with the new. Control of OPA did a 180. Colette Horn and Frank Daly, OPA’s former president and vice-president, are out as officers after being a major force within a majority of directors controlling OPA in recent years.

Doug Parks, serving perhaps his seventh year as an OPA director, was resurrected from oblivion and again made OPA president, thanks to votes from Rick Farr, Stuart Lakernick, and Monica Rakowski.

In fact, these four nominated each other for every corporate officer position. No nominations were made for any position other than from this new four-member group now running OPA. Farr was elected vice president; Lakernick secretary; and Rakowski treasurer

If that was not enough to convince Horn and Daly their time in control

was at an abrupt and immediate end, the discussion of scheduling board meetings was the coup de grâce when Lakernick suggested fixing all regular board meetings on the third or fourth Saturday of the month at 9 am.

Backtracking to the meeting’s public comments, former board member Amy Peck made an impassioned plea for the board to keep board meetings on Wednesday afternoons around lunchtime. Peck was effusive in her praise of Colette Horn’s recent data presentation about how Wednesdays produce the most participants. Of course, any data resulting from analyzing whether 20 or 50 people show up for a board meeting out of a potential pool of more than 10,000 is useless.

Historically, as Lakernick correctly observed, OPA held regular board meetings on Saturday mornings. During that period, it was not unusual to see 100 association members at meetings. Regular Saturday meetings ended around 2004. Lakernick’s proposal for Saturday meetings is undoubtedly a worthwhile proposal to try for the coming year. It is something this commentator has suggested trying for years.

During board discussion, Parks made it clear he supported Lakernick’s suggestion for Saturday meetings. Steve Jacobs suggested alternating between Saturday and Wednesday meetings. Horn tried in vain to promote Wednesday meetings. It was obvious Horn and Jacobs were wasting their time. Parks finally asked for a motion for Saturday meetings. Farr obliged. The motion was seconded and passed with Parks, Farr, Lakernick, and Rakowski voting YES.

A humorous aside happened after the vote for the third Saturday meetings. Parks started to read off the actual dates. September 17th was the first. Lakernick, the director who proposed the motion, said something like - whoops, I can’t make that date, causing some laughter in the room and a touch of sarcasm from Horn. Parks agreed to make September 24th the date, and thereafter all meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of each month at 9 am. Location for meetings is still unresolved.

The transition to a new board majority is complete. There is indeed a new sheriff in town. Association members should judge this new board majority on what they do going forward. Financially, they have a tough act to follow.

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Astronomy & Spaceflight

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



Major milestones in space telescopes

For September, the column celebrates the new James Webb Space Telescope, which was launched in December 2021, and officially began its research in July. Already the Webb telescope has produced a variety of beautiful and fascinating images which have received wide public acclaim.

When space telescopes come to mind, most people think of the famous Hubble Space Telescope which has been operating since 1990. And yet to appreciate orbiting observatories, attention must be given to astrophysicist Lyman Spitzer of Princeton University, who devoted several decades of his career to this critical and ground-breaking idea. The road to the first space telescope began in 1946, when Professor Spitzer published his report titled: "Astronomical Advantages of an Extra-Terrestrial Observatory," which first proposed the concept.

For his leadership, Lyman Spitzer has been dubbed the "father of the space telescope."

Surprisingly, Spitzer's idea was published more than ten years prior to Sputnik, the first successful satellite. Spitzer commented: "The chief contribution of such a radically new and more powerful instrument would be, not to supplement our present ideas of the universe we live in, but rather to uncover new phenomena not yet imagined . . ."

In 1962 NASA began its "Orbiting Astronomical Observatory" (OAO) program, the first effort to launch a telescope into orbit. The telescope itself was to operate in the ultraviolet and X-ray spectra, rather than ordinary visible light, as most telescopes do. Professor Spitzer led Princeton's design and production team, as they shaped this innovative device.

Space endeavors, especially in NASA's early days, could experience difficulties, requiring second and third launch efforts. The third attempt at the OAO, dubbed 'OAO-3,' success-

fully launched in 1972 and collected data until 1980. Later, OAO-3 was renamed "Copernicus" honoring another astronomy pioneer.

