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# **VOTE NATE PASSWATERS**

**BOARD of EDUCATION DISTRICT 6** 

Authority: Citizens for Nate Passwaters, Susan Jones, Treasurer



Guest speaker - Worcester County Board of Education Superintendent Lou Taylor recently spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Great Ocean Pines-Ocean City.

Pictured (L-R) are Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing and Superintendent Louis Taylor.

# **Quantum entanglement vindicated:** the 2022 Physics Nobel Prize

**Douglas Hemmick**, Ph.D. and **Robert Pellenbarg**, Ph.D.

The study of the physical world is a wonderful thing, often intriguing, and sometimes intimidating. Since its introduction in 1925, Quantum Theory, the physical science description of the small scale, has presented a puzzling and bizarre picture of the microscopic world. The uncertainty principal suggests an irreducibly random character to our world. Do we live in a giant pinball machine? We have only an abstract quantum "wave function" and a dearth of concrete description of entities and processes. Do we live in a world which we can simply never understand on its own terms?

When the original form of Quantum Theory was complete, a choice lay before physicists. Should they continue to probe its basic structure, or simply push forward, applying it to experiments in the new cloud chambers and particle accelerators. The former propect was

strongly discouraged by Neils Bohr, who asserted in 1927 that "we consider quantum mechanics to be a closed theory and no further fundamental development is possible." Bohr and others then began a tradition of discouraging research into basic quantum questions.

In spite of pressures from the mainstream, some maverick thinkers said "no" to the authorities and let their passions for knowledge override their fears of losing face with their fellows. These physicists could not resist the lure of the most fundamental and penetrating questions which they addressed either by conceptual or laboratory analysis. In what might be one of the greatest paradigm shifts in history, the same research their peers once called 'professional suicide,' has just been awarded the highest honor possible, the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physics.

Some of the confusion and disquiet over Quantum Theory is due to how

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# ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines





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#### GOLD's 25 Years of Dignity recognized

On behalf of the Maryland General Assembly, Senator Mary Beth Carozza presented Worcester County GOLD with a proclamation recognizing its 25 years of service.

The proclamation was presented at GOLD's 25th Anniversary Gala. It honored GOLD's commitment to helping Worcester County families in need. It also recognized GOLD's team members for being champions in living their motto, Giving Other Lives Dignity.

The gala served to celebrate GOLD's 25th year and award Lillian Wilkinson, the Worcester County Bar Association, and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City for their long-standing support.

Excellence in Service Award recipient Lillian Wilkinson was recognized for her commitment to service and always going above and beyond the call of duty to better serve those in need.

Community Impact Award recipient the Worcester County Bar Association was recognized for their yearly donation of traditional Thanksgiving food items to be distributed to hundreds of deserving families and individuals through GOLD's Thanksgiving Turkey Meals program.

Volunteer Engagement Award recipient the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City was recognized for their continuous support and donations to GOLD's School Supplies for Students Program, VAULT (Vast Amounts of Useful Little Things), and Helping Hands for the Holidays program.

Pictured are GOLD's Board President Shannon Wright with Senator Mary Beth Carozza.

#### Church bazaar to be held

The Community Church at Ocean Pines will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center of the church at 11227 Racetrack Road in Berlin. The bazaar will feature Christmas decorations and trees, linens and things, new and gently used clothing, gifts and potpourri, children's books and toys, and a bake sale. Proceeds from the event will support the Shepherd's Nook outreach ministry.

#### Coat and toy drives return

On all Wednesdays in November from 9 a.m. to noon, the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City will be collecting coats and toys at the in the parking lot of the Ocean Pines Community Center. Coats may be new or gently used and toys new and unwrapped. Kiwanis is hoping the community will supplement the Kiwanis Club's contributions. Coats are for local charities to distribute and toys for Worcester GOLD.

## **Turning pages**

me to walk down the lane of water-colored memories. On an evening not long ago, my wife and I went to Pancho and Lefty's in West Ocean City for dinner. At a large table nearby was a group of teenage girls celebrating the

Two recent experiences prompted ity that as we're engaged in raising our families, time elapses quickly. Before long and without realizing it, our kids are grown, out of the house and we're left with empty bedrooms and silent evenings, reevaluating who we are and what we want to do next. We can be-

come so focused on helping with homework, driving to rehearsals and games and reminding our kids to clean up their rooms, that we lose track of time until it smacks us in the face when we're walking a daughter down the aisle or holding for the first time a grandchild.

We learn to adjust to our circumstances. Our kids can take care of themselves and that although we're just a phone call away, they'll make decisions and do things on their own; sometimes things with which we don't agree. But that's the way it is. And

that's the way it should be.



It's All About. . . By Chip Bertino chipbertino@delmarvacourier.com

birthday of a friend who was turning 15. I know this because just after our drinks arrived, a waitress delivered a dessert to the girls' table and announced to everyone it was one of the young girl's birthdays and asked everyone to join in singing happy birthday. The young girl seemed a little embarrassed.

