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**Judged** - Don Coffin of Berlin has been sworn in as Judge Advocate of the First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League. As Judge Advocate, Coffin is responsible for advising the unit on matters of rules and regulations. Coffin was installed in the office by Frank Del Piano of Ocean aCity, Commandant of the Department of Delaware Marine Corps League, at the detachment's monthly meeting held at Ocean City American Legion Post 166.

Above: Right hand raised, **Don Coffin** takes the oath of office as Judge Advocate from **Frank Del Piano** of the Marine Corps League First State Detachment.





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Meet the Ocean Pines Team

# Jeremy Goetzinger

By **Josh Davis**

Since 2017, Jeremy Goetzinger has been a friendly and helpful presence at the front desk for Ocean Pines Aquatics. He also happens to be one of the top paracycling athletes in the U.S.

Goetzinger was born in Washington, D.C., grew up in Waldorf, Maryland and later lived and worked in Las Vegas as a project manager and electrician.

In his 20s, he was diagnosed with a rare condition called Buerger's disease that affects blood vessels in the body, most commonly in the arms and legs. That led to the amputation of both legs and several fingers.

"It's something that only happens to one in 800,000 men in their 20s, and it basically it cuts the circulation off to your fingers and toes," he said. "I went through seven or eight amputation surgeries and of course it became difficult to maintain the construction job, so I kind of did a 180 with my health."

He said that included eating better and playing sports.

"I started doing some of the things that we always say we're going to do as far as my health and athletics," he said. "I played wheelchair basketball for three years and won a national championship in 2011 for the NWBA (National Wheelchair Basketball Association), and then right after that is when I met Katie."

## Living and working in Ocean Pines

His wife, Katie, also grew up in Waldorf and worked as a summer camp counselor in Ocean Pines while in college. That connection led the couple back to the community in 2013. They have a 10-year-old daughter, Paisley, and another child on the way.

"We moved here so Katie could work here and so we could raise our kids here," Goetzinger said. "She had always wanted to live here, and her old boss said she would love to have Katie as an employee. We came down, house hunted for two weeks and bought a house, and she started working right away."

Katie became the program supervisor for the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, and Goetzinger stayed at home with Paisley until she was old enough for school. He worked at the Ocean Pines Racquet Sports Center for two summers and then took a job with Ocean Pines Aquatics, where he's worked for the last five years.

At Aquatics, Goetzinger handles reservations and guest check-ins. He's also been instrumental in the department's adoption of the Northstar software systems.

During the summer, the front desk role can be a busy one, with scores of swimmers coming to the use the pools. Despite the rush, Goetzinger is a dependably calm and smiling face at the



front desk.

"The things that I've gone through with my health and surgeries just gave me a love for life," he said. "I just have the attitude that it's easier to be nice to everybody. I love talking to people and helping them any way I can."

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# Commentary

By Joe Reynolds  
*OceanPinesForum.com*

## Election wrap-up

The goal of any election result count is to produce accurate results trusted by the electorate.

With regard to the 2022 OPA Board of Directors election results, first, we need to examine the facts available regarding the original certified and validated results versus the subsequent recount by the Elections Committee. Then we can look at some conclusions.

### FACTS

The original certified and validated election results from the Election Committee told us 9,053 votes were counted for all candidates; the recount says there were only 8,113 total votes counted.

The original certified and validated election result as reported by the Election Committee said 2,028 paper ballots were scanned; the recount says there were 2,095 paper ballots scanned.

The election was to fill three open seats on the Board of Directors.

The Election Committee recount indicates only 15 votes separate the third and fourth place candidates.

Even after the recount, the Election Committee did not report how many lots were included in the counts from paper ballots.

The Election Committee recount report says 811 online ballots were counted.

The Election Committee originally reported the number of paper ballots and the number of lots counted was the same.

### CONCLUSIONS

What conclusions can be reasonably reached as to whether or not the recount did “provide the correct results,” as now claimed by the Election Committee?

