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Art Matters

Artist paints with an eye on realism

By Elaine Bean

"I have never truly felt bored after becoming an artist, because there is always something to create. I think being able to sit down, listen to music or an audiobook, and paint for hours has really helped my mental health. It lets me escape the world for a little while."

Megan Burak Lowe is a painter of exceptional talent. She has won numerous awards for her artwork, twice winning Best in Show in the prestigious Beverly Bassford Memorial Art Show held annually at the Ocean City

Shore landscapes and architecture," Lowe said. "But a couple years ago I started a business called Beach Realm Creations. The artwork I create for this is much more commercial and involves iconic Ocean City locations - and beyond - with quirky sea life and beach life characters acting as tourists. These paintings allow me to be more whimsical in my art and sell well at craft shows and local stores. My notecards and prints are also in the Art Center's gift shop."

Born in Pittsburgh, Lowe and her family moved to Berlin when she was

grid onto my canvas. I'll then draw out the painting onto the canvas, sometimes measuring eye shapes and mouths down to the millimeter to get the most accurate base I can. From there, I mix my paint and start the painting, constantly referring back to my reference images." Lowe works primarily with oil paint on canvas as oils have a slower drying time than other mediums like acrylic and watercolor, allowing for more efficient blending and layer buildup.

"Honestly, I think it's the challenge that realistic artwork gives me that keeps me inspired," Lowe said. "I've always been fascinated with the amount of color that is in skin, hair, and eyes. And trying to capture that with paint can be both extremely frustrating and satisfying. But when I get it right, and people appreciate it, it's really worth it."

In her position as Education Assistant and Social Media Manager for the Art League, Lowe helps get the word out about art events and special exhibitions at the Arts Center and in the resort. "I feel like we're constantly expanding our reach, and I'm very happy

to be a part of that growth. I've been on staff for four years now, and the connections I've made have been extremely beneficial. From an artist's perspective, the Art League has allowed me a place to show and sell my work while also making meaningful connections with artists and art collectors alike."

Lowe's artwork can be found in local and regional galleries as well as in offices, restaurants, and private collections in the area and can be found online at www.MeganBurak.com.



Center for the Arts. She has also won other awards, including an Award of Excellence from the Rehoboth Art League.

A contemporary realist artist working mostly in oils, Lowe specializes in realistic portraits and commission work for clients who want to turn their special photos into paintings. Lowe is also the Education Assistant and Social Media Manager for the Art League of Ocean City and the owner/artist of Beach Realm Creations, a departure for her from the fine art field.

"For a long time I sort of rebelled against artwork based on Eastern

four years old. "My mom, dad, and grandparents came to Ocean City almost every year on vacation, and my mom decided she wanted to raise me and my two younger brothers by the ocean," she said. After graduating from Stephen Decatur High School, she earned a Fine Arts degree in 2015 from Salisbury University. Today, she paints from her studio in her home in West Ocean City that she shares with her husband after their on-the-beach wedding in September.

"I'm fairly technical with my process," Lowe said. "I typically use a one-inch grid system that I put over my reference photo in Photoshop and then measure out and draw a one inch





Commentary

By Joe Reynolds
OceanPinesForum.com

New election committee meets

The newly appointed OPA Election Committee under the capable leadership of Tom Piatti held its first meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2022, via Microsoft Teams. In addition to chairman Piatti, the other members include Elaine Brady, George Alston, Nanci Osborne, and Tom Schwartz. Rick Farr is the board liaison to the committee.

The meeting was relatively brief, to the point, and offered association members a level of confidence that mistakes made in the past Board of Directors election would not happen again.

Perhaps the highlight of the meeting was the committee consensus that internet or online voting would be suspended at this time. This was generally at the suggestion of George Alston who opined, quite properly, that there should be no online voting unless the company hired to handle it could also produce a paper ballot copy of each vote for any possible required recounts or verifications, as well as handle internet voting for each individual lot as a separate vote.

Four of the committee members had an earlier opportunity to get hands-on with the scanner used for paper ballots as well as the software used to count the scan results. Piatti and Alston both reported that the scanning machine is an excellent device, scanning accurately and fast. The issue, they reported was with the software. Alston, with experience in programming, researched the software and said it was essentially junk.

It also turns out the excellent scanner can scan one or both sides of a piece of paper at a time. Piatti

said the prior committee had the scanner set to scan both sides of the ballots but only one side contained anything. There is speculation that pen markings on the candidate selection boxes may have bled through the ballot and been counted twice.

There was also consensus, as clarified by Piatti, that ballot packages would be mailed for each individual eligible lot, and owners of multiple lots would receive an individual voting package for each lot owned. This would prevent failing to count all the lots owned by owners of multiple lots, as happened this year. The recent election result saw a board member seated with only a 15-vote difference from another candidate. At this time we have no idea how many lots were not counted, but it could potentially be 100 or more due to the committee counting ballots representing multiple lots only once.

This issue was discussed during the meeting. Make no mistake, there is no way to determine how any uncounted lots actually voted, but OPA can determine how many were not counted. The Elections Committee and the OPA Board of Directors have, at a minimum, a moral obligation to inform association members how many lot votes were not counted by the previous Election Committee.

Every ballot package contained a return envelope, the ballot, and a sheet of paper containing voting instructions. At the top right of the instructions page was a 10-digit number. This 10-digit number was also on the return envelope. The number was a coded reference to how many lots the single ballot in

the return envelope represented.