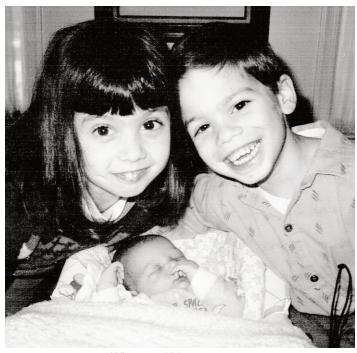
Understandably so. I've been uncomfortable when it's happened to me. However, my embarrassment has more to do with the increasing number of candles on the cake. But I digress.

The second experience occurred the following day when I wished daughter a happy birthday. She turned [age redacted1. It doesn't seem so long ago when my little girl was

celebrating her 15th birthday. But it is. My granddaughter will turn eleven in a few months.

Time whips by so quickly. It seems like yesterday when I wrote in this space about my daughter turning 16. The reality is that she is now caring for her own family, enjoying a career as a high school teacher in Kentucky. When I stop to think about it, it's hard to get my head around.

Life doesn't prepare us for the real-

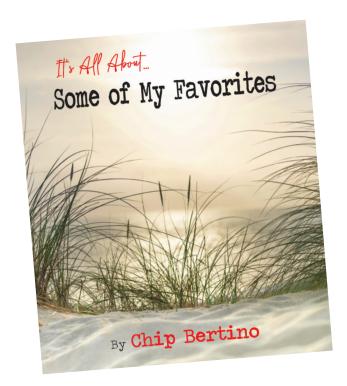


When my kids were young

During those several moments as I chimed in to sing Happy Birthday to the young lady at the nearby table, I couldn't help recollect the many happy times spent with my daughter when she was young.

I've attempted to warn my children how time turns the pages and life moves so fast. I don't know that my words have sunk in. They'll have to live it to understand it.

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### Commentary

By Joe Reynolds
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#### **Viola: The Miracle Man**

General Manager John Viola has OPA humming along again in the current fiscal year. Let's face it - in recent years Viola and his team have performed management miracles when it comes to the overall operation and financial results of the Ocean Pines Association.

Based on financial reports through the end of September 2022, association members are possibly looking at an assessment for the next fiscal year the same as last year, \$896 — and that was \$100 less than the prior year. The fiscal year months of May through September, the busiest season, are when OPA budgets are made or broken. Current year-to-date financial reports through September indicate OPA finances are poised for yet another potential management miracle under Viola's direction.

The numbers shown in the September financial report might not make that next possible miracle immediately evident.

For example, the year-to-date actual bottom line last year was about \$550,000 better than this year. However, at the end of September 2021, OPA had collected \$9.348 million in assessments. This year, that number is only \$8.513 million, as a result of the \$100 assessment reduction from 2021 to 2022.

In terms of comparison to budget, not necessarily the best way to look at actual financial success or failure, OPA is \$746,669 better than budget this year at end of September. Last year at this time it was \$1.3 million better.

OPA's last audited fiscal year results were excellent. Should the remaining months in the current fiscal year hold at or near the approved budget, it is entirely possible there will not be an assessment increase pro-

posed for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023. Given the current national fiscal environment, Viola may chalk up another miracle on the scoreboard.

Here are a few actual bottom-line operational profits comparisons of major amenity financial results between this year and last year as of the end of September:

	2021	2022
Golf	\$489,365	\$519,755
Yacht Club	\$571,270	\$463,704
Aquatics	\$228,485	\$ 304,396
Beach Club	\$196,819	\$240,105
BC Parking	\$423,582	\$454,477

Some might question the Yacht Club numbers. While the monthly report indicates a lower operational profit at the end of September than last year, the contractual bonus amounts for Matt Ortt Companies are now already incorporated into the monthly reports. Last year, those bonus amounts were not added as an expense until the end of the year. Ortt is having another great year.

If those numbers on OPA's major business amenities, some \$70,000 better than last year at this point, do not make fiscal watchdogs happy, nothing will.

While we are talking about miracles, last year the Yacht Club turned a pure PROFIT for OPA of over \$25,000 - AFTER depreciation costs were considered! Post-depreciation profit for golf last year was a loss of \$84,246 down from a \$549,577 loss in 2021! Golf could actually produce a net overall bottom line profit this year - a miracle of miracles should that happen.

Now, if the OPA Board of Directors can be convinced to stop holding meetings.

# Taxpayers should not pay for sports complex

By Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting and Ted Elder

Worcester County Commissioners

Worcester County voters have the opportunity to vote on Question A, a local referendum by petition 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.

It should be understood this question has nothing to do with how the Commissioners would pay for the \$7.2 million land acquisition. To date, that has not been discussed or decided upon by the Commissioners. Should a majority of Commissioners decide, the money could come from reserves or fund balance or some other source yet to be determined. Whatever is decided, county taxpayers will foot the bill. And should the referendum pass and a majority of Commissioners proceed with a bond issue, taxpayers will pay for that as well. The term of the bond would likely be 15 years with an annual debt service of about

\$800,000 depending on what market rate is available at issuance.

The idea of a sports complex being built in our county is appealing, more so if it were built in the southern part of the County where economic development is long overdue. Although we recognize the economic possibilities of such an endeavor, we believe strongly that taxpayer money should not be involved.

We don't believe taxpayer money should fund the project because doing so mitigates any revenue growth the County treasury will realize. This should be a private sector endeavor.