First, the Election Committee did not count 811 online ballots. It counted 764 online ballots representing 811 voting lots. Lots vote in OPA elections, not ballots. This year one ballot could represent multiple lots owned by the same entity. The Committee and association members must realize that the words “ballot” and “lot” are not interchangeable in this past election.

Second, the original Election Committee scan and the hand recount of paper ballots resulted in counting votes for only a single lot when some paper ballots included votes for multiple lots. It was impossible to accurately count the vote results for paper ballots.

Third, the original certified and validated total vote count for all candidates was incorrect by over 10%.

Fourth, the number of paper ballots and the number of paper-ballot lots cannot be the same number this year.

Fifth, and perhaps most importantly, the 15-vote difference between the third and fourth place candidates, down from an originally certified difference of 152, makes it impossible to know with any degree of confidence which candidate won that third seat on the Board of Directors, given the inability to know how many paper lot votes were actually counted in the election and how those missing votes were cast.

## Vote NO on sports complex question

### Editor:

We have all heard the expression, “the devil is in the details”. Now and until November 8th Worcester County residence are going to be asked a ballot question. Question A

will appear on the November 8th ballot as well as the mail-in ballots people are starting to receive today, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Question A titled “Local Referendum by Petition Bond Issuance for Design and Construction Costs of a Worcester County Sports Complex.” It will read, “The purpose of this question is to determine whether the County Commissioners may finance a portion of the costs of designing and constructing a

Worcester County Sports Complex by issuing a bond.” Then, FOR or AGAINST.

Doesn’t this sound so reasonable? Why not some will ask, we need a sports complex in our county, a place where our children can safely play. Well let’s look at some of the details surrounding this sports complex.

1) Our children will not be allowed to go there to play at will. Its purpose is to host teams competing from out of town.

2) The use of public funds to build a fantastically expensive project at the northern part of our county is wrong headed. The northern part of our county is congested enough. It should

*please see letters on page 15*



## Courier Almanac

General Robert Edward Lee, the commander of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, died at his home in Lexington, Virginia on October 12, 1870. He was 63 years old.

After Lee surrendered his army at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, in 1865, he returned to Richmond, Virginia, and an uncertain future. With his military career over, he accepted the presidency of Washington College in Lexington, Virginia. Under his leadership, the struggling institution’s enrollment increased from a few dozen to more than 300 students. He contributed to faculty stability, revamped the curriculum and improved the physical condition of the campus. Lee suffered a stroke on September 28, 1870, and lingered for two weeks before passing. The school changed its name to Washington and Lee College soon after he died.



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Various organizations urge women to familiarize themselves with their breasts and conduct somewhat routine self-exams so they can uncover any lumps or other issues that may warrant further examination by a physician. Though



self-exams can lead to discovery of breast cancer when the disease is most treatable, the World Health Organization notes that as many as 90 percent of breast masses are not cancerous. Non-cancerous abnormalities may be benign masses such as fibroadenoma and cysts or indicative of infection. It’s also important that women recognize that breast cancer is not always accompanied by a lump. In fact, the Mayo Clinic reports that many women with breast cancer never experience any signs or symptoms of the disease. In such instances, the disease is discovered during screening tests, which include mammograms.

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# Sock drawer, yes. Garbage, no.

Not being able to find what you're looking for can be the peskiest of experiences; uncomfortable like a strand of hair upon your cheek that resists being brushed away.

Recently I misplaced a store receipt. Usually such a loss is no big deal except in this instance it was a re-

the various pockets of my jeans. No receipt. But I did find my missing pocket knife, a five dollar bill and a Phillips head screw. Before you wonder too long about why there was a screw in my pocket, I have no idea.