Of course, to create an observatory capable of riding along with a rocket and operating reliably in space is not a simple thing. One might question whether it is really worth so much effort and expense. The chief motivation is that from a location far above the Earth, the telescope no longer has a thick atmosphere to interfere with its images. For a telescope on the surface, the effects of the atmosphere might be compared to a swimmer looking up from the bottom of a pool; the turbulent water blocks any clear view of the sky. An Earthbound scope might take images which collect the faint light of faraway galaxies and stars, but the sharpness and clarity will always be limited. Whatever high technology might be brought to bear, the murky atmosphere gives a certain "minimum fuzziness" which washes out the images and defeats astronomers' best efforts.

While the OAO program was in progress, Spitzer was leading another space astronomy mission called the Large Space Telescope (LST), later renamed the Hubble. Although the concept was put forth in 1965, the efforts were beset by delays and budget cutbacks. Eventually in 1977, after a campaign led by Professor Spitzer, most of the original budget was restored. Again, delays occurred in 1986 when NASA experienced the space shuttle Chal-

lenger disaster. Finally, in April 1990 the Hubble Space Telescope was successfully launched.

At last, the Hubble offered "freedom" from the limits imposed by Earth's turbulent atmosphere. The new space telescope was able to achieve images ten times the sharpness of those taken by the best telescopes on Earth. Hubble's newfound capacities were celebrated as the dawn of a new era in astronomy.

After three decades in operation, the Hubble Space Telescope has taken more than 1.3 million observations and made hundreds of fascinating new discoveries. Among the most important are the following. The telescope found organic compounds in exoplanet atmospheres. It created a three-dimensional mapping of the dark matter in the universe. Most interesting of all might be the cosmic "acceleration" due to the "dark energy," co-discovered by Hubble.

Initially, we might imagine that the Hubble telescope can give astronomers everything they need. Hubble had at last overcome the problem of Earth's atmosphere, and gained a thrilling new window into the deep universe, providing for many new insights into the cosmos. While Hubble offered a rich gold mine of new results, one final critical improvement was to scrutinize the universe via infrared light.

Astronomers are well aware that galaxies are often awash with regions of gas and dust,

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A: No. Your hummingbird feeder will be a supplemental source of nectar for your local hummingbirds, and can help them through times when there aren't as many blooming flowers available nearby.

Q: Do I need to buy special food for my hummingbirds?

A: No. The best (and least expensive) solution for your feeder is a 1:4 solution of refined white sugar to tap water. That's ¼ cup of sugar in 1 cup of water. Bring the solution to a boil, then let it cool before filling the feeder. You can make a larger batch and refrigerate the extra solution, just remember to bring it up to room temperature before you re-fill the feeder.

Q: Should I put red coloring in the nectar solution?

A: No, red coloring is not necessary and the reddening chemicals could prove to be harmful to the birds. Natural nectar itself is a clear solution.

Q: Are hummingbirds attracted to red-colored things?

A: Yes, hummingbirds are attracted to red, as well as other brightly colored objects, because they have learned to associate high-quality nectar with red flowers.

Q: How often should I empty and clean the feeder?

A: In hot weather, the feeder should be emptied and cleaned twice per

week. In cooler weather, once per week is enough. If your hummingbirds empty the feeder with greater frequency, clean it every time it's empty. Cleaning with hot tap water works fine, or use a weak vinegar solution. Avoid using dish soaps, as this can leave harmful residue in the feeder.

Q: When should I put out my hummingbird feeder?

A: In most areas of North America where hummingbirds leave during the winter, it's best to put the feeder out about a week before they normally arrive in your yard. This date varies regionally. If you don't know when your birds usually arrive check with your local Audubon center, chapter, or local bird club.