While we respect those advocating for this project, believing it will be a boon, a relatively easy way to increase tax revenue, we disagree. A look beneath the surface reveals the financial concerns when a taxpayer money is used.

Presently, no business or marketing plan has been made available or prepared. No partnership details or discussions between the Commis-

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On December 2, 1972, the Temptations earned the last of their four chart-topping hits when "Papa Was A Rollin' Stone" reaches #1 on the *Billboard Hot 100*.



Women make up the greatest percentage of volunteers. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says women currently volunteer roughly 6 percent more than men. What types of jobs might volunteers be doing? Fundraising for an event is the most common type of volunteer job in the United States. This is followed by tutoring or teaching; collecting, preparing, distributing or serving food; general labor; professional or management assistance; and coaching, refereeing or supervising sports teams.

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Top hats - Ocean City Elementary held its annual Heavenly Hats Spirit Day on October 19. For a \$1 donation, students, faculty and staff were able to wear hats to school that day. This year, \$633 was collected for the Heavenly Hats Foundation.

Since 2001, the Heavenly Hats Foundation has donated more than 3,200,000 brand new hats to hundreds of hospitals and clinics around the United States. Heavenly Hats wants to help every patient who is in need of headwear for warmth, comfort, courage and strength. It's their hope and prayer that one day a cure for cancer and the many other illnesses that affect families and friends will be found and eventually no one will be in need of a Heavenly Hat.

#### **Grant supports Wor-Wic's** veteran services

Wor-Wic Community College recently received a five-year grant from the U.S Department of Education's Veterans Upward Bound Program to support veterans on the Lower Eastern Shore.

The grant, which will total \$1.48 million over five years, supports services and academic instruction for veterans as they pursue postsecondary education. Veterans' services at Wor-Wic include a dedicated center with a computer lab, plus tutoring, academic advising and assistance with applying for Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits and

evaluating military transcripts.

"It's a one-stop shop where we provide help with everything from registration to course work," said Jason M. King, director of veterans' services. "We have seen many veterans attain success by starting here. Many of them already have college credits, because of the training they received in the service, and they have a lot of resilience, tenacity and other qualities that can help them excel in higher education."

The grant was designed to motivate and assist veterans in the development of academic and other skills necessary for college success. U.S Army veteran and Wor-Wic student John Whipps, who is studying computer science, says it's a big help.

"The veterans services have made the transition back to school seamless," he said. "The staff is always willing to answer any questions and has been amazing with helping me apply for programs and grants."

To learn more about veterans' services at Wor-Wic, visit www.worwic.edu and click on "Services and Support."



# WORCESTER COUNTY

# SPORTS COMPLEX VOTE FOR

# QUESTION

In addition to the recreational benefit the project brings to Worcester County families, this project would put Worcester County "on the map" for youth and adult competitions, providing growing economic development opportunities. The complex will be an investment with a far-reaching local impact on numerous school and recreation activities, making Maryland's Coast the amateur sports capital of the Mid-Atlantic.

#### The Benefits of a Worcester Sports Complex

- Youth sports is a \$20 Billion industry & growing.
- This market brings respectful family visitors to our area.
- These visitors spend up to \$30,000 per child annually. This money supports our businesses and generates significant revenue that can keep our taxes low.



QUESTION 'A' IS A VOTE FOR:





OUR CHILDREN

Question A
is NOT about the
location, those details
will be finalized at a
later date. Question A is
about using County
BOND Money to fund a
portion of the design &
construction.

Authority: Worcester Families For Sports; Ron Strickler, Treasurer

#### My Backyard... sponsored by Maureen Kennedy

# The Turkey

preferred to have the Wild Turkey, not the Bald Eagle, chosen as the national symbol of the United States. Although the barnyard variety is a rather stupid creature (leading to the insulting tone of the term 'turkey'), the original wild form is a wary and magnificent bird. Wild Turkeys usually get around by walking or running, but they can fly strongly, and they typically roost overnight in tall trees. Turkeys were formerly considered to

Benjamin Franklin would have berries. They may forage most actively in early morning and evening.

They usually lay 10 to 15 eggs, sometimes four to 18, rarely more. The eggs are white to pale buff, dotted with reddish brown. Sometimes more than one female will lay eggs in one nest. Incubation is by female only, 25 to 31 days. Downy young leave nest soon after hatching. Female tend to the young and broods them at night for several weeks. The young feed themselves. Young can make short flights at age of one to two weeks, but are not full-grown for several months.

Turkeys are omnivorous. Their diet varies with season but is mostly plant material, including many acorns, leaves, seeds, grains, berries, buds, grass blades, roots, bulbs. Also eats insects, spiders, snails. Sometimes eats frogs, lizards, snakes, salamanders, crabs.

> males give gobbling calls to attract females courtship, males puff out feathers, raise and spread tail, swell up face wattles, droop wings; in this exaggerated posture they strut, rattling the wing feath-

ers and making humming sounds. One male will mate with several females. The nest site is on ground, often at base of tree, under shrub, or in tall grass. Nest is a shallow depression, sparsely lined with grass, leaves.

-Audubon

In spring,

belong to a separate family from other chicken-like birds; there are only two species, North America and the Ocellated Turkey in Central America.