Now what? Where could that receipt be? There was only one thing left to do: go through the trash. And so I did. Coffee grounds. Orange peels. Food wrappers. I dug down, examining all that I found. Each newly found wad of paper gave me hope that lasted only moments before quickly being

smashed upon the rocks of despair. A fast-food restaurant paper cup, not quite empty when discarded, had overturned spilling soda which made much of the contents at the bottom of the trash bag simultaneously moist and sticky. When I was done scavenging the garbage I could provide, for anyone interested, archeological evidence of the living and eating habits of an empty-nest couple in the early twenty first century. What I could not provide was the whereabouts of an elusive receipt. Some-

what disappointed I washed my hands of the potato peels adhered to my uncomfortably sticky hands.

Much to my chagrin I concluded that the receipt was lost, never to be found. I also decided I never again wanted to go through the garbage.

Several days later I was putting away clothes that my wife had laundered and folded. When I opened my sock drawer, the top drawer of my dresser, I found nestled between a pair of black socks and a pair of tan socks, the receipt for which I had been searching. The sock drawer? How it got there I have no idea. But there it was.

There's an old expression that says you find what you're looking for in the last place you look. There's obvious wisdom contained in that adage and a lesson to be learned. When looking for something lost, it's more prudent (and less sticky) to check the sock drawer before going through the garbage.



## It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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ceipt I wanted to keep. The first thought that came to mind when realizing it was missing was that I had left it in my car. I have a habit of placing receipts in the flip-out compartment located just under the stereo console on the dash. It had to be there. It wasn't.

Okay, I was not yet alarmed. It was probably in my wallet, placed where most people keep their folding money. Rarely is cash a tenant of my wallet. I put everything else, from credit cards to business cards to coupons, in the fold most people place bills. Hopefully too I had placed the receipt. I hadn't.

Although not frantic, I was becoming a little more concerned. What was I doing and where was I when I last had the receipt? I was at my desk jotting down some notes. That's it! It was under my computer monitor next to the paper clip holder adjacent to the combination clock/calendar/thermometer subscription gift I received many years ago from the History Channel Club. So confident was I in my conclusion I waited until the following morning to prove myself correct. The next day what I found was disappointment and no receipt.

What was I wearing when I last had the receipt? Certainly it was jammed in a jacket pocket or stuffed in the pocket of a pair of jeans which had hopefully not yet been washed. To the closet I went to search my blazers. Nothing! Spilling out the laundry basket on the bedroom floor I checked



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Social Security enrolls you in Original Medicare (Part A and Part B).

Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or limited time at a skilled nursing facility (following a hospital stay). Part A also pays for some home health care and hospice care.

Medicare Part B (medical insurance) helps pay for services from doctors and other health care providers, outpatient care, home health care, durable medical equipment, and some preventive services.

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Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) is calling on Delmarva residents to donate blood amid a catastrophic hurricane hitting the coast of Florida. Donations are needed locally and in anticipation of humanitarian efforts that will be necessary to support our southern neighbors. These donations are essential to maintaining a stable supply of blood and platelets in impacted regions, which can help save lives and ensure patient needs continue to be met throughout this diffi-

cult time.

Blood is perishable and according to AABB, blood collection organizations nationwide on average had only 1-2 days' blood supply heading into the storm. At BBD, the inventory as of Thursday morning was three days whereas the goal is to ideally have a seven-day supply. Anticipated disruptions in blood collections and transportation challenges in Florida and the Southeast throughout the next several days are likely to exacer-

bate already low inventories, particularly in the affected areas.

"Delmarva residents always step up for each other and now we must help Florida and the Southeast, a region that desperately needs our support," said Patricia Killeen, Senior Vice President at Blood Bank of Delmarva. "Now is a critical time to help those in need by making a blood do-

nation. It's easy and only takes one hour. This is a dire situation and every donation counts."

To make an appointment at a nearby blood drive, donors can call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 or visit [www.DelmarvaBlood.org](http://www.DelmarvaBlood.org). Can't donate blood? You can still support BBD's mission by texting BBD to 20222 to give \$25.

