

The different ways to repair a driveway

Asphalt driveways do not last forever. Over project is unique. time, weather and general usage can degrade the driveway surface, resulting in cracks, pitting and more. Ultraviolet rays, salt and automotive fluids also can affect the appearance and functionality of a driveway. An unsightly driveway can adversely affect curb appeal and resale potential.

Homeowners have to consider various factors when it comes to repairing driveways. They may have the option of getting the driveway resurfaced, resealed or repaved, and each



Resurfacing. According to the home improvement price comparison site Kompare It, resurfacing is simpler and faster than installing a new asphalt driveway. With resurfacing, any cracks are filled in to create an even base. Then a new layer of asphalt is applied over the existing one. That new layer can range in thickness from 1.5 to 3 inches. A heavy rolling machine will then smooth and flatten the layers together. If the driveway has minor pitting or cracking, then resurfacing can be a cost-effective

strategy, as it may be a \$3,000 to \$6,000 job as opposed to \$5,000 to \$10,000 with repav-

Resealing. Resealing a driveway, also called sealcoating, is another repair strategy. HGTV says resealing can be a do-it-yourself project. Resealing helps the driveway last longer.

The driveway needs to be clean and dry, with holes and cracks filled prior to sealcoating. Start at the far edge of the driveway and seal that area by "cutting-in" by hand for a neat edge. Afterward the rest of the driveway can be sealed using a squeegee or broom. This project can be completed within two or three days if no precipitation is forecast.



Repaving. A project best left to professionals, repaving typically involves the removal of an existing driveway and the installation of a new one. The sub-grade layer is essential in the process for a smooth look. Contractors also will assess soil and grading when doing work. The construction blog Main Infrastructure says the new asphalt driveway can vary in thickness between two and six inches, depending on budget and need. The contractor also can advise if full-depth asphalt application or an aggregate base is practical.

Assessing the condition of driveway can give homeowners a better idea about which type of repair project best suits their property.





Mixed bowling league champions

There was a nail-biting competition going on at the Ocean Lanes Bowling Center on April 17. It was the championship roll-off between the Monday Champions and the Tuesday Champions of the Ocean Pines Mixed Bowling League (OPMBL).

The Monday Champions were the Egrets with team members Doug Harry, Sandy King, Steve Stein and Dale Westlund. The Tuesday Champions were the Willets with team members Dave Allen, Dolores Knerr, Ron Knerr and Larry Sparta.

The Egrets became the official 2023 League Champions winning the best two of three games.

The league will begin their next season in late September 2023. A kickoff meeting will be held on Monday, August 28, at 1 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Current and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

The OPMBL has been active for more than 20 years. This year there were 20 teams divided between Monday and Tuesday. The games start at 1 p.m. It is a mixed league with four people on each team. Contact Barbara Harman at 301-980-7798 should you have any questions or need more information.

Above are champions Sandy King, Steve Stein, Dale Westlund and Doug Harry.

Safe boating course offered

Avoid boating accidents, stay safe! The Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer the Maryland Safe Boating Course in a one-day session on May 6 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library.

Learn the rules of navigation, knot tying, docking, basic maintenance, and much more.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland. Those attending the class and who pass the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate which is NAS-BLA approved and valid in all states.

A fee of \$20.00 covers the cost of the course and materials. Checks should be made payable to: USG-CAUX 12-05 and mailed to: USCGAUX 12-05, PO Box 1682, Berlin, MD 21811. Payment via Pay-PAL is also accepted. For more infor-

mation or to register please contact Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807 or E mail CGAUXOC@Gmail.com.

Bay Day returns to Ocean Pines

The fourth annual Bay Day event returns to White Horse Park in Ocean Pines on Sunday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bay Day, a collaborative conserva-

tion effort from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program and Ocean Pines Association, is aimed to spread watershed education and help improve the health of the waterways that shoulder the residential shores of Ocean Pines.

This free, family-friendly event caters to all age groups through hands-on activities, free boat tours, live music, local food trucks, live animal exhibits, and more.

"We are excited to bring Bay Day back this year for the fourth time," MCBP Education Coordinator Liz Wist said. "Bay Day is a great way for community members to learn more about how they can make changes that, over time, have a strong positive impact on our Coastal Bays.