Turkeys forage mostly by walking on ground. They often scratch in leaf litter to expose food items, sometimes climbing in shrubs or trees to eat

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- 1. The central bank of the US
- 4. Direct one's ambitions
- 10. Only
- 11. "Nothing ventured, nothing \_
- 12. Lead
- 14. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 15. Indicates the pitch of notes
- 16. Set up to blame
- 18. States of rest
- 22. Complete
- 23. Be around longer than
- 24. Instructs
- 26. Childless (abbr.)
- 27. Coffee machines do it
- 28. Bowfin
- 30. A group separate from established Church
- 31. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 34. Mends with a needle

- 36. When you hope to get there
- 37. Popular 80's pop duo
- 39. Beloved Mexican dish
- "40. Extremely small amount
- 41. Special therapy 42. Cause to move slowly
- 48. A person's natural height
- 50. Elicited
- 51. Legislator
- 52. Baking ingredient
- 53. Sandwich store
- 54. Peyton's little brother
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- 56. Popular Mexican beer
- 58. Baglike structure in a plant or
- 59. Car body manufacturer
- 60. Midway between south and southeast

#### **CLUES DOWN**

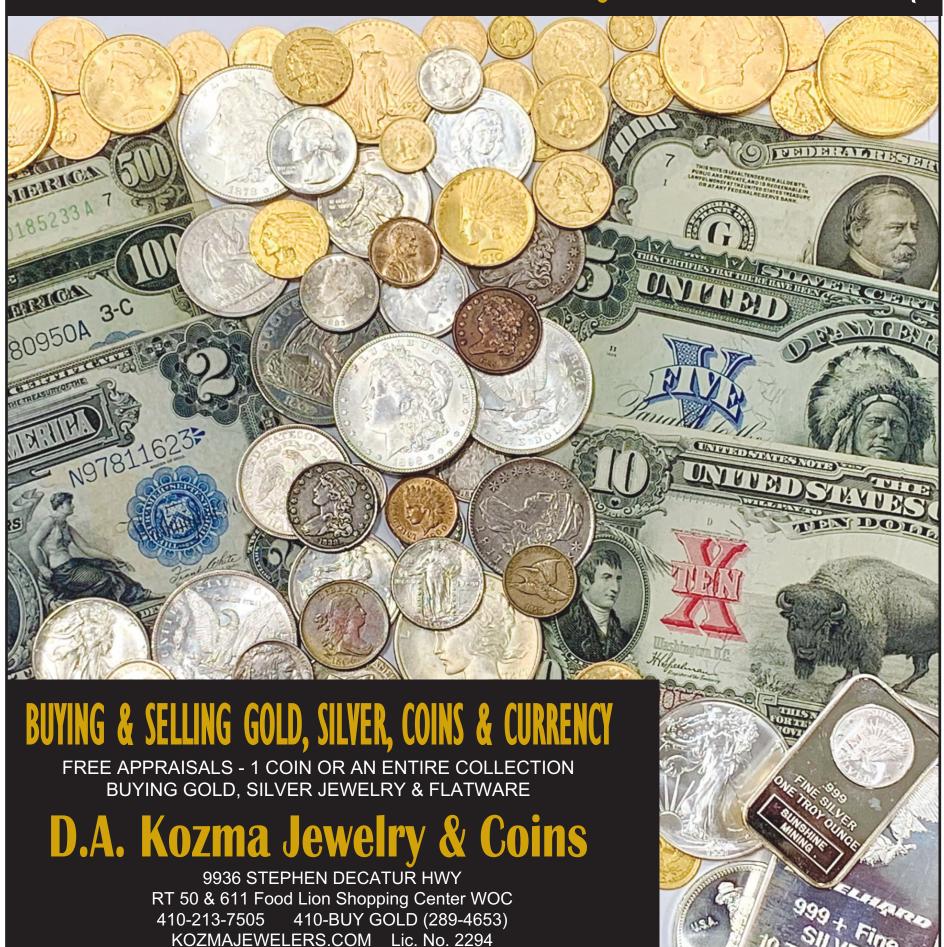
- 1. Colorless volatile acid
- 2. A way to tangle
- 3. Jam rock band devotee
- 4. The nation's highest lawyer (abbr.)
- 5. Inviolable
- 6. Collision
- 7. Clumsy
- 8. Bends again
- 9. "Pollock" actor Harris
- 12. Flew off!
- 13. Soft creamy white cheese
- 17. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 19. Exclamation used for emphasis 49. Wombs
- 20. Expel from one's property
- 21. Philly transit body
- 25. Small amount of something

- 29. Retirement account
- 31. Holey type of cheese
- 32. Young pig
- 33. Climbing palm
- 35. Discomfort
- 38. Bullfighter
- 41. High-level computer language
- 43. Fleshy extensions above the throat
- 44. Request
- 45. Equal to 10 meters (abbr.)
- 46. Bruce and Spike are two
- 47. Precipice
- 56. A radio band
- 57. Emphasizes an amount

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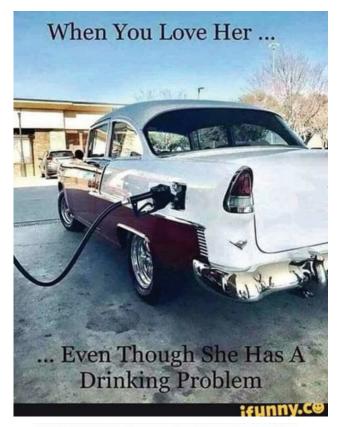
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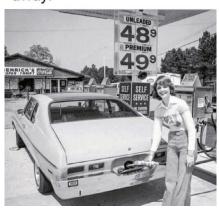
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#### Heists of exoplanets between star systems

# Astronomy & Spaceflight

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.