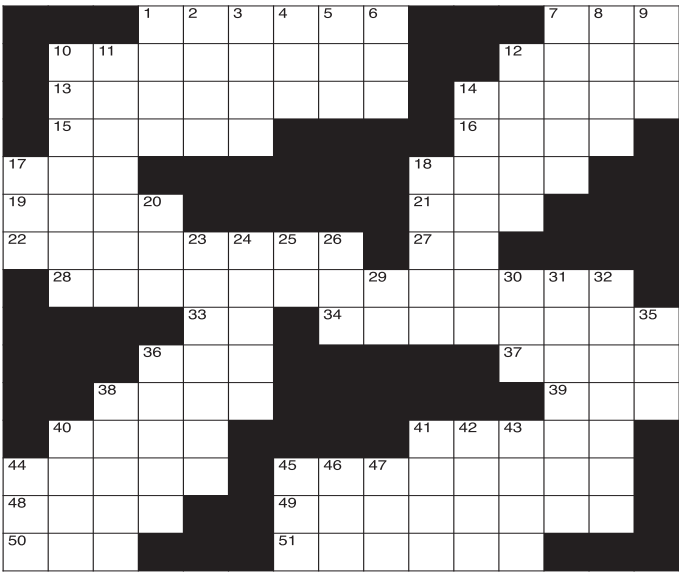
Q: When should I take down my feeders in the fall?

A: You can leave your feeders out for as long as you have hummingbirds around. You can even continue to provide the feeder after your hummingbirds disappear—late migrants or out-of-range species can show up into early winter. Follow the guidelines for keeping the feeders clean, even if the nectar goes untouched. Always discard any unused nectar in the feeder when you take it down for cleaning.

Q: Won't it make my hummingbirds stay too late if I continue to leave the feeder out for them?

A: No, hummingbirds are migratory species and are genetically programmed to head south in the fall. It's not a lack of nectar source or colder weather that makes them leave—they know it's time based on changes in the length of the day and the angle of the sun.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Grievous

7. Queens ballplayer

10. Honorable title

12. Created

13. Grillmasters do it

14. Wartime German cargo ship

15. Cocoplum

16. Hebrew calendar month

17. British thermal unit

18. Brews

19. One of Thor's names

21. Decorative scarf

22. Clothes

27. -___: denotes past

28. A way to address a lover
33. Commercial

34. Utters repeatedly

36. Google certification (abbr.)

37. Taxis

38. Belgian village in Antwerp

39. Talk excessively

40. Broad volcanic crater

41. Surgical instrument

44. Listens to

45. Revelation of a fact

48. Paddles

49. Heard

50. Tooth caregiver

51. Metric capacity units

CLUES DOWN

1. Protein-rich liquids

2. Musician Clapton

3. Wine

4. When you hope to arrive

5. Something one can get stuck in

6. Midway between east and southeast

7. Mothers

8. German river

9. Israeli city ___ Aviv

10. Discharged

11. Areas near the retina

12. Greek mythological sorceress

14. Very unpleasant smell

17. "___ Humbug!"

18. White poplar

20. Journalist Tarbell

23. Teachers

24. One older than you
25. Long Russian river

26. Run batted in

29. Beloved Hollywood alien

30. Holiday (informal)

31. Furniture with open shelves

32. Argued

35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

36. Cars have them

38. Volcanic craters

40. Made of fermented honey and water

41. Shelter for mammals or birds

42. One who utilizes

43. Moves swiftly on foot

44. Builder's trough

45. Architectural wing

46. 12

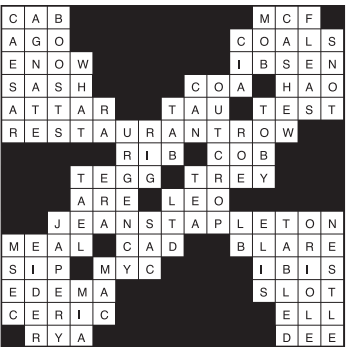
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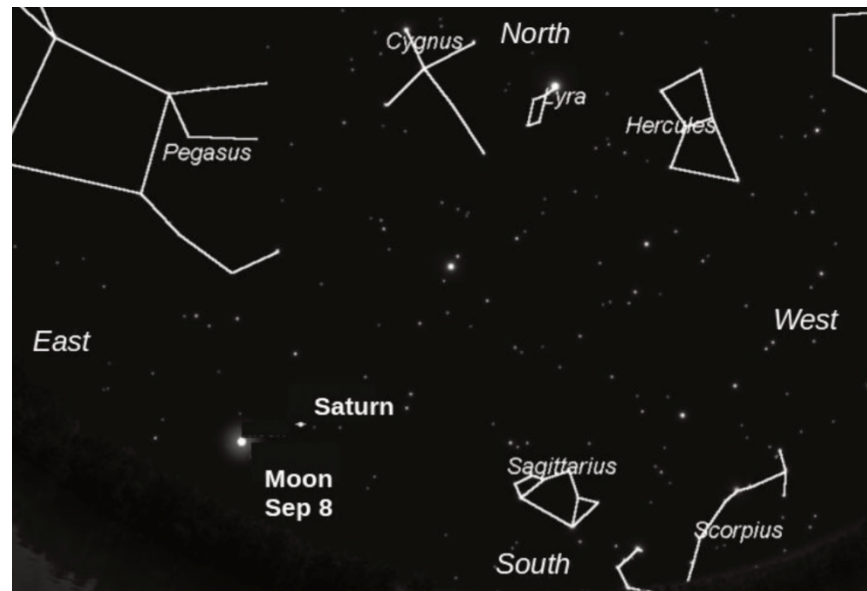
Southern Ring Nebula