"People should feel welcome to come and stay all day," she continued. "They can learn about the Shore's amazing environmental organizations, take a boat tour of the St. Martin River, listen to music, pick up a native plant, and participate in educational handson activities."

Bay Day will feature more than 30 conservation partners, including Delmarva Discovery Museum, Ocean City

Life Saving Station Museum, Chincoteague Bay Field Station, Assateague Coastal Trust, Protectors of the St. Martin River, and many more. The first 200 attendees will receive a canvas bag, hand-painted by students

from Worcester County Public Schools. Otto Grundman will provide the live music at the event.

This year, the workshop pavilion is being revamped to the Exploration Station! Here you can participate in stations that explore the many ways you

can help protect our Coastal Bays and become part of their story; come learn how to conduct a horseshoe crab survey, collect plastic nurdles, and see an oyster cage being built.

The recycling station will be back this year. Community members can bring their plastic grocery bags, alkaline batteries, and old phones to drop off for proper recycling. Go Green OC will also be onsite to collect compost.

For more information on the compost and recycling program, and for weekly Bay Day updates, visit the "Bay Day in Ocean Pines 2023" event on Facebook at

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Cooper named Crafter of the Month

The Pine'eer Craft Club announced that Ocean Pines resident Sharon Cooper was the April 2023 Crafter of the Month.

Cooper began making jewelry as a member of the Ocean City Marlin Club years ago. Since then, she was able to take lessons, while spending a couple of months in Florida, learning how to make different hand beaded bracelets and necklaces. She also enjoys making earrings, mostly with beach themes. A friend, who is a Pine'eer craft club member, convinced her to join the club several years ago, and she has never looked back.

"My goal has always been to make fun and most important, *af-fordable* jewelry for individuals to purchase for themselves or others," Sharon said. Most of her pieces are \$15 or less, including some for only \$6. "The only exception to that would be some of my more detailed handbeaded necklaces with over 1,000 beads."

"That's something we gladly hear often from our shoppers," Barbara Herzog explained. "They are pleased with the variety of handmade gifts available in the shop, but surprised the prices can be so reasonable for handmade creations!"

In addition to the Pine'eer Craft Club, Cooper serves as vice president of the Arcadia Questers, an international organization, that promotes the study and education of antiques. "Our local group makes an annual donation for the restoration and preservation of historical artifacts," Sharon reported. "In the past, we have donated to the Taylor House Museum."

To see Sharon's jewelry, stop by the Pine'eer Artisan Gift Shop which is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., except holidays. The club always seeks new crafters. Meetings are open to the public. If you are an artisan who would like to sell your creations at the shop, contact Debbie Jiwa or Barbara Herzog, shop managers or email opcraftclub@aol.com for more information.

All new crafters must go through the juried process, and when items sell, profits are returned to the community. Since its inception 49 years ago, the craft club has donated nearly \$179,000 back to Ocean Pines.

Postcard history topic of presentation

Dr. Robert M. Craig, author of the new book Ocean City's Historic Lodgings: The Fisher Collection, presents a visual history of the postcard at the

Ocean Pines
Branch of the
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on Wednesday,
May 10, at 6
p.m., with his
talk ranging from
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Company (the largest printer of postcards worldwide) to the Tingle Printing Company headquartered in Pittsville, Maryland.

Ocean City's Historic Lodgings, Dr. Craig's 15th book and the latest volume in Arcadia Publishing's Postcard History Series, is based on one of Maryland's most comprehensive private postcard collections, that of the late Bob Fisher and Kathy Fisher of

Snow Hill. The book surveys Ocean City's mostly now-lost shingle-clad hotels, tourist cabins, Doo Wop-era mo-

tels, and condo towers, illustrating the evolution of tourist accommodations, from the oceanfront Atlantic Hotel (1875) to the bayside Cambria (2021).

Dr. Craig is the son of Robert S. Craig, who served as captain

of the Ocean City Beach Patrol from 1946 to 1987. Dr. Craig, who served on the Beach Patrol in his youth, has written two illustrated books on the subject, Maryland's Ocean City Beach Patrol and Saving Lives: A History of the Ocean City Beach Patrol.