An unexpected chapter in the science of extrasolar planets has recently emerged. Most astronomy hobbyists might assume that each star has its own set of planets, just like our solar system. However, recent research at the UK's University of Sheffield demonstrates that large, Jupiter sized exoplanets orbiting highly massive stars, might not be the "children" of that star. The researchers found strong evidence of planets having been stolen away from other stars.

For many years astronomers believed that the class of massive, extremely hot B-type stars could not host large, Jupiter sized exoplanets. The higher temperature of these stars means that more intense ultraviolet light will be produced by these behemoths. To birth a gas giant planet like Jupiter requires coalescing huge amounts of hydrogen and helium gas, and those gases simply cannot withstand so much UV light. This explains why scientists did not expect gas giant exoplanets to be produced around the hottest, massive type B stars.

It was a surprise in 2021 when such giants actually were found by astronomers from the University of Stockholm. A collaboration of astronomers gathered direct images at the European Southern Observatory's "Very Large Telescope" showing enormous exoplanets orbiting class B stars. These stars are located in a prominent stellar nursery region in

the Southern hemisphere. The study has been popularly called the "BEAST" collaboration based on its journal article titled—"B-star Exoplanet Abundance Study". And the Jupiter-sized and larger exoplanets located in these unexpected places around B stars have been dubbed "BEASTies."

Another surprise was the remoteness of orbital paths of those gas giant exoplanets. The farthest BEASTie is orbiting more than 500 times the distance between Earth and the sun, and the other is orbiting about 290 "Astronomical Units" AU from its star. (An AU is equal to the Earth-to-sun distance.) For comparison, the outer reaches of the solar system extend about 40 AU's.

Until now the formation of these giant gas exoplanets orbiting class B stars has been a mystery. However, new exoplanet studies by the University of Sheffield have found that massive stars can steal Jupiter-like planets that normally would not form near class B stars. One May 2022 journal report from Sheffield U, was titled "The Great Planetary Heist: theft



Artist's rendition of large planet 'stolen' from another star

and capture in star-forming regions" and a second report in September which further expanded their analysis was called: "Making BEASTies: dynamical formation of planetary systems around massive stars."

The lead authors of those papers, researchers Dr. Richard Parker and Dr. Emma Daffen-Powel developed

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**Happy birthday** - Ocean Pines resident Pat Kanz celebrated her 95th birthday at a surprise party arranged by her family who invited members of her local Bridge Club. An avid bridge player and instructor, Pat credits the game with keeping her mind sharp.

Left to right; Carol Stocard, Eileen McClelland, Jack Barnes, Barbara Morgan, Andrea Barnes and seated Pat Kanz.

#### Savage named Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

The Worcester County Commissioners appointed former Budget Officer Candace Savage to serve as the new

Candace Savage

deputy chief administrative officer (DCAO).

"Candace is the first woman to be appointed to this key leadership position, and there is no one more qualified to step into this role," Chief Administrative Officer

Weston Young said. "She brings the experience, dedication, and administrative foresight that we can depend on."

Savage, who brings 18 years of planning and accounting experience to this position, joined Worcester County Administration as the budget officer in May 2021. As part of the financial management team that develops the multi-year fiscal plans to assist with annual budget forecasting, her decisions and responsibilities play a key role in the prudent, fiscal performance that has secured Worcester County Government's solid financial standing and led to the county obtaining clean opinions from TGM Group, LLC during the annual audit, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, and credit ratings of AA for Fitch, AA+ for Standard and Poor's, and Aa2 for Moody's Investor Services.

"I am excited to continue working for the Worcester County Commissioners and citizens of my home county," Savage said. "I look forward to utilizing my integrity, education, and experience in both the private sector and government to add depth to the administration

She graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Corporate Finance and a minor in Accounting from Salisbury University in 2005. She later earned professional certification as a Certified Government Financial Manager through the Association of Government Accountants in 2019.

Prior to joining Worcester County Government (WCG), she owned and operated Titanium, Inc. in Ocean City from 2006 to 2016 and served as an agency budget specialist with the Wicomico County Health Department from 2017 to 2021.

The DCAO is a critical member of county administration and management, overseeing independent and broadly-defined missions and special projects and acts on behalf of the CAO in his absence as directed.

Savage, who resides in Worcester County with her husband and two sons, passes the torch of leadership to former Senior Budget Accountant and incoming Budget Officer Kim Reynolds.

# Free First Friday opening scheduled

The Art League of Ocean City invites the public to their First Friday opening reception at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94<sup>th</sup> St. bayside on November 4, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event is free and open to all.

The Thaler Gallery will feature work by glass artist Aric Snee in a show entitled "I Can Hear the Ocean." Snee, who was born and raised in Bel Air, Md. and is a current resident of Salisbury, Md., is the Art League's 2022 Orem & Harriet Robinson Fellow for Contemporary Art and Community Engagement. He is associate professor and head of the glass department at Salisbury University.