## BJ's Wholesale Club membership offer returns

BJ's Wholesale Club is once again partnering with the Ocean Pines Association to bring a special membership offer, effective October 14 to 28, to benefit the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

With this offer, new members receive a 12-month BJ's Inner Circle Membership for \$25 and \$10 in cash awards to be used at the register, or a BJ's Perks Rewards Membership, which earns 2% cash back on most BJ's purchases, for \$75 and \$20 in cash awards, with BJ's Easy Renewal.

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This offer is not available online, at any BJ's location or for any current Easy Renewal members. Members can check their Easy Renewal status and opt out by calling 1-800-257-2582 prior to submitting an application.

This special promotion is only offered through Ocean Pines two times a year. Current BJ's members whose memberships will expire before then are encouraged to renew during the fall offer. Members can check their current expiration dates by checking their BJ's receipts or the BJ's app, or by calling 1-800-257-2582.

BJ's membership applications are available at the Ocean Pines Association Administration Building at 239 Ocean Parkway and online at [oceanpines.org](http://oceanpines.org). Applications must be returned with payment by Oct. 28. Check and credit card payments will be accepted.

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# Fishing

To say I'm a neophyte to fishing is an overstatement. I don't know anything about fishing. Growing up in South Philly, I thought all fish were named Mrs. Paul's, rectangular shaped, and had bread crumbs for scales.

Don't get me wrong. I love fish. I could live on Dover sole, escargot, scallops, clams-on-the-half-shell, rockfish, crab cakes, anchovies, stuffed flounder, blackened salmon, and an occasional lobster tail on anniversaries and frozen fish sticks the week before payday.

I have never taken the time to grasp the serenity of staring at a line in the water for hours or the satisfaction, if not the thrill, of catch and release which has become far more prevalent in recent decades as pollution and overfishing has taken its toll. But then again, I don't golf either – hit the ball, go find it, hit it again, go find it, hit the ....

No wonder there are 19<sup>th</sup> holes at golf courses and well stocked ice chests on fishing boats. However, it has to be a rush when you do make that hole-in-one or land that 393-pound Maryland record swordfish as the Ro Sham Bo crew did last month.

I was given the honor to address the Ocean Pines Anglers Club a couple times this summer to discuss boat safety – not fishing. I have the two honorarium coffee mugs to prove it and no healing tar and feather wombs. While listening to the other speakers, it occurred to me that the old marketing adage that says 'Better mouse traps do not catch better mice' doesn't apply to fishing. Better fish are caught with better gear and proven techniques.

The OP Anglers Club's monthly meeting is a wealth of fishing knowledge for the rookie and uninformed. The size and shape of the hooks, the choice of bait or lures, the location, the season, the temperature and clarity of the water and the tides are all factors that I can recognize but don't fully understand nor will probably ever fully appreciate.

For example, the consensus wis-

dom was that the best fishing occurred one hour before and after high tide if the tide swing is about two feet because of water clarity. Apparently, fish like to see what they are eating. The optimum fishing window can be less than two hours when the tide swings are greater – say six or seven feet – because so much water is rushing in and out.

Likewise, the anglers in the room all nodded approval when the sage speaker pronounced that flounder like clear water and the best hooks are “3-o” circle hooks versus “J” hooks (whatever that means) and October is good flounder fishing time in the bays and good tuna and marlin fishing off shore.