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Donation - At the April dinner meeting of the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club, two members of the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial accepted a check for \$3,000 to support their youth program. Pictured are (left to right): **Susan Pantone**, vice president of the Veteran's Memorial Committee; **Marie Gilmore** (president of the committee); **Bill Hickey** (Optimist member).

Theater 'How-To University' scheduled

Ocean Pines Players (OPP) now offers theater related classes. Many of the skills needed to produce a successful play are skills that help people live fuller lives as well. Currently in session

is the class "Become a Stage Manager" with seasoned director, F r a n k Pasqualino, as instructor. The stage manager is the heartbeat of any show and em-

bodies detailed organization. The students in this class are learning how to mark sound and lighting cues and how to "call the show" on performance days. They will then have the opportunity to apply their new-found skills by working Tech Week (the week before the performances) of OPP's upcoming show, "Love Letters" by A. R. Gurney, on May 18, 19, 20 and 21 at Mariner's Country Down. (Members receive a 20% discount on tickets.)

The next class focuses on movement. "The Power of Movement" is of-

fered on June 13 and taught by master dance examiner, Barbara Miller. Many think the movements on-stage are exaggerated and larger than life. Before those grand movements come an un-

derstanding
of the mechanics of
the body and
an awareness
of the source
of each
movement.
This class enhances stage
presence but
also instills



confidence in off-stage moments.

OPP members enjoy a 30-50% *discount* on tuition to any of its classes. These classes are not just for actors the skills learned apply to everyday life. Contact 410.641.7052 to register but first, become a member and enjoy the discounts.

To submit class suggestions, email: info@oceanpinesplayers.org. To become a member and enjoy discounts on classes and show tickets, go to: https://oceanpinesplayers.org.

The canines two

collie and the other is a little of this and little of that and a little of something of which we have no clue. The

We have two dogs. One is a border in her way communicated that this pup was okay. Chooch was fine after that.

It's been over a year since Pyper

arrived. She's grown much bigger and much bolder. She and Chooch wrestle and run around the house like children. She doesn't leave Chooch alone until he pins her to the floor in a gesture signifying he's done playing.

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

collie, Pyper, is the little girl; the other, Chooch, is the big brother. And that's how they get along.

Chooch, five, has been with us

longer, about three years longer. For reasons I can't really understand or explain, we decided household our was incomplete without having a second canine. There have been many occasions we've questioned our sanity when making that decision.

We traveled hither and yon

for Pyper. Adopting her was no spur of the moment idea. There were plenty of opportunities along the way not get another dog. We ignored them all. We were sort of in the "hafto get a puppy" zone and there was no exit until we did.

When we brought Pyper home (she was eight weeks old), Chooch was having none of her. Cradled in my wife's arms when we came into the house, Chooch's first reaction was to bark and lunge at her. Watching the action unfold, I wasn't surprised by Chooch's response but I was surprised by Pyper's reaction. She didn't cower, she didn't look away and she did not yelp. She just looked him straight in the eye and I swear stuck her tongue out at him – just like a little sister.

Before long Chooch came around, oddly enough with the help of my son's dog Ollie. Shortly after Pyper arrived, Ollie came for a visit to check out the new kin. She sniffed Pyper a bit and then went over to Chooch and

They are both good dogs - for the most part, especially when they're asleep. When they are awake, they very much like to be part of any action

> going on in the house.

Not long ago my wife and I were moving some things around in the house. One of the items to be moved was a rug from underneath the dining room table. After moving the table and chairs, the dogs decided this was the perfect place to sprawl out, which they did. Never mind that they were in our way. It didn't seem

to matter to them. Despite our commands to move, they just laid there. Finally, I had to get on my hands and knees and push them out of the way. They thought it was all a game.

I saw a bumper sticker once that read something like, "The smudges on my rear window are my dog's nose art." I guess art is in the eye of the beholder. To me? I love my dogs but Picasso they are not. Their artwork are smudges that require a half bottle of Windex and many paper towels to remove.