Cartwheel Galaxy



Galaxy Cluster Within Deep Field



escopes. Such starlight has been red-shifted so much that it is no longer visible light at all.

The exciting thing about an infrared telescope is that it solves both issues at once: infrared is not blocked by galactic gas and dust, so that it can bring us the complete and unabridged information about the stars and galaxies. Furthermore, the starlight from the cosmic dawn gets shifted out of the visible and into the infrared spectra.

Infrared light is a marvelous tool, allowing astronomers to examine almost every detail of our universe, like a doctor probing a patient with an MRI.

In August 2003 the US launched an infrared instrument known as the Spitzer Space telescope, named in honor of the professor who provided leadership on a variety of NASA's orbital observatories.

Discoveries by the Spitzer Telescope include the following. It was the first telescope to directly identify molecules in the atmospheres of exoplanets. It discovered the largest batch of Earth-size exoplanets - seven in total - ever

seen in a single star system. It performed an analysis of chemicals in the cloud of material expelled when NASA intentionally smashed its "Deep Impact" probe into a comet.

The Spitzer Space telescope has a comparatively small mirror of 0.85 m (31 inches) and thus the sharpness of its images is no better than Earth based telescopes might achieve. While Spitzer can detect some targets which would evade Hubble's visible light spectrum, astronomers were still hoping for an even better infrared space telescope.

The new James Webb Space Telescope launched December 25, 2021 represents the latest, most modern example of an infrared telescope. The Webb telescope's primary mirror is 6.5 meters in diameter, compared with Hubble's 2.4 meters, giving Webb about seven times as much light-gathering capability. The larger size also endows the Webb with a resolving power about five times greater than Spitzer's and in the same range as Hubble's.

For scrutinizing stars at the remotest reaches of space, back to the cosmic dawn,

Webb's infrared ability provides a huge enhancement. In seeing such stars in their red-shifted spectra, Webb has a one-hundred-fold advantage over the Hubble.

The Hubble telescope was responsible for revolutionary new findings, by revealing the extent and character of the unseen dark matter, and showing us that we live in a universe expanding at an ever-increasing rate.

From the James Webb telescope, astronomy and space fans can look forward to many fascinating new photos through the years. In addition, it is likely that the new telescope will also offer unexpected results that overturn older ways of thinking, just as dark matter and dark energy did in the past. Astronomers can expect to be surprised.

On August 29 NASA had planned to launch the celebrated Artemis-1 mission. Unexpected difficulties arose with one of the engines and the launch was postponed. The next scheduled attempt is Friday, September 2 (as of this report's printing). This unmanned mission is to prepare the way for future flights to the moon, as astronauts hope to return to the lunar surface.

In September the full stellar vista appears after about 8:30 p.m., as the constellation Cygnus the Swan (Northern Cross), appears almost directly overhead. To the west Hercules the Hero is also seen flying high. One might imagine Hercules as a smaller and fainter cousin of the famous wintertime constellation, Orion the Hunter. High in the eastern sky, the Great Square of Pegasus comes into view after 9:30 p.m.

Sagittarius, the Archer (teapot) appears near the southern horizon. Look to the east of Sagittarius to spot the planet Saturn. On September 8 the moon will pass just 4 degrees to the southeast of Saturn.