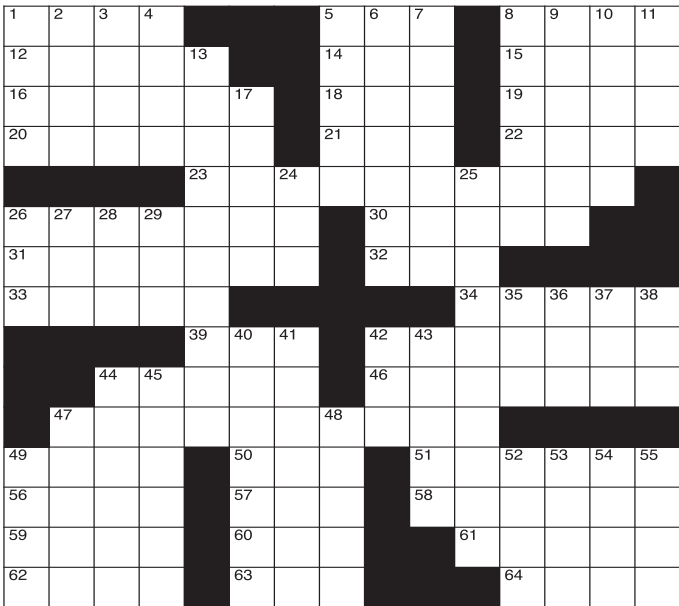
And another tidbit: I thought that all sinkers got the job done. If they were heavy enough to overwhelm the buoyancy of the bait, it would sink to the bottom. Not so. A lite weight sinker will bounce along the bottom. If you are fishing off a party/head boat, your line can become entangled with other fisherman's lines so you should use a heavier sinker that will keep your hook in one place. I think you are supposed to use lite weight sinkers when you are drift fishing or trolling and you want the hook to stay near the bottom but still move.

Bait is yet another mystery to me. There is live bait and then there are plastic thingies that seduced fish to bite. I'm guessing that the plastic thingies – called lures - work better in clear water. Otherwise, why would a fish want to eat plastic?

Speaking of bait, I had no idea how you can bait a hook with a sand flea. That “3-o” circle hook must be really small, I thought, and, clear water or not, fish would need great eye sight to see a flea I thought. So when I got home, I googled sand flea. Surprise! They're not the same as dog fleas. They're little crabs about 1” long that borrow into the beach.

Finally, when the fishing is done, anglers are not supposed to contribute their unused, store bought bait to the

please see *knots* on page 11



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Towards the mouth or oral region