Our dogs are part of the family. It's true they can be real pains in the neck. It's true they'll nudge me to take them out at the most inopportune times such as when it's pouring down rain. And true, they can really get my gander up when they start barking while I'm taking a nap on a listless Saturday afternoon. But it's also true, that when one or the other puts their head on my lap and looks at me with big, soulful eyes, I feel good all over.



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The gift that keeps on taking?

In 2002 there was a special OPA referendum on bringing property owned by Steen Associates, Inc. into the Ocean Pines Association. Now known as Triple Crown Estates, 30 of a potential 60 lots are under development. Two homes are currently built and occupied.

in Worcester County. Today an EDU may cost over \$15,000. Development in Worcester County is more or less impossible without EDU connections.

The July 10, 2002 contract stipulated the YMCA had to obtain a "permit" within five years of taking ownership of erty that could be worth \$300,000.00 or more today. With a lovely fishing pond, it represented a great additional amenity. Shamefully, in dealings with outside entities and developers, the Board of Directors far too often fails to adequately protect the interests of the membership.

Is the so-called "YMCA Deal" on the cusp of seeing OPA now losing \$390,000 of cold, hard cash, cash it should receive in accordance with the July 10, 2002 contract signed between Ocean Pines Association, Inc. (signed by President Judy Boggs), Steen Associates, Inc. (signed by President G. Marvin Steen), and Committee To Bring a YMCA to Northern Worcester County (signed by Chairman James G. Barrett)?

Language in the contract agreement states: "Steen agrees that the payment of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for each EDU transferred, will be prior to or at the time of issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy by Worcester County for each subdivided lot to a maximum of 60 lots."

Author Tom Stauss wrote the following about the "YMCA Deal" back in 2002: "Perhaps the most significant feature of the OPA's agreement with Steen is that the developer has agreed to purchase from the OPA rights to water and wastewater treatment services for 60 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) in an estate lot subdivision that he intends to build on roughly 200 acres east of the proposed YMCA site. At a cost of \$6500 per EDU, these 60 EDUs will generate for the OPA \$390,000 in EDU impact fees, to be collected whenever prospective home-

owners submit a new home application. These fees most certainly will be passed on to the new homebuyer at settlement."

At least two homes in Steen's Triple Crown Estates subdivision apparently received occupancy permits. OPA has not received one penny, much less the \$13,000 for the two occupied lots. OPA is not commenting on the status of any current or future payments it should receive.

Another interesting aspect of the 2002 agreement is all the land in question was to be "annexed" into the Ocean Pines subdivision. With regard to the 26-acre YMCA parcel, the agreement states the YMCA would not need to pay an assessment "so long as the property is utilized for the purposes of a YMCA." The YMCA is not currently paying an OPA assessment. Perhaps it should be paying.

Finally, the July 10, 2002 contract states: "All of said lots within the final approved Subdivision shall be considered 'Estate Lots' and shall pay Estate Lot Assessment to OPA in the same manner as presently existing Estate Lots within the Ocean Pines Subdivision." OPA lists only four of the lots as Estate Lots. Assuming all 60 potential lots were currently paying assessments, OPA would be losing about \$28,000.00 a year in assessment dollars by not collecting the higher Estate Lot assessment on all the lots as called for in the agreement.

The way things are shaping up, OPA and its association members may be screwed again due to the "YMCA Deal" - the gift that keeps on taking.



Commentary

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This was all part of an agreement going back to 2002, an agreement involving Steen, the YMCA, the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, and OPA. The referendum, required by Worcester County, passed by a narrow 11 votes with some 5,000 or so members voting.

In a nutshell, Steen's property, now accessible via King Richard Lane in Ocean Pines, would all become part of the Ocean Pines Association. Steen needed water and sewer connections for those proposed 60 lots. Steen agreed to donate a parcel of the property as a site for a new YMCA and health center with an indoor pool. OPA wanted an indoor pool. The Chamber of Commerce hoped to build an office on a small parcel as a part of the deal.