The artist works with glass in studio, academic, and factory environments, and his work creates a dialogue between fine art and industrial design. Snee has worked as a master glassworker at Steuben Glass in Corning, N.Y. and as a gaffer at the Corning Museum of Glass. He subsequently received a Master of Fine Arts degree in sculpture from Alfred University in New York. Since 2014 he has worked as a designer for the Danish glass company Holmegaard.

Studio E will feature the photographs and paintings of Jennifer Carter of Bethany Beach, De. A former photography and art teacher, her images reveal a sharp attention to details, joy in the small wonders in nature, appreciation for architectural aesthetics, and an effervescent love of life. Carter is a founding member of the annual Bethany Beach art studio tour.

The Sisson Galleria will host an all-media group show entitled "Landscapes: Real or Imagined," a look at traditional, unusual, and imaginary landscapes.

The Spotlight Gallery features the photographs of Ukrainian artist Iuliia Nahirna of Charlottesville, Va. Born in Drohobych, she earned a Master of Arts in Design in 2012 at the National Forestry University of Ukraine where she received classical European training in composition, color theory, drawing, painting, sculpture, and history of the arts. Starting from portraiture that mimics the style of classical paintings, she has expanded her body of work to nature and macro photography.

Margaret E. Bradach of Parksley, Va., November's artisan, became a jewelry maker in retirement as a way to capture the essence of the beauty of the Eastern Shore of Virginia and share it with others. She creates jewelry made in part from stones, sea glass, and small pieces of driftwood embellished with semiprecious stones, wire, and clay. Bradach also paints and specializes in pet portraiture

Offsite exhibitions continue at the Art League's satellite galleries in North Ocean City. The main lobby gallery at the Princess Royale Oceanfront, 9100 Coastal Hwy. continues an exhibit of photographs by Golie Miamee. The Coffee Beanery on 94th St. continues a show of paintings and paper art by Pat Fecko.

During the First Friday opening reception, the raffle winner for the Caribbean Island vacation or \$5,000 cash will be drawn. The raffle is an annual fundraiser for the Art League and supports their community outreach programs. A maximum of 500 tickets will be sold, and last-minute tickets will be available for \$100 each at the Arts Center before the drawing at 6 p.m.

Refreshments at the Arts Center are sponsored by PKS Investments. Arts Center shows will be on display through Nov. 26; satellite shows, until Dec. 31. More information is available at www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org or by calling 410-524-9433.

#### Homeowner Convenience Center to open Sundays

Beginning November 13, the Home Owner Convenience Center (HOCC) located at the Central Landfill in Newark will be open on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Newark HOCC will continue offering Sunday hours throughout the duration of a 90-day project to repair and upgrade the HOCC in Snow Hill.

For more information on the Snow Hill HOCC renovation project or Newark HOCC operating hours, contact Worcester County Recycling Manager Mike McClung at 410-632-3177.

#### Route 90 bike/pedestrian access meeting set

In recent weeks there have been postcard mailings, emails, and news articles asking for the community to provide input on the preliminary improvement concepts developed by MDOT State Highway Administration for the Route 90 corridor. With tremendous growth in biking and walking for fitness, fun, and transportation and strong expression of interest in community surveys for safe ways to get around, it is important for community leaders and project planners to consider safe bike and pedestrian access in this process.

State and local elected officials and staff, HOA board members, businesses and residents are invited to obtain information and share interest and ideas about bike and pedestrian accommodations at a community meeting hosted by the Worcester County Bike & Pedestrian Coalition on Wednesday, November 2 from 6:00 to 7.30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines branch of the Worcester County Public Library. The presentation and discussion will include:

-Benefits of making communities safe for residents, workers, and visitors to walk and bike.

-Examples of successful bike and pedestrian projects on and around bridges around the country.

-Federal requirements and state guidance on bike and walking access on bridges and highways.

-How other communities advocated to get bike/ped improvements included in transportation projects.

#### **Historical Society dinner announced**

The Worcester County Historical Society is planning its annual fall dinner for Sunday, November 13, at 1 p.m. at the Atlantic Hotel, Downtown Berlin.

This year's speaker will be Gordon E. Katz, an award-winning author, who will speak on The Henry Hotel. The hotel was built in 1895 as lodging for African Americans staying or working in Ocean City. The hotel was given its name when Charles Henry purchased it in 1926 and renamed it Henry's Colored Hotel. He added such amenities as a restaurant and entertainment by well-known musicians such as Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, and James Brown, all of whom stayed there.

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2022 Physics Nobel Laureates Anton Zeilinger, John Clauser and Alain Aspect

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"timidly" quantum events reveal themselves to us. We can see laser light shining brightly and steadily, but no one can truly "watch" an atom alter its energy level and emit an individual particle of light. We can see the collective effects when the spectrum of the sun shows "gaps" where light of particular wavelengths has been absorbed, but we can never witness a single atom absorbing a photon.