Wishing clear skies and good luck to all stargazers.

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which can block the visible light passing through. For example, Hubble has difficulty seeing the fascinating birthplaces of new stars and planetary systems, since these are always shrouded within hazy nebulae. Also, when looking further and further into the depths of the Milky Way, astronomers' views are diminished more and more as the starlight's path traverses the interstellar dust and gas.

Secondly, there is the well-known "red-shift" in astronomy. Astronomers have known since the 1920s that stars and galaxies from very remote parts of the universe, will not provide us with light that is unchanged. Rather the light will always appear with slightly longer wavelengths, called the "red-shift." When they try to examine objects from the cosmic dawn after the big bang, the red-shift may be so great that visible light will not show up in ordinary tel-

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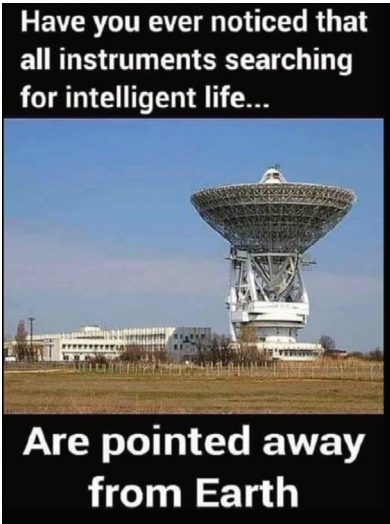
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LSLT seeks legacy nominations

The Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) will give the Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy Award at the Flannel Formal, Saturday, November 12 at Brooklyn Meadows in Berlin. This award is an opportunity to recognize an individual and/or organization that has displayed an enduring and distinct dedication to conserving the vital lands of the Lower Eastern Shore. For nomination applications please visit the website at lowershorelandtrust.org or send a request to info@lowershorelandtrust.org. Nominations must be received by September 16.

This award is to be given in honor of renowned conservationist, Stephen N. Parker, to recognize a landowner or conservation practitioner for their contributions to private land conservation on the Lower Eastern Shore. Steve served on the Board of Directors of LSLT and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program and is remembered for his work as Director of the Virginia Coast Reserve with The Nature Conservancy – as well as being a long-time Board Member of the Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore. Parker's background in business and nonprofits, served to bring together economic development and conservation – further preserving the health and productivity of large ecosystems while meeting the needs of human communities.

Lower Shore Land Trust recognized Charles "Buddy Jenkins" in 2019 as the inaugural recipient. Jenkins is the owner of one of the most significant tracts of land in northern

Worcester County totaling over 2,000 acres of forest, prime agriculture and coastal wetlands. Through deed restrictions, the Jenkins Family Trust has preserved the property from future development.

Last year, Larry Leese received the distinguished award. Mr. Leese worked with Lower Shore Land Trust for nearly a decade to permanently protect his land on the Marumsco Creek and Pocomoke Sound. The 1066-acre conservation easement protects 36 acres of agricultural land, 330 acres of forest, 700 acres of emergent tidal wetlands and thousands of liner feet of shoreline. Nominations must be received by September 16, 2022, for consideration.

The Lower Shore Land Trust is a nationally accredited (Land Trust Alliance) land trust that has, since 1990, protected nearly 25,000 acres of pristine Eastern Shore farmland, critical habitat, streams, parks, trails, and more. Lower Shore Land Trust protects and restores natural resources, wildlife habitat and working lands to support and connect healthy and vibrant communities.

Tickets for the Flannel Formal can be purchased at <https://lower-shore-land-trust.networkforgood.com/events/45623-2022-flannel-formal>



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Pine Tones extends invitation

On Thursday, September 8 at 1 p.m., the Pine Tones Chorus will begin their weekly rehearsals at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

The chorus welcomes potential new members to come and join the singing any Thursday in September starting the 8th. Both ladies and gentlemen of all parts, soprano, alto, tenor and bass, are invited.

The chorus will sing a variety of songs, preparing for the Fall and Christmas holiday seasons.

The Pine Tones have been presenting concerts in the Spring and in December for more than thirty-five years. This year's Christmas holiday concert will be on Friday evening, December 9, at Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City.