OPA agreed to sell Steen 60 EDUs it owned/controlled for \$6,500 each so he could proceed with obtaining Worcester County approval for his development. An EDU is an Equivalent Dwelling Unit connection to the County's water and sewer plant. EDUs are more valuable than gold

the 26-acre parcel. However, association members were misled by the Board of Directors in the subsequent referendum. The Board's support for the referendum included this statement: "Should the YMCA fail to begin construction work in five years the ownership of the 26 acres will revert to the association." In reading the actual referendum documents and comparing those to the contract wording, the amount of misinformation supplied to association members by the Board of Directors is staggering.

As it turned out, the YMCA was not built, but OPA never obtained ownership of the property. OPA took the YMCA to court and lost. The court decided the poorly worded contract did not require the YMCA to build anything, or even obtain a permit to build a YMCA. The YMCA obtained a permit to build a wild-life viewing platform and the court said doing so met the terms of the contract.

OPA's failure to include clear and concise language in the contract cost the Association ownership of a piece of prop-

Even though cataracts primarily affect aging individuals, children are not immune to them. Cataracts in children may be present at birth, and

doctors will determine if children have congenital cataracts, advises the American Academy of Ophthalmology". But cataracts also can be acquired as an infant or young child. There are several causes for pediatric cataracts, and they may include an eye injury, diabetes, complications from eye problems, steroid use, and radiation treatment. The only treatment for cataracts is to remove them. Identifying pediatric cataracts early on can help children enjoy healthy vision.



On May 3, 1947, Japan's postwar constitution went into effect. The progressive constitution granted universal suffrage, stripped Emperor Hirohito of all but symbolic power, stipulated a bill of rights, abolished peerage, and outlawed Japan's right to make war. The document was largely the work of Supreme Allied Commander Douglas MacArthur and his occupation staff, who had prepared the draft in February 1946 after a Japanese attempt was deemed unacceptable.



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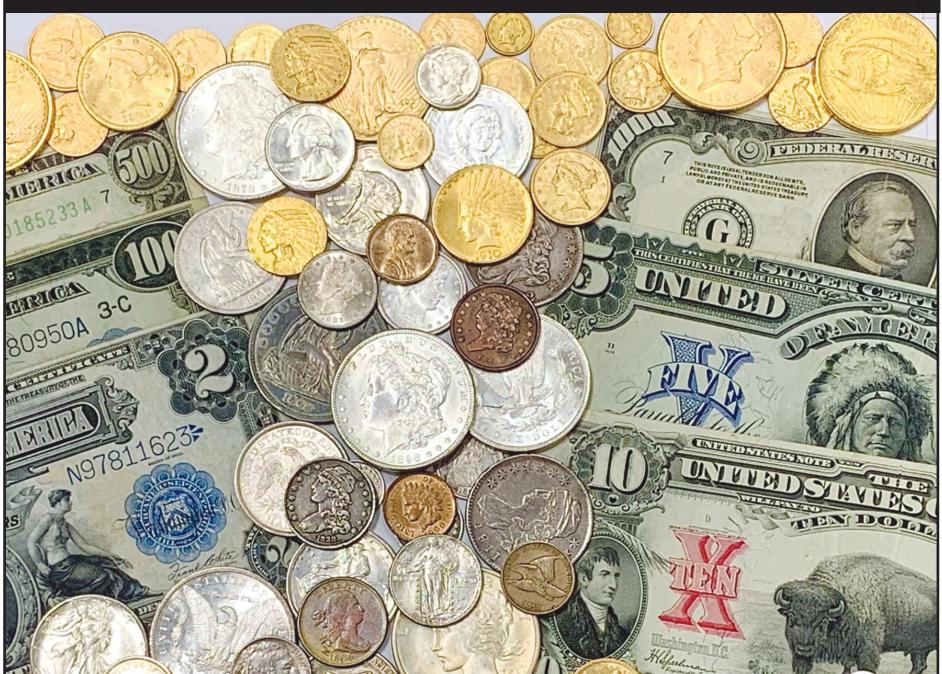
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DNR introduces streamlined saltwater registry

Maryland has added a convenient option for anglers who are required to complete an annual saltwater registration to fish for striped bass and other species. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has created a convenient form that does not require the angler to create an account in the state licensing system.