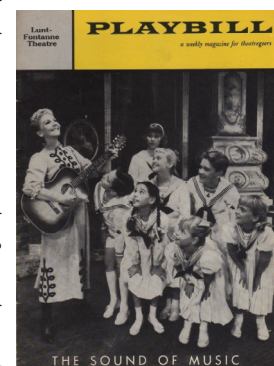
OPA has all the returned envelopes. It is a relatively simple matter to check the code number on the return envelope with the original database list of owners used for printing the return envelopes and associated instruction sheet, and determine how many lots each return envelope represented. The difference between the number of return envelopes and how many lots those returns represented allows calculation of how many lots were not counted. The Election Commit-

tee should have the mailing contractor do the necessary work to determine how many lots were not counted in the election. Hopefully, it was only a few.

There will be no new election. For that reason, some say let the past stay in the past and move forward from here. Such thinking is understandable. However, it is political thinking. Association members deserve to know any facts available with regard to this botched election. Revelation of those facts should not be a political issue.

Courier Almanac

Did the young Austrian nun named Maria really take to the hills surrounding Salzburg to sing spontaneously of her love of music? Did she comfort herself with thoughts of copper kettles, and did she swoon to her future husband's song about an alpine flower while the creeping menace of Nazism spread across central Europe? No, the real-life Maria von Trapp did none of those things. She was indeed a former nun, and she did indeed marry Count Georg von Trapp and become stepmother to his large brood of children, but nearly all of the particulars she related in her 1949 book, *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers*, were ignored by the creators of the Broadway musical her memoir inspired. And while the liberties taken by the show's writers, Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, and by its composer and lyricist, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, caused some consternation to the real Maria von Trapp and to her stepchildren, according to many later reports, those liberties made *The Sound of Music* a smash success from the very night of its Broadway opening on November 16, 1959.



Conscientious consumers who want to help local entrepreneurs thrive may not need any extra incentive to support small businesses in their communities. However, that



doesn't mean it isn't worth noting the tax benefits of buying local compared to buying online or in other towns or cities. Small businesses pay sales taxes to the city and county where the business is located, which means a significant amount of the money spent at local businesses is ultimately going to the community at large. In addition, local businesses tend to hire local residents, who pay taxes on their incomes. Those taxes also benefit the towns and cities where workers live and work. This ripple effect of supporting local businesses is one reason why the

Small Business Administration estimates that, for every \$100 consumers spend at a small business, \$48 remains in the community.

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Making a list

It's not yet Thanksgiving and already my grandchildren are slipping into their conversations what they'd like their grandparents to get for them for Christmas. In the interest of full disclosure many of the items they

but really none the worse for wear.

One year I saw the wonders of Old Faithful through the lens of a GAF Viewmaster that I received in my stocking. If memory serves there were several Viewmaster reels in the box including "The Flintstone's" and "The Three Stooges," and a reel on American treasures such as the Statue of Liberty, Mt. Rushmore and the Golden Gate Bridge. I don't know that such a primitive toy would be at all interesting to my grandchildren's generation so accustomed to hi definition cell phone videos. But at that time, for me, a GAF Viewmaster was mesmerizing.

One year my brother and I shared a gift, an AMX slot race car track. We had a blast racing our cars around the figure eight track, especially when we paced them to reach the intersection simultaneously and cause a crash. Yeah!

Along the same lines, we asked for and got, SSP race cars. From opposite sides of the room, we would pull the zip cords and head our cars toward one another hoping for a spectacular smash up. We'd also build a ramp with our blocks and launch our racers into the air toward a stack of letter blocks or some Lincoln Log walls. What fun it was to witness the blocks or logs explode upon impact.

On my brother's list one year was a Hippity Hoppity Horse which he received. He would sit and bounce that horse as high as possible. I don't remember the horse surviving beyond New Year's.

We didn't get everything on our lists. We probably only got one, maybe two items we wrote down. Interestingly, although never on our lists, we always seemed to get underwear, socks and a handknitted sweater from our grandmother.

Times have certainly changed since Rock-em Sock em Robots last stood in the ring. Our toy requests didn't require operating systems or internet access; downloads or gigabytes. All we needed was just a little imagination. Those were the days!



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

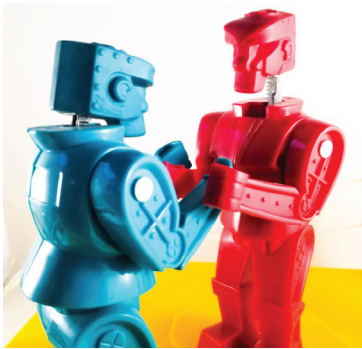
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mention I have no idea what they're talking about. I just nod as if I do, knowing my wife will save the day.

Back in the Dark Ages of my youth when Jiffy Pop reigned supreme, Mod Squad was a hit and Pat Paulsen was running for president, items that could be found on lists prepared by my brother and me included recognizable, low tech toys such as an Erector Set, Matchbox or Hot Wheels cars, toy boats, Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs and Legos (or the closest facsimile). This was long before Cabbage Patch Kids or Furbies. We would page through the Sears catalog writing down what we wanted, sometimes even referencing page numbers.