5. A way to season

8. North-central Indian city

12. Emaciation

14. Actress de Armas

15. A way to score in basketball

16. Odd

18. Scripting languages on IBM machines

19. A right of local jurisdiction

20. Hard, colorless compound

21. Diving seabird

22. Wild goat of the mountains

23. Not shortened

26. Someone who learns from a teacher

30. Is inclined

31. Still asleep

32. Antidepressants (abbr.)

33. Town in Surrey, England
34. Indian music patterns

39. Birth control means

42. People tend to be on one

44. A way to keep meat moist

46. Home of the Crimson Tide

47. Pasta type

49. Late 1990s rapper

50. One circuit of a track

51. Surrounded by water

56. Late “Growing Pains” actor Thicke

57. Married couples say it

58. Drool

59. Sicilian city

60. Airline worker perk (abbr.)

61. Grayish-black mixture

62. Systems, doctrines, theories

63. Midway between east and southeast

64. Athletes who get paid

### CLUES DOWN

1. Genus of owls

2. Hindu queen

3. Cain and

4. Hindu female deity

5. Islamic calendar month

6. Changes posture

7. More stubborn

8. Give work to

9. Round maps of the Earth

10. Gathered fallen leaves

11. Popular credit card

13. Separation of church and state

17. Founder of Sikhism

24. They

25. Where you find the milk

26. Institute legal proceedings against

27. The neural structure consisting of the brain and spinal cord

28. Expresses surprise

29. Have a debt to
35. Businessman

36. State on India's western coast

37. Practice of managing financial risks (abbr.)

38. Patty Hearst's captors

40. Put into service

41. 10-year periods

42. Crony

43. Surgical clamp

44. Leave unable to move due to lack of wind

45. Where rockers work

47. Valleys

48. Ancient lyric poem

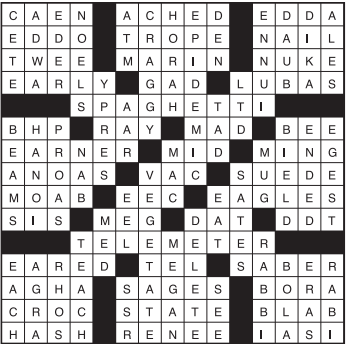
49. Wise men

52. It lights a room

53. Assert

54. Fifth Roman Emperor

55. Ancient Greek city in Thrace



Answers for October 5



## Arts Council features new exhibits

During the month of October, the Worcester County Arts Council will present an exhibit featuring artwork by two Gallery Co-Op Artists: Judy Benton, acrylic and oil paintings, and Jason Giusti, glass sculptures.

The opening reception of this exhibit will be held on Friday, October 14, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Come meet the artists and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Exhibit on display through October 30.

Selected pieces of artwork, donated by featured artists, are available for bidding during the silent auction to

**knots**

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local habitat. Bait of foreign origin can introduce unwanted bacteria into the water or the local Sushi bar.

If you really want to get into fishing or really want to know the subtitles of the sport beyond choosing a fishing rod, you ought to visit the Ocean Pines Anglers Club's monthly meeting in the OP library on the second Saturday of the month. It's more informative than reading Ernest Hemmingway's *Old Man and the Sea* and the coffee and

benefit the Arts Council's Arts Scholarship program.

Visit the Arts Council's Gallery, located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin, Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to view the exhibits and place your bid.

In addition to the featured artists' exhibit, new artwork created by thirty artists and members of the Co-Op Gallery are on display and available for purchase.

For more information, please visit: [www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org)

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Stay safe. Stay dry.

Dan Collins can be reached for comment at [dancollins.ocean-pines@gmail.com](mailto:dancollins.ocean-pines@gmail.com).

## Convenience Center to close for renovations

Beginning November 7, 2022, the Snow Hill Home Owner Convenience Center (HOCC) will be closed to the public for approximately 90 days, while repairs and upgrades are made to the facility.

"The center's existing wooden bulkheads have reached the end of their useful life and are being replaced with concrete bulkheads," Public Works Director Dallas Baker said. "The ramp approaches are also being repaved. The work will involve heavy equipment, so for safety reasons the public will not be permitted to enter the site."

Alternate refuse collection locations are available in Pocomoke, Berlin, and at the Central Landfill in Newark.

For more information, contact Worcester County Recycling Manager Mike McClung at 410-632-3177.

## Gift card raffle underway

Are you looking for ideas for your holiday gift-giving? Or maybe a little something for yourself? The Church of the Holy Spirit can help. They are raffling off three small artificial trees covered with gift cards. There is a tree with cards worth \$500, one with cards worth \$300 and one with cards worth \$200. Give some, keep some; it's up to you!

Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. They are available now from Monica at 443-235-8942. The drawing will be December 4; you do not need to be present to win.

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	13	High	10:57 AM
	13	Low	5:12 PM
	13	High	11:16 PM
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	14	High	11:41 AM
	14	Low	6:00 PM
Sa	15	High	12:00 AM
	15	Low	5:48 AM
	15	High	12:28 PM
	15	Low	6:52 PM
Su	16	High	12:47 AM
	16	Low	6:38 AM
	16	High	1:19 PM
	16	Low	7:48 PM
M	17	High	1:41 AM
	17	Low	7:33 AM
	17	High	2:17 PM
	17	Low	8:45 PM
Tu	18	High	2:42 AM
	18	Low	8:31 AM
	18	High	3:19 PM
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W	19	High	3:46 AM
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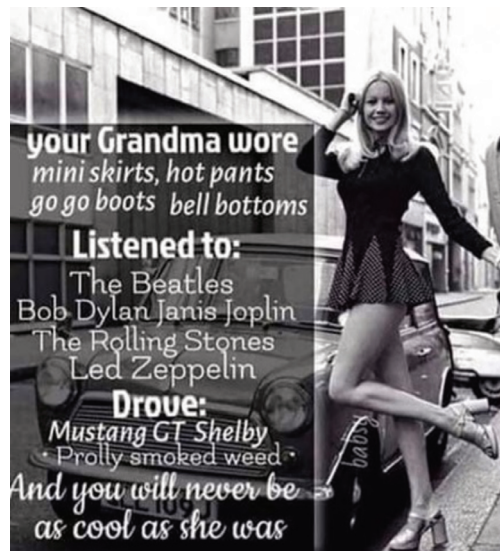
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- Information about any job-related health insurance available to your family.