The options for free registration now available for Maryland anglers

-Completing and submitting a convenient online registration form available from the COMPASS login page, but without having to login or create a COMPASS account;

-Visiting a Department of Natural Resources Service Center;

-Visiting any sport license agents located throughout the state;

through the -Registration state's COMPASS License and Registration System, with an account and login.

The registration is legally re-

quired with a few exemptions, and it is important to protecting Maryland's fishing opportunities. The recreational fishing data collected in this registry helps state and federal agencies sustainably manage U.S. fish stocks.

In 2010, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) began requiring anglers to pay a fee and register with the National Saltwater Angler Registry before fishing for anadromous species-those that move between saltwater and freshwater habitats.

The next year, Maryland created its own free saltwater angler registration, required on an annual basis, to comply with this requirement. The requirement is also satisfied by anyone who carries a valid Maryland Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing License.

For more information, visit the Department of Natural Resources website and search "saltwater angler registration."



Welcome home - On Thursday, April 27, the Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) held their monthly luncheon meeting at Harrison's Harbor Watch. Ocean City. Those attending were given updates on the recent General Assembly Session in Annapolis. Pictured left to right are Delegate Charles Otto, Liz Mumford, RWWC 1st Vice President, Sandy Zitzer, RWWC President and Senator Mary Beth Carozza.

Art League host museum bus trip

The Art League of Ocean City is hosting a day-long bus trip to the Hirshhorn Museum of Contemporary Art, part of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, June 14.

The Hirshhorn is featuring an installation exhibit by artist Yayoi Kusama entitled "One With Eternity," showcasing their permanent collection of the artist's works, including two of her Infinity Mirror Rooms that create a dazzling sensation of never-ending space. These transcendent rooms are exhibited alongside paintings, sculptures, and photographs of the artist. The exhibition honors Kusama's distinctive vision of self-obliteration by exploring its development across media while also underscoring the museum's mission to present the most exciting art and ideas of the time.

The cost of the trip is \$75 for Art League members and \$85 for nonmembers. A limited number of tickets are available. The bus will depart the Acme parking lot on 94th St. in Ocean City at 8 a.m. and do a second pick-up at the Lowes parking lot in Lewes, DE. The bus will return to Ocean City at approximately 8 p.m.

The bus will arrive at the Hirshhorn at 11:45 a.m. for a 12:30 p.m. timed entry into the exhibit. After the tour, guests may take selfguided visits to the National Gallery of Art and Smithsonian.

The Art League will provide water bottles and snacks on the bus. Guests may purchase lunch at the museum's cafe or bring their own.

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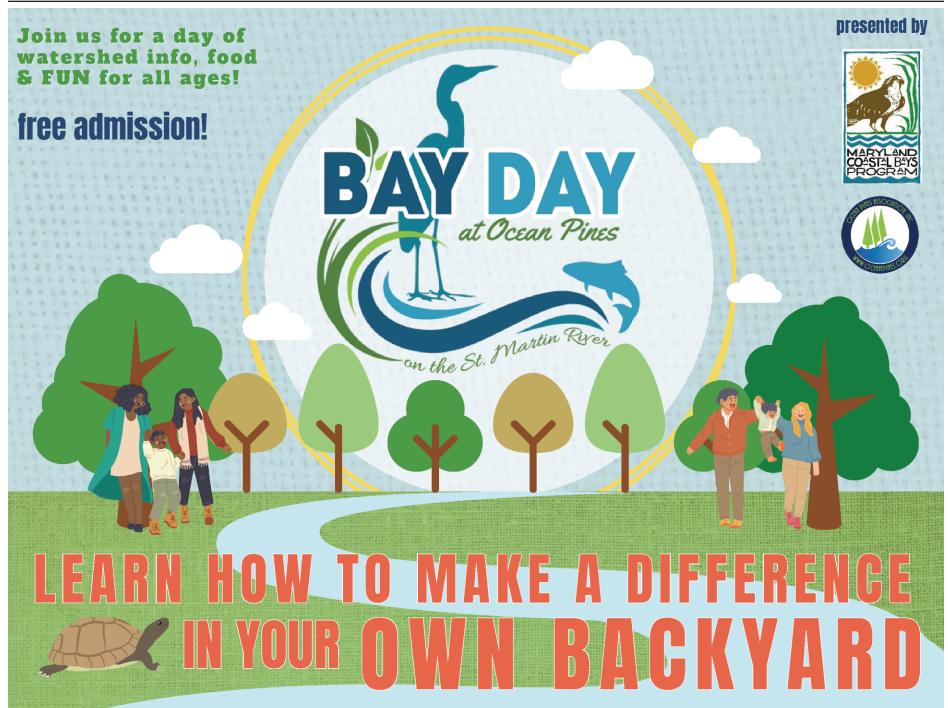
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What is a Cardinal Bird?

Cardinals are passerine birds usually found in North and South Amerknown as ica. They are cardinal-buntings, cardinal-grosbeaks, or redbird.

One of the most common characteristics of a cardinal is that the males are bright red with a crest on their head, black feathers on their faces, and they have a short, orange beak.

Some cardinals are yellow, but yellow cardinal sightings are very rare.

While cardinals are recognized by their coloring, only the male has the coloring as described above.

The female cardinal has pale brown feathers and just the tips of their tails, wings, and crests have a reddish hue.

Yellow cardinals have mostly canary-yellow bodies with brownish wings, the recognizable black mask, and lighter orange beak.

Female yellow cardinals have white facial stripes, brown or gray breasts and bodies, with yellow bellies.

Cardinals have a diet that primarily consists of seeds, fruits, and insects.

During the breeding season, cardinals are known to eat an abundance of insects in order to keep up the necessary energy required for mating.

In the wild, cardinals have been observed eating over one hundred different types of nuts and fruits.

This includes sunflower seeds, grapes, blueberries, elderberries, mulberries, hackberries, and many more.

In addition to eating fruits, seeds and insects, cardinals have been known to eat plants such as tulip trees, brambles, honeysuckle, and Russian

Not only do they like to eat these plants, but they use the twigs and branches for nesting, too.

As climate change happens cardinals have expanded their habitat.

Many years ago, they were mostly found in the southeastern portion of the United States.

With temperatures increasing over time they have expanded their habi-

Cardinals are most commonly found in the southeastern portion of the United States but can be found up the eastern coastline into Canada and over to the central United States.

> They can also be seen as far south as Mexico.

They like to build their nests in places that are hidden from predators but can be seen in trees, along with

forest lines, bushes, residential landscaping, marshy areas, and fields.

Cardinals like to sit on higher perches rather than low to the ground

Cardinals begin to mate in the early spring and the season can last through September.

They are typically monogamous, but sometimes will leave the relationship and mate with others.

To attract a partner, a male will do everything he can to attract the attention of a female.

Mate feeding and courtship can often be seen while partner selection is happening.

What is mate feeding? Unlike when a mother feeds a baby bird, the male does not put food into the female's mouth.

Males will take food to the female

please see cardinal page 11



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Dull and flat
- 6. Baking measurement (abbr.)
- 9. Education-based groups
- 13. Not behind
- 14. Runners run them
- 15. Japanese ankle sock
- 16. Grave
- 17. Japanese industrial city
- 18. People of southern Ghana
- 19. Particular designs
- 21. Device fitted to something 22. Infections
- 23. Pirates' preferred alcohol 24. Expression of sympathy
- 25. Rock guitarist's tool
- 28. Neither
- 29. Ancient city of Egypt
- 33. Ruined
- Narrations
- 38. Body art (slang)
- 39. Fencing sword

- 41. Apartment buildings
- 44. Type of missile
- 45. Fathers 46. Extremely high frequency
- 48. Type of school 49. Incorrect letters
- 51. Two-year-old sheep
- 52. Nasty manner
- 56. Indian prince
- 60. Asian country
- 61. Rhythmic patterns in Indian music 62. "Uncle Buck" actress
- Hoffmann
- 63. Detailed criteria
- 64. Son of Shem
- 65. Talked wildly
- 66. Discount
- 67. Not good 68. Growing out

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Actor Damon
- 2. A call used to greet someone
- 3. Part-time employee
- 4. Emaciation
- 5. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 6. Gains possession of
- Relaxing spaces
- 