The chorus also sings at various community events such as Arbor Day and Worcester Veterans Memorial ceremonies. For additional information, phone Dave Holloway at 1-610-213-7472 or June Todd at 443-880-3922.



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Oktoberfest pickleball tournament returns

After a successful debut last year, organizers are hoping to keep up the momentum – and the fun – with the second annual Oktoberfest Pickleball Tournament, October 14 to 16 in Ocean Pines.

Almost 250 players took part last year in what was the first pickleball tournament with cash prizes held on the Delmarva Peninsula.

The event will also feature food and beer vendors.

“The Oktoberfest Tournament gives members and visitors an opportunity to compete at the coolest, nicest racquet facility on the shore,” Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said. “The Ocean Pines facility is growing each year and this tournament is a terrific opportunity to meet players of all skill levels and from areas as far as North Carolina.”

Tournament Director Sara Aiken said the sport of pickleball helps build friendships and community.

“Tournaments take these rela-

tionships to the next level,” she said. “Cheering for family, friends, and partners – as well as watching the players in action – can be entertaining and riveting. Throwing in Oktoberfest for the adults is a win-win!”

“Players of all skill levels are welcome to join in the fun, and some of the area’s best players will be there battling it out on the courts at this year’s event,” Aiken added.

Registration is \$40, and the registration deadline is September 26.

The tournament will be held outdoors, and there is no rain date. No refunds or credits will be given if there is a rainout.

Tournament organizers will post the full tournament schedule, including match start times, two weeks prior to the tournament. Organizers will break out age/skill brackets accordingly about three weeks prior to the tournament.

To register online, visit <https://app.pickleballden.com/external-tournament/8976956> or

search “tournaments” in Pickleball Den at <https://app.pickleballden.com>.

For more information, contact Aiken at pickleballsara@gmail.com.

“We pride ourselves on a well-run tournament, with the help of tournament director Sara Aiken and Pickleball Den, this year’s tournament is sure to be a success,” Donahue said. “Kathy Noble and Darryl helped start this annual event last year and we are so glad they did. They are still there, helping to answer questions with their knowledge from last year.

“We want all the participants and their families and friends to enjoy the tournament, and the full experience that Ocean Pines has to offer,” she added.

Organizers are also seeking sponsors for the event at three different levels: gold (\$1,000), silver (\$500), and bronze (\$250). For information on sponsorships, contact Donahue at ddonahue@oceanpines.org.

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Local students to benefit from inaugural 'Back to School Bash'

More than 160 backpacks, plus a large amount of school supplies, were collected during the inaugural Back to School Bash held last Saturday in Ocean Pines.

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said about 150 people attended the event, which included games, water slides and moon bounces for children.

The backpacks and supplies will be donated to local schools through non-profit Worcester County GOLD, which collected the items on Saturday.

Recreation Program Supervisor Kyle Jarmon organized the Back to School Bash on behalf of the Ocean

Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

"The event went very well, and I thought we had a great turnout," he said. "For a first-time event, it was nice to see so many people come out, drop off supplies, and just have fun."

Jarmon said 169 backpacks were donated, along with scores of loose school supplies.

"That was a lot more than I expected. Being a first-time event, it's hard to have a good gauge on how it's going to go, so it was nice to have this be the result. There's going to be a lot of kids getting a lot of good stuff," he said.

"Honestly, my mind is blown by the whole thing," Jarmon continued. "I didn't expect it to be that big of a turnout. And I can't wait to see what kind of improvements we can make in the future, to make it even bigger next year."

Donahue said she was grateful to everyone who attended the event, and especially to those who donated supplies.

"We're very happy to have supported such a worthy cause, and we know Worcester County GOLD will put those supplies to good use," she said. "For our first event, this was very successful."

Worcester County GOLD Executive Director Nicholas Cranford said the increased cost of basic needs, including school supplies, continues to squeeze Worcester County residents. Because of that, annual donation drives are vital to the success of at-risk students in the county.

Additional programs include summer activities for at-risk youth, Thanksgiving turkey meals, and Helping Hands for the Holidays.

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NO COVER | HAPPY HOUR FOOD & DRINKS

Sept 8 Jack Worthington | **Sept 22** Jack Bannon
Oct 6 Endless Ember | **Oct 20** Jack Bannon



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