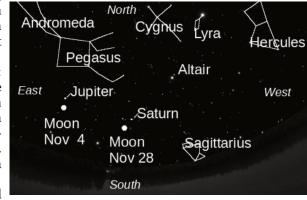
The work performed by John Clauser, Alain Aspect and Anton Zeilinger concerns what is called 'quantum entanglement,' a startling scenario in which particles seem to systems

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computer simulations to test this new hypothesis. Recognizing the "close quarters" of stellar nurseries, packed with hundreds of stars within a confined region, they realized that it would be possible for massive stars to have "close call" encounters with other

systems. Thus, a large, heavy star, with its much greater gravitation, is then able to pull an exoplanet away from the smaller star.

Daffern-Powell stated: "We know that massive stars have more influence in these nurseries and can capture or steal planets - which we call 'BEASTies'. Essentially, this is a planetary heist."



Parker also explained

how a planet can be liberated from its orbit around its host star and become "free floating" in the star forming region. A significant fraction of such free-floating planets may then be captured, becoming gravitationally bound to a different star than where they were born.

As the field of exoplanets continues to expand, astronomy fans can expect many more varieties of new, exciting discoveries.

Due to the change to Standard Time on Sunday November 6, the nighttime vista will appear a little earlier. At about 5:45 p.m., Cygnus the Swan (Northern Cross) is flying prominently overhead, and to the east lies the Great Square of Pegasus.

Jupiter and Saturn can be found in the southeastern sky. During November the moon again dances with the pair, near Jupiter on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and on November 28, waltzing by Saturn.

A total lunar eclipse offers an early morning treat on November 8. Darkening of the lunar disc begins at 4:09 a.m., and it completely enters Earth's shadow at about 5:16 a.m. The total eclipse lasts about 45 minutes before the moon approaches too close to the horizon after about 6:00 a.m. The second half of the eclipse event will be obscured as dawn emerges and the moon sets.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.

mirror one another's properties. When the Nobel recipients and others observed quantum entangled particles in the laboratory, they were essentially seeing a fundamental quantum process firsthand, as they witnessed one particle instantly responding to their scrutiny of its partner, even at a vast distance. The quantum world is now being caught in some of its strangest tricks.

What message are those superb experiments tell us about our world? In 1964, maverick physicist John Stewart Bell proved that if the quantum correlations actually appear in the laboratory, then the quantum entangled particles are truly linked by a faster than light influence. Thanks to 2022 Nobel recipients, Clauser, Aspect and Zeilinger we've verified what quantum theory predicts and we know our world features these mysterious instantaneous connections.

In 1935, eight years after Neils

Bohr declared the closure of quantum theory, Albert Einstein and two Princeton colleagues first demonstrated the principles of quantum entanglement. As the generations passed, further analysis and experiments were performed, bringing us finally to our modern sophisticated view of this marvelous process. With this, it is now obvious that quantum mechanics is more "wide open" than it has ever been.

Is the world a random pinball machine? David Bohm showed us a way out of this disturbing scenario in 1952. Can we comprehend the quantum world in a detailed and rational way? We are slowly taking steps in that direction, and the new technologies based on quantum entanglement - recognized by the 2022 Nobel - ought to take us far. Now at last with real world uses such as quantum cryptography and the quantum computer, humanity's slow march towards quantum reality is moving more rapidly all the time.

### Could switching the clocks soon come to an end?

On the first Sunday in November. people across North America will adjust their clocks, turning them back one hour and thus returning Daylight Saving Time back to Standard Time. When spring arrives anew, the clocks once again will move forward an hour. This phenomenon has taken place for more than 50 years.

Time zones once were overseen by the railroad industry in an effort to streamline transportation. In 1918. the handling of time zones and other topics of time were turned over to a federal organization known as the Interstate Commerce Commission. The ICC also was put in charge of regulating the newly established Daylight Saving Time, purported to help with the war effort. The concept initially was introduced by Germany during the war to conserve fuel and power by extending daylight hours. The United States soon followed suit.

After World War I, DST was abolished nationally, but continued on a state-by-state basis, according to the Department of Transportation. However, the DOT took over regulation of DST in 1966, and by this time a law made it consistent across the nation.

While switching the clocks has become rote, the effects of this tweak have been notable. Some consider it a mild annovance that messes with their schedules for a few days. Certain health professionals have gone on record to say it is bad for health. The time change in the spring (DST) has been blamed for everything from increases in traffic accidents to a greater number of heart attacks as people adjust to a temporary deficit in sleep, according to NBC News. A 2019 poll from the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 71 percent of people want to stop switching the clocks.

Over the previous half-decade, 29 states have introduced legislation for year-round Daylight Saving Time. In March 2022, the United States Senate passed legislation that would make Daylight Saving Time permanent starting in 2023, ending the twice-annual changing of clock times, leading to brighter afternoons all year long. The measure was dubbed the Sunshine Protection Act, and passed unanimously by vote. To date, however, the House of Representatives, which has held a committee meeting on the matter, has not passed the bill before it can go to President Biden to sign. The House is considering whether DST or Standard time is the

on health implications and circadian rhythms.

Other impediments affecting the legislation's chances of passing appear to be fundamental disagreements over the bill's language and a general consensus that other matters

better option for permanency, based before the House may be more urgent.

> Will switching the clocks each year come to an end? It still may take time to resolve this issue. In the interim, the public should be prepared to switch their clocks back on Sunday November 6, 2022, at 2:00 a.m.