One year I asked for and received a record player. Jackpot! For quite a while I played the only record I owned, "Josie and the Pussycats." It was a 45 which I got by sending in a certain number of Kellogg's Raisin Brad box tops.

Another year I got a new red bicycle with a banana seat. Life was good! Many a mile I rode on that bike. I learned maintenance with that bike. And I learned that clothes-pinning to the fender a playing card instead of a baseball card made a much sharper noise against the spokes. I also learned a little something about the Big Bang Theory when my brother and I once raced up the driveway attempting to be the first one to reach the garage. We collided midway; each thrown from our bikes. My handle bars twisted and I think his pedal broke. Or maybe it was the other way around. We were a little scraped up



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Humorous and poignant, the book chronicles experiences of raising children, getting older, being (and staying) married and just living life. The stories resonate with readers who will visualize their own similar experiences.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and can be signed by the author.

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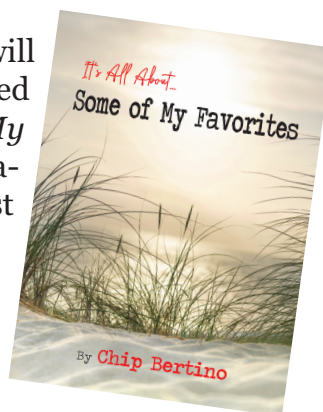
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"I hope you find the book interesting, at times humorous and be able to visualize yourself and your family in similar situations."

- Chip Bertino

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Rearview Mirror / Chip Bertino

Jack Collins of Ocean Pines on his first car, a 1955 Chevy Belair as told to Chip Bertino.

My first car was a 1955 Chevy two-door Belair. It was red and white but rusted at the extremities which I tried to repair with plastic body filler (and spray painted). However not being a body and fender guy, it was a bit of a botched job. At the time I thought it looked OK to me.



The car belonged to my Uncle Fletcher who parked it on a side street near our house. It did not run. I saved some money cutting lawns and received financial help from Mom Collins, my grandmother and had it repaired. I'm guessing Mr. Schoolden the mechanic charged \$100 to replace a timing chain.

I acquired it in my senior year in high school and it ran as best it could for a year and a half till the engine blew with 210,000 miles on it. One late night I remember some of my crazy friends inviting me to play "car tag" on the grounds of Catonsville Community College which I later attended. It was an undeveloped property with rolling hills, some out buildings, a mansion house and unkempt shrubbery. Perfect for our idea of having fun. We didn't play very long because we were chased off the property by the local caretaker and no harm was done. I had a few dates in the car but word got out about its condition (I haven't described the interior and I'll leave that to your imagination). My girlfriends said they were embarrassed to be seen in it and preferred to double date with our friends who had better transportation. That was OK with me because it did save gas money. Anyway, I'll never forget that car.

Film festival submission deadline nears

The 7th Annual Ocean City Film Festival will return to the resort March 3-6, 2023 and is accepting entries for the festival with an extended deadline as a courtesy to area filmmakers. The extended deadline is November 30.

"Though we have a comfortable amount of submissions already for next year's festival, this extension will hopefully accommodate a number of filmmakers," B.L. Strang-Moya, Film Festival Creative Director, said. "The Maryland Film Festival recently announced their 25th season will be postponed until 2024. We hope to inspire filmmakers to turn to smaller festivals like us in the region."

Final deadline fees apply. However, waiver codes are available for students and where needed by request@OceanCityFilmFest@gmail.com. Complete rules and entry forms are posted at <https://filmfreeway.com/OceanCityFilmFestival>.

Hosted by the Art League of Ocean City, the festival was founded in 2017 and has become a recognized

annual event that attracts international, national, and regional artists working in film. In 2021, the festival was named a member of the Sundance Industry Office, a testament to its rapid growth and reach. The festival creates both community engagement and networking opportunities for filmmakers at all levels in their careers.

The festival in 2023 will screen approximately 70 films from around the world in local venues, with exclusive premieres of locally-produced films, plus receptions, happy hours, morning coffee get-togethers, and an awards ceremony.

The festival will accept submissions for narrative short, narrative feature, documentary short, and documentary feature films. From these four categories, the Film Festival jury will specially curate film showcases based on common themes.

Submissions will be judged by a panel of experts, and filmmakers will be notified of acceptance into the festival in January 2023.

General information about the Film Festival is available at OCMDfilmfestival.com.

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Obituary

Roy Michael Foreman

Roy Michael Foreman, 73, of Ocean Pines, Maryland, passed away November 3, 2022. Born in Washington D.C., he was the son of the late William Foreman and Elizabeth (McLean) Foreman.



He was the beloved husband of Candace Foreman. In addition to his wife Roy is survived by his children, Sean Foreman (Katherine) and, Timothy Foreman (Ann Marie) his grandchildren; Ember, Orion, and, Alice, brothers; John Foreman (Linda) and, Daniel Foreman (Daphne) as well as numerous nieces and nephews and, great nieces and nephews.

A graduate of Salisbury University where he met his wife, Candy, of nearly 50 years. He taught Social Studies as a teacher in Prince George's County for 35 years. A true history buff he was heavily involved in historical reenacting in both the Fort McHenry Guard and the First New Jersey Blues Revolutionary War Unit. Roy was a devoted father to his two sons, Sean and Tim. He was also very involved in their numerous activities at all ages. He

heavily encouraged and guided them both to be better than him and reach the highest level of Scouting as Eagle Scouts. The family tradition is in good hands as all three of his grandchildren are currently involved in the Scouting program.

Roy retired and settled in Ocean Pines in 2006. He has been an extremely active member of the Ocean Pines Kiwanis club where he has served as President twice as well as other various leadership roles throughout the years. Roy lived a rich life and enjoyed many things, be it bowling in the Young at Heart League, or simply enjoying a cold-one and yelling at the Redskins with friends and family. One of his greatest enjoyments was traveling the world with his wife and family. He recently returned from a very exciting Mediterranean Cruise. Without a doubt, most importantly, was spending quality time with friends and family.

In lieu of flowers a donation in Roy's name may be made to the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines Foundation, 174 Sandy Hook Rd., Berlin, MD 21811. Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin Maryland. Condolences may be shared via: www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Ortt and DeAngelus split

By **Joe Reynolds**
OceanPinesForum.com

Matt Ortt Companies partners, operators of food and beverage services in Ocean Pines, last week formally announced Ralph DeAngelus' "divestment and removal" from the company.

Statement from Matt Ortt Companies:

"In the weeks and months following the devastating and sudden loss of Gavin Knupp, the partnership team strongly considered removing Mr. DeAngelus from the company. However, what prevented the move to this point was the partners' belief that it was vitally important to be patient and allow the investigative process to independently move forward before deciding Mr. DeAngelus' future. We were hoping to better understand all of the facts, and each person's role on the night of the accident, with investigative certainty. There is no question that process is as important as outcome.

"While it had been everyone's collective hope the criminal justice process would move much more quickly, unfortunately, this has not been the case. Furthermore, it appears the investigation remains open with no indication given as to when that process may be completed. As a result, Matt Ortt Companies' partners decided to wait no longer and moved forward with Mr. DeAngelus' divestment and removal. Additionally, both Kearston (Frey) and her son, Tyler (Mailloux), are no longer affiliated with the company in any way.

"Regarding the ongoing investigation, Matt Ortt Companies reiterated that the organization has been, and will remain, transparent and responsive to any and all requests made by those investigating the incident. Matt Ortt Companies strongly emphasized

that none of the remaining partners, or their families, were involved in, have any information about, or would shield anyone involved in this case. To say otherwise is simply not true.

"The entire organization expresses its heartfelt sorrow for the Knupp family and all who have been impacted by this terrible tragedy."

Matt Ortt also issued a personal statement and apology:

"In the days following the devastating and sudden loss of Gavin Knupp, I made a terrible mistake by blindly and publicly advocating for my long-term business partner, Ralph DeAngelus. I issued a supportive written statement that was based solely on my trust in Mr. DeAngelus without contemplating the deep-seated pain my stance would cause. My actions were insensitive, inappropriate and showed very poor judgement. In hindsight, I should have waited until independently verified investigative facts were available before offering an opinion. I deeply apologize and regret my actions. I have always, and very firmly believed, that anyone who is directly involved in, or who has any information about the accident, should immediately come forward and communicate what they know to authorities. There is nothing more important than full disclosure and accountability."

From the *Maryland Coast Dispatch*:

"At the Rum Shack protest two weeks ago, DeAngelus had several conversations with protestors, leading Tiffany Knupp to post a picture of DeAngelus with a Facebook message, 'Ralph, Did you walk by children while they were visibly crying over the death of their friend? You ... piece of ... You walked by everyone including [Gavin's father] Ray just to through your weight around! You mocked us..Ralph my son is dead.'"

Various Facebook groups seeking justice for Gavin Knupp have become much more active of late. Over the past weekend, hundreds of posts began appearing on various internet locations, including the Ocean Pines Facebook page for the Yacht Club, with negative remarks about the food and/or service.

An internet petition site hosting a petition asking the Ocean Pines Association to stop doing business with Matt Ortt Companies drew 2,500 or so signatures in a short period of time.



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Honored - The Charles R. Jenkins Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) at Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) inducted 27 new members on November 3.

Front Row: Assistant Head of School/Head of Upper School **Mr. Grosso, Koda Bauer, Esi Mehilli, Moorea Phillips, Caitlin Williams, Claire Windrow, Elaina Elrick, Izzy Huber, Dylan Simons, Senior Class Sponsor Mrs. Nally** and Head of School **Dr. McDonald**.

Second Row: **Hunter Simons, Natasha Richter, Natalie Chadwell, Vanesska Hall, Mia Lovitt, Emma Crivella, Will Mumford** and **Carson Rayne**.

Third Row: **Luke Hopkins, Sara Freih, Ansley Gardner, Madilyn Nechay, Ava Conaway** and **Summer Vent**.

Back Row: **Cole Campbell, Dylan McGovern, Max Halle** and **Adam Hafez**.

Not pictured: **Lebby Becker**

Arts Council raises funds

In efforts to raise funds to support the Arts Scholarship program for local students, the Worcester County Arts Council is pleased to present a scholarship silent auction offering a variety of original artwork, generously donated by talented local artists. With the holiday season just around the corner, all items are unique and available at very reasonable prices for all your gift-giving needs!

All auction items are featured on display at the Worcester County Arts Council's Gallery and are available for bidding until December 11. Auction artwork may be purchased

at "Buy Now" prices. Winners will be notified on December 12.

The Gallery is open to the public Tuesday - Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Auction items may also be viewed and purchased on Friday, November 25, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. during the "Ice, Ice Berlin & Tree Lighting" celebration.

In June 2022, the Arts Council awarded a total of \$10,000 to five talented Worcester County students in support of their artistic goals.

For more information about the Arts Scholarship program, visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org

Grace Center bazaar returns

The Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health located in Berlin will again hold a Christmas Bazaar to benefit the programs and services it provides for women during their pregnancy and beyond. The event will be held on Saturday, December 3 at the Berlin Intermediate School located at 300 Franklin Avenue in Berlin. The hours for the bazaar are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend and shop from a wide variety of vendors; make selections from a Bake Sale table; purchase 50/50 tickets and get lunch to eat on site or carry out. There is still room for additional vendors. If interested, please contact the Grace Center at 443-513-4124. Come out and support a good cause that offers support to women in the community.

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Fall crappie fishing

Fishing Report: November is here and although the temperature has been mild there has not been much activity for Striper fishing. Looks like the weather will take a turn for the worse with the remnants of Tropical Storm Nicole approaching. Stripers seem to be holding in the New Jersey area and are just starting to migrate in our direction. There have been a few keeper Stripers caught around the Rte. 50 Bridge and quite a few shorts there and around the Rte. 90 Bridge. Some nice keeper Tog along the jetties from the 2nd to 4th street bulkhead on crab and sand fleas. No one can predict this fishing from day to day you just need to go fishing and hope for good luck. Offshore fishing is hot with limits of sea bass being caught along with Trigger Fish and Flounder when the weather cooperates. That being said, it's time to think about going Crappie Fishing.

Fall Crappie Fishing: It's this time of year I like to start Crappie fishing. In our area we have White and Black Crappie many times they are the same colors and most can't tell them apart. Black crappie have seven or eight dorsal spines and white crappie have only six. They also have many different names such as calico bass, white perch, croppie, and papermouth to name a few. They grow three to five inches their first year and to seven to eight inches their second year. Most crappie caught are in the range of one half to one pound.

Where to go? One area I found to be a hot spot is the Pocomoke River at Shad Landing Just off MD Route 113. You will need a Maryland Freshwater Fishing License to fish this area. Check the current regulations but usually there is no closed season and no size requirement. Also, you are allowed 15 fish per day or 30 possession in aggregate.

What equipment do I need? An ultra-light spinning outfit spooled with 4lb test monofilament line is best. The rod can be 5.5' or 6' you will also need a good assortment of fine quality bobbers and size 6 and 8 short shank hooks.

What bait should I use? Crappie feed primarily on small minnows and insects. The bait of choice in my opinion is small live minnows of 1-2" maximum. These can be hooked through the lips on

a size 8 hook with a bobber a couple feet above the minnow. Some fishermen prefer to jig for them and an assortment of crappie jigs can be found at local tackle shops.

Where should I fish? They prefer structure. Drop your minnow or jig next to boat docks, trees or cypress roots and wait for the bite with minnows are move you jig in a jigging motion slowly so it looks like a minnow. Don't hesitate to move around until you find them. They are a schooling fish so when you catch one there are likely to more in the area.

What about eating? How can I prepare them? Crappie are one of the best eating fish around. Here are a few recipes.

Pope's Texas Crappie provided by Russell Pope

This recipe uses the whole fish cleaned and scaled

-Coat crappie in sour cream (don't thin the sour cream)

-Roll in mixture of salt pepper and corn meal

-Deep fry or skillet fry till light brown
Get out of the way or your own loving kin and friends will run over you to get to it.

Sharp's Crappie Recipe provided by Douglas Sharp

Uses fillets

-Fillet your catch the way you like them

-Take equal parts of yellow corn meal and parmesan cheese

-Add a Tablespoon of Dill Weed (freeze-dried or fresh)

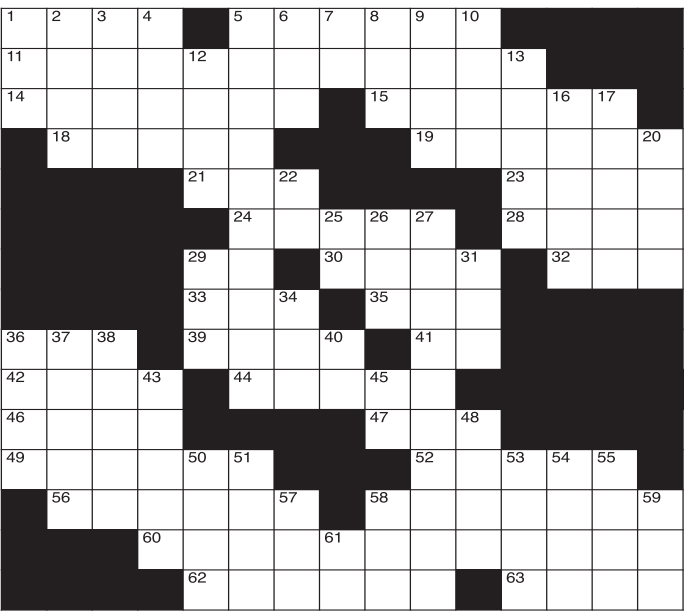
-Salt and Pepper to taste

Mix the above according to how much you'll need to cover your fillets.

Heat your frying oil to at least 375 degrees, drop those fillets in, and let'em fry till brown. Take'em out and squeeze some fresh lemon on them! Your tongue will slap your face!! Hope you enjoy.

Did you know? Crappies are less active during the day, they feed mostly at dawn and dusk.

Until next time remember to take a kid fishing.
Capt. Ron

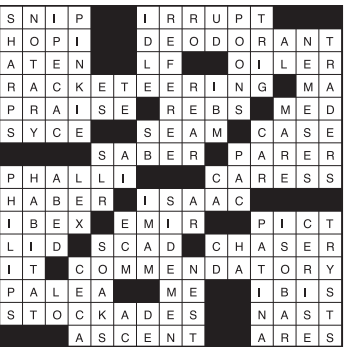


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Greek mountain
- 5. One dependent on something
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. Glazed ceramic ware
- 15. Paddling
- 18. Step
- 19. More greasy
- 21. Upper-class young woman
- 23. Light beige
- 24. Belief in a supreme being
- 28. Indigenous people of Scandinavia
- 29. A beloved princess
- 30. Transfer property
- 32. Field force unit
- 33. Automated teller
- 35. When you hope to get there
- 36. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 39. Politicians Fischer and Conroy are two
- 41. Blood type
- 42. Stringed instrument
- 44. Curses
- 46. Barbary sheep
- 47. Belonging to a thing
- 49. Supporters
- 52. Leaf-footed bug
- 56. A shower of water
- 58. Attribute to
- 60. Intermittent
- 62. Soda waters
- 63. Scottish island

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Klutz
- 2. Relaxing places
- 3. Expel saliva
- 4. The extended location of something
- 5. Certified
- 6. Cease to exist
- 7. Powerful legal pro
- 8. The OJ trial judge
- 9. Popular greeting
- 10. "90210" actress Spelling
- 12. ___ Blyton, children's author
- 13. "This Is Us" star Fitch
- 16. Battery cell with a nickel alode
- 17. Full of bacteria
- 20. Remains of an old building
- 22. Exist
- 25. It gets you into places
- 26. Witness
- 27. The spreading of a disease to another part of the body
- 29. Father
- 31. Touch gently
- 34. Licensed for Wall Street
- 36. Herring-like fish
- 37. Lute used in N. Indian music
- 38. Mirabel shouldn't talk about him
- 40. Atomic #62
- 43. Religious
- 45. Silvery-white metal (abbr.)
- 48. Influential civil rights organization
- 50. Acknowledgment (abbr.)
- 51. Turn away
- 53. Kidney disease (abbr.)
- 54. Smooth-feeling fabric
- 55. Competently
- 57. Sea eagle
- 58. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 59. It helps you see
- 61. Emerging technology



Answers for November 9



Donation - Associate Broker Marlene Ott recently presented a check for \$813 to Teresa Young and one of her staff with the Delmarva Chapter of The American Red Cross. The money was raised by agents at BHHS PenFed Realty and affiliated businesses who decorated their doors for Halloween. Donna Silverman won for Scariest, Beth Miller and Mickey Lobb won for Most Original and not pictured, Spike Sands, won for Funniest.

Diabetes education event scheduled

On November 17, the Atlantic General Diabetes and Endocrinology Center will host a "Power Over Diabetes" event, where diabetes specialist Patricia Morales, CRNP will discuss how to manage diabetes to lead a healthy and happy lifestyle. The event will occur at Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main Street in Berlin between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Vendors with information about diabetes products and services will be on hand. Staff from the diabetes center will be available to check blood sugar and to answer diabetes-related questions.

This event is open to all and no registration is required. Light fare will be provided.

Bertino town meeting postponed

Citing a change of schedule that requires him to be out of town, Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino postponed his town meeting that had been scheduled for November 16.

"I regret the change," Commissioner Bertino said in a statement. "I look forward to announcing the new date as soon as possible."

Virtual poetry reading to be held

Wor-Wic Community College is inviting the public to a free virtual poetry reading with Michael Kleber-Diggs on Wednesday, December 7, at 7 p.m., via Zoom.

Kleber-Diggs is a poet, essayist and literary critic. His debut poetry collection, "Worldly Things," won the Max Ritvo Poetry Prize. He is an instructor with the Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop and teaches creative writing at Augsburg University in Minneapolis and at Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists in Minnesota.

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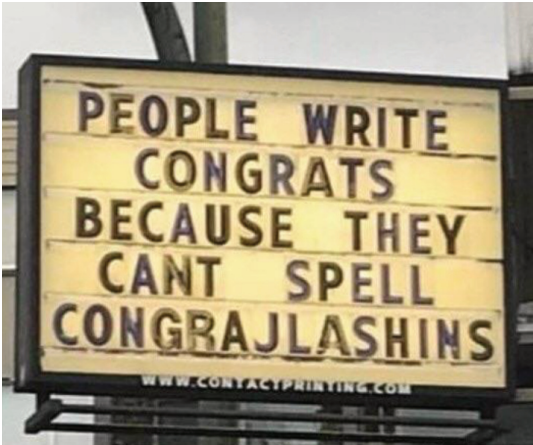
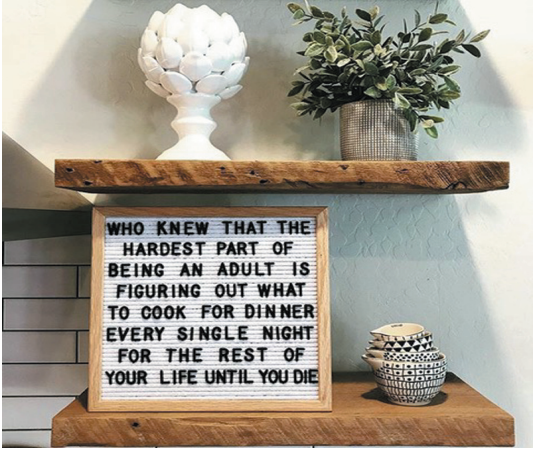
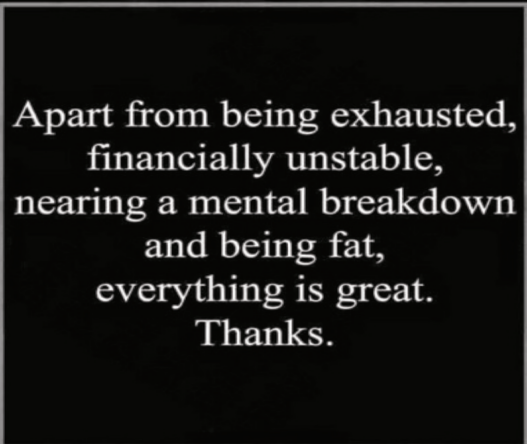
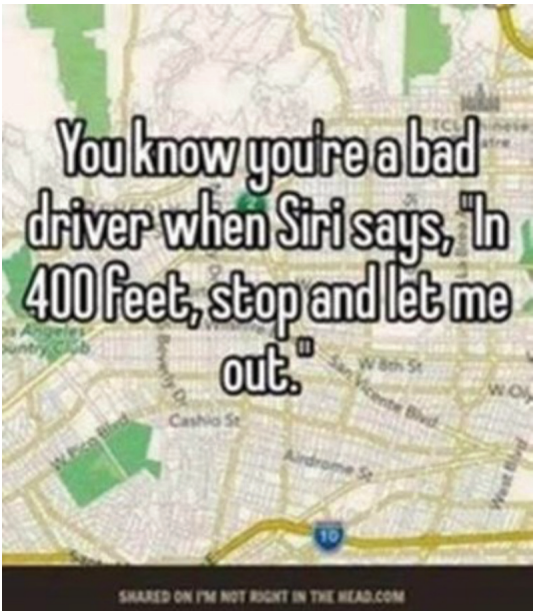
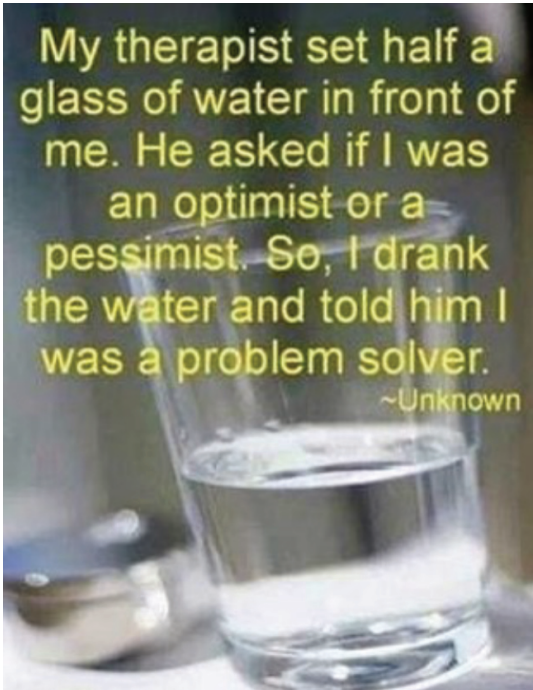
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Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**



Visiting

Minneapolis, Minnesota

By **Kurt and Jean Marx**

Minneapolis is the largest city in Minnesota and is the western part of the Twin Cities, with the state capital of St. Paul being the eastern part. You can fly direct to Minneapolis from the National, Dulles, Philadelphia and BWI airports. If you would prefer flying from Salisbury, you would have only one connection since there are direct flights to Minneapolis from both Charlotte and Philadelphia.

Minneapolis is a great city and offers something for everyone. If you like professional sports, you won't be disappointed. The NFL Vikings, the MLB Twins, the NBA Timberwolves, the WNBA Lynx, and the NHL Wild all play in the Twin Cities. The stadiums, Target Center, Target Field, and U.S. Bank Stadium, are located close together in downtown Minneapolis. Additionally, the University of Minnesota competes in over 20 different sports.

If you like comedy, we recommend going to the Acme Comedy Club. The club offers an excellent dinner and show special. The food was tasty and the service was exemplary for a quality restaurant, let alone a comedy club. There are other comedy clubs in the general area. It is a good idea to check Groupon for specials if you are interested.

The Como Park Zoo and Conservatory in St. Paul is an amazing place to visit. (Admission is free, but reservations are required). It is a combination of a zoo, a sculpture garden, and several other beautiful gardens. There is something for everyone to enjoy from the Sunken Garden, to the Snow Leopard, to the Giraffe Sculpture, to the Cafejian's Carousel that still bears its original paint.

Many of Minneapolis's excellent public parks are connected by the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway. We enjoyed getting coffee at Northern Coffee Works and then taking a scenic walk through two of the parks. We walked along the Mississippi River through Mill Ruins Park, to the Stone Arch Bridge over to Historic Main Street Park, and then on to Hennepin Island. There are several trails to follow around Hennepin Island, and you can see a great view of the Falls from the bridge. You can also walk further north along the river, taking the Hennepin Avenue Bridge to Nicollet Is-

land.

We also enjoyed getting coffee at Caribou Coffee and walking through Loring Park. The park has a small pond and is right next to the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. We also walked across Northern Pacific Bridge Number 9; the view of the river from the bridge was beautiful. We recommend continuing north on the Mississippi Walking Trail to see the Boom Island Lighthouse, a cool, small lighthouse on the river. You can pick up the water taxi from Boom Island or do some rock climbing at the Minneapolis Bouldering Project. After all this walking around, you might want to get a beer at Pyres Brewing. Pyres Brewing has numerous beers on tap and often has fun events.

Minneapolis also has an excellent and varied culinary scene. We went to Kindee Thai and enjoyed delicious spring rolls and stir fry. We also went to the Day Block Brewing Company and had a great meal complete with

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‘Small Treasures’ featured

During the months of November and December, the Worcester County Arts Council’s Gallery features “Small Treasures”, a juried art competition. This exhibition includes 29 original artworks submitted by established and emerging artists, with work in all media.

Although the subject of this show was open to artists’ personal inspiration and interpretation, the main objective of this show was to encourage and challenge artists to become involved in the exciting world of miniature art.

Entries submitted for the competition

Tides for Ocean City Inlet

Day	High /Low	Tide Time
Th 17	High	2:02 AM
	Low	7:50 AM
	High	2:27 PM
	Low	8:38 PM
F 18	High	3:00 AM
	Low	8:47 AM
	High	3:21 PM
	Low	9:24 PM
Sa 19	High	3:52 AM
	Low	9:44 AM
	High	4:10 PM
	Low	10:09 PM
Su 20	High	4:40 AM
	Low	10:39 AM
	High	4:57 PM
	Low	10:53 PM
M 21	High	5:25 AM
	Low	11:31 AM
	High	5:42 PM
	Low	11:37 PM
Tu 22	High	6:10 AM
	Low	12:21 PM
	High	6:29 PM
W 23	Low	12:21 AM
	High	6:57 AM
	Low	1:11 PM
	High	7:16 PM

were judged by local artist, Martha Graham. Awards were presented on November 11. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Register now for spring classes at Wor-Wic

Wor-Wic Community College is currently accepting registrations for credit classes that are being offered during the spring term, which begins on Friday, January 13. Early registration is encouraged for the best selection of classes. The payment deadline is Thursday, December 1.

Admission, financial aid, career exploration, enrollment coaching, academic advising and registration services are available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visit www.worwic.edu for more information. New students who need help should call 410-334-2895 or email admissions@worwic.edu and include their name and a phone number where they can be reached.

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live music on the back patio. The salmon was excellent as were the various beers we tried. You can go to the Crooked Pint Ale House, which has Happy Hour from 3-6 everyday along with lots of sports to view on tv while enjoying a burger, taco, or other pub favorites. You can find excellent sushi at the Dong Hae Korean Grill and Sushi. And finally, for a unique culinary experience, we recommend trying the restaurant, Owamni by the Sioux Chef. The restaurant features indigenous food, flavor, and culture.

As you can see, Minneapolis offers something for everyone. We heartily recommend a visit.



Golf Members Council donates to Toys for Tots

The Ocean Pines Golf Members Council recently made a sizable donation to the Toys for Tots program.

Items were donated during the Members Council’s annual Golf Dinner Dance, held at the Ocean Pines Golf Club on November 3.

Toys for Tots was founded in 1947 and is run nationally by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Joe Pantone (above), a Marine Corps veteran, assisted with the toy collection in Ocean Pines.

“On behalf of all Marines, I would like to thank the Members Council for sponsoring the annual Golf Dinner Dance, and the golf membership for their generous donation of toys in support of our annual Toys for Tots program,” Pantone said. “We collected approximately 75 toys, which is an outstanding number, based on past years.”

“Your donations will bring much needed happiness on Christmas morning to those less fortunate children in our community,” he added.

Pantone said additional Toys for Tots donations can be made to drop-off sites throughout the community, including at A Bagel And ... in Ocean Pines.



Experience - Every year since 2002, a program started by Wayne Littleton, a group of volunteer captains support the Believe in Tomorrow Foundation. The captains and their mates take families with children experiencing life threatening illnesses on boating experiences on our coastal bays. The trips lasting two to three hours consist of sight-seeing, fishing, exploring the shores of Assateague and crabbing. Besides the excitement of catching a fish, the children are always excited to see the ponies, the dolphins and various bird species throughout the trip. This year twenty-eight families enjoyed the program during the summer months. The program is financially supported by the Ocean Pines Anglers. If you own a boat and would like to participate in the program, contact Budd Heim at 410-726-1968 or Mary Brown at 410-245-2266.

Right to left: **Budd Heim, Ken Thompson, Scott Carstairs, Chuck Eder, Paul Fohner, Fred Stiehl, Jim Rorke, Ricky Kerrigan, Lanie Kerrigan, Bob Woodard, Carl Brown, John Dilworth, Joan O'Dell and John O'Dell.** Not pictured: Steve Fingles, Jimmy and MaryAnn Atchison and Claude Lewis.

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