For more information, please contact Josh Boston at 410-749-1015, or [jboston@chesapeakehc.org](mailto:jboston@chesapeakehc.org).

## Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**



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DOES THIS BRING BACK MEMORIES FOR ANYONE?







**Observing** - Students in Kelly Upchurch’s Enrichment class at Berlin Intermediate School used microscopes to look at a sample of pond water. Students observed many different microorganisms. Pictured below are **Gavin Jadwin** and **Ronan Keller**.

**Scholarships awarded to three students**

An Ocean City student and two young women from Berlin each have been awarded \$1,750 college scholarships from the Ocean City chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. All three graduated this year from Steven Decatur High School.

Receiving the awards were Danielle Consigli of Ocean City, a nursing student at the University of South Carolina; Emma Sperry of Berlin, now studying actuarial science at North Carolina State University; and Ashten Snelsire of Berlin, who is attending the University of Richmond, studying economics, finance, and marketing.

The Sons and Daughters of Italy is accepting new members. For information on how to join and our membership application, visit our website at [sonsofitalyoceancity.com](http://sonsofitalyoceancity.com).

**Pullin recognized**

The Pine’er Craft Club of Ocean Pines announced Jo Ann Pullin as the October Crafter of the Month.

Pullin is the proud owner of NeiShell’s Coastal Crafts. She enjoys creating one-of-a-kind pieces using found objects.

As a child, Pullin and her father would collect seashells on the beach, as a special activity. Today, she gathers similar objects and, with help from her husband, Kevin, adds hardware to make beautiful gifts.

If Pullin is not on the beach or in the studio, she is making memories.

View Pullin’s projects and other handmade items at the Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park, on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. The shop is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/artisan-gift-shop>.



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team  
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"I also just love Ocean Pines," he continued. "Even today, I spent my whole morning running from place to place in Ocean Pines helping people."

### New athletic heights and nonprofit work

Goetzinger said there aren't enough people in the area to play adaptive team sports, so he switched to handcycling, essentially a three-wheeled bicycle powered by the arms rather than the legs.

He also became involved in nonprofit work with Achilles International of Maryland, an organization that promotes disabled athletes.

"I just knew that there was a need on the shore to help people with disabilities get out there and participate," he said. "We basically helped anyone with any physical disability participate in mainstream sports."

For two years, funds from the Freedom 5K event hosted by Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks helped to sponsor food and snacks for the

roughly 100 paracyclists who participated in the annual Marine Corps Marathon.

"For almost 100 people, Ocean Pines basically sponsored their pizza parties and all of their Gatorades and peanuts," he said.

Because of his involvement in veterans' groups, Goetzinger also worked with the late Anna Foulz and her Star Charities nonprofit. Foulz presented a \$1,500 check to Goetzinger and Achillies International in October 2019, one month before she passed away.

"Her charity helped us out and, me not being a veteran, I took all that money and we sponsored another dinner at the Marine Corps Marathon, and then we helped two local veterans buy equipment," Goetzinger said.

Goetzinger said his Achilles International chapter closed during the pandemic, in part because there just were not enough local people taking advantage of the funding.

"It was hard to get that handful of people out of the house to participate, and I didn't want to collect funds

through a nonprofit just for myself," he said. "But we would always do it again if we could."