> > Southgate - Ocean Pines





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Several years ago, Katz published a book telling about the early history of Ocean City from 1875 to 1890. This book received two prestigious awards: an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History and the Tee O'Connor Professional Award from the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council. He is presently working on a sequel to that publication, which continues the story of both Ocean City and the surrounding areas of Eastern Worcester County from 1890 through the storm of 1933 that created the inlet.

The menu for the Historical Society's dinner will include a choice of grilled chicken Caesar salad, Leo's shrimp salad or a crab cake with the trimmings on each order. The crab cake will be an additional \$5. Lemon lust will be included as the dessert.

Tickets are \$40 (or \$45.00 for the crab cake) per person and can be purchased by sending a check to Judi Menavich, 9 Drawbridge Road, Berlin MD 21811. The deadline for reservations to the dinner, which is open to the public, is Monday, November 7. Please indicate your dinner choice.



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sioners and Ocean City and/or Berlin have occurred nor been outlined or agreed upon. Nor has County government applied for or requested grants or loans from the Maryland Stadium Au-

Arguments that a sports complex would eliminate or lower future possible County tax increases do not square with reality.

The County collects a 5% tax for all room rental activity in the county and earns a 1% collection fee on room tax collections on behalf of incorporated towns such as Ocean City and Berlin.

Room Tax collections in the un-incorporated areas including West Ocean City are retained by the county.

So, for example, if there was a \$1 million increase in overall lodging revenue in West Ocean City because of the new facility, the County would receive an additional \$50,000 in direct room tax revenue.

If a guest decides to stay in Ocean City and the overall increase in lodging for the season is \$1 million, the ad-

ditional revenue to the County would be \$500.

So, using this example, a sports complex would generate \$50,500 in additional room tax revenue for the

The County also collects a one half of one percent tax for food sales only in Ocean City and retains a 5% administrative charge for the collection fee.

So, an increase in food sales of \$100,000 for the season attributable to the sports facility would yield the county \$25.

Combined, the county would net about \$50,525 in additional tax revenue which is much less than the estimated annual \$800,000 bond debt service and the amount used to purchase the land.

Several years ago, a study concluded that a sports complex would compete with established complexes in nearby Wicomico County and Delaware. How will competition impact bookings for a Worcester complex?

One final point. Who in County government would be responsible for the success of this undertaking? Even if a third party is hired to manage the facility, who would be the person held responsible for the management, maintenance and marketing of complex? Who would be the person held accountable to ensure that the conceptual financial assertions currently bandied about achieved? And how much would a third-party operator charge? There is no way of knowing because no research has been done.

Based on available information, here is our take of what will happen if a taxpayer-funded complex moves forward: responsibility and accountability will be murky, promised results will be elusive and future subsidy allocations will be necessary. Eventually, the financial performance of the operation will be folded into the County's general fund budget, becoming another line item for which taxpavers will be responsible.

This is certainly a project that begs for questions to be asked and answered before taxpayer money is spent.

Government has neither the expertise nor the entrepreneurial passion to sustain a business effectively and profitably. Inevitably, taxpayer subsidies will become part of the operation.

With so many blanks yet to be filled in, it would be interesting to learn whether a private lending institution would spend its money for this project as taxpayers may soon do.

As was mentioned above, the results for or against Referendum Question A will not answer all the questions yet to be answered. The only certainty is that County taxpayers will ultimately be financially responsible.

#### Claims disputed

In a recent ad published in *The Courier* by some individuals pushing for a Worcester County Sports Complex, it reads, in part, "Question 'A' is a vote for: lower taxes...". How so, when the Bond Bill obligates our County Commission-

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ers by providing for "...an irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the County..." for the payment of the bonds? Furthermore, the consultants pointed out that most government owned sports facilities require about a 25% operating subsidy before debt service and capital reserve funding.

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The ad further states that "Question A is NOT about the location, those details will be finalized at a later date." If that was the case, why did four Commissioners vote to purchase the land next to Stephen Decatur High School to build a Sports Complex? And, why did the Commission President sign a Contract of Sale to purchase the land for nearly \$75,000 per acre, when land was readily available throughout the county for \$10,000 to \$19,000 per

Do not be misled by the proponents of the Sports Complex. Vote AGAINST the Sports Complex. Vote **AGAINST Question A!** 

Vincent dePaul Gisriel, Jr.

#### Bertino to host town meeting

Wednesday

November 16

6 p.m.

Ocean Pines library

Worcester County Commissioner Roscoe Leslie. Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at a mandate from the state legislature 6 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library. that adds another layer to law enforce-

Commissioner Bertino will give an update on what is going on around the county and will lead a panel discussion on

the newly formed Police Accountability Board.

Commissioner Bertino's panel guests include Worcester County Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli, Worcester County State's Attorney Kris Heiser and Worcester County Attorney

"The Police Accountability Board is

ment complaint reviews,' said Commissioner Bertino. "I'm very pleased that county officials addressed the objectives of the

unfunded mandate while protecting the rights of law enforcement. The Sheriff, State's Attorney, County Attorney and Commissioners worked very hard on this issue. I believe the public will learn much during this discussion."

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