Goetzinger, however, continues to compete and excel in both regional and national competitions.

He finished second in the Mid-Atlantic Para-Cycling Series in 2018, and first in 2019, 2021 and 2022. He's also placed near the top in the New York City Marathon and the Marine Corps Marathon.

"Next year, the goal is to try to win the Mid-Atlantic region again, and that has six-to-eight races each year. I also hope to win the New York City Marathon," he said. "I've gotten as high as fifth place in that event."

Goetzinger started a GoFundMe to raise money for entry fees and related expenses. For more information or to donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/2023-race-season>.

### Loving the community

Goetzinger credited the Aquatics Department's recent financial success to the management of Aquatics Director Kathleen Cook.

"Kathleen has used the staff in a

more meaningful way than in years past, and that helped minimize some of the expenses that weren't creating great revenue," he said. "It's really worked out in the department's favor. She has Michelle [Hitchens] that's handling all the classes and swim lessons, and then she's used myself and another front desk staff member to help keep things running smoothly."

Goetzinger said both he and Katie "just love working for Ocean Pines."

"I look forward to every summer and offseason to seeing two groups of Aquatics members and guests. I also love working the birthday parties there and going the extra mile to make sure all the residents and guests that come there are happy," he said. "I think Katie takes the same approach to her job and her programs."

"We love it here, and we plan to be here for as long as Ocean Pines will have us. We always just try to be positive, and to encourage people to come and participate in all the things that we have," he continued. "And, of course, we're both really looking forward to welcoming the new baby in April."

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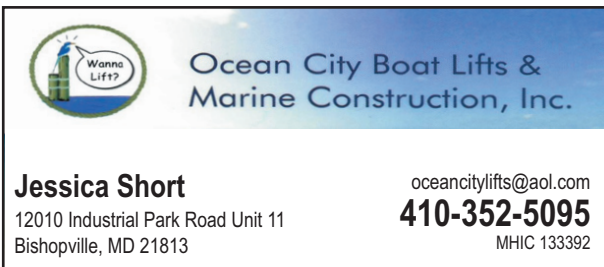
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be built in the southern end whose economy needs a boost.

3) The 95 acres just off Flower Street will cost tax payers \$75,000 an acre or \$7.1 million. Land is available in other parts of the county far, far cheaper.

4) This sports complex located next to the high school will benefit the hotels and restaurants in Ocean City and West Ocean City greatly.

5) Once again, a project being considered and approved by the same 4 commissioners with no business plan, no total transparency reminiscent of the Black-Eyed Susan River Boat fiasco in Snow Hill.

6) It is estimated that a government

owned sports complex requires approximately 25% subsidy to operate, not including debt service & capital reserve funding. Where is that money coming from?? A tax hike will be probable.

7) Efforts to obtain total costs for a sports complex from our County Commissioners have been unsuccessful. Why, could it be they do not know??

8) This is a fast tracked sports complex that never appeared in our County Capital Improvement Plan until less than a year ago.

9) Given the current economic situation, is this the right time to be building a major capital project? Vote against or "NO" on question A.

**Dennis W Evans**  
Berlin

## Vote against Question A

**Editor:**

Worcester County voters who have requested mail-in ballots may start to receive them any day. I encourage all those voting by mail, as well as those voting in person and by absentee ballot to Vote AGAINST Question A.

**Vote AGAINST:**

- The use of public funds for the construction and operation of a Sports Complex in the north end of the County
- Traffic congestion.
- A facility with no business plan.
- The disrespect conveyed to the people of Berlin.
- The oversaturation of sports facilities in the mid-Atlantic region.

- A project in which participation rates in most sports have shown a decline.

- A fast tracked sports complex that never appeared in our County Capital Improvement Plan until less than a year ago.

Vote AGAINST Question A! Thank you.

**Vincent dePaul Gisriel, Jr.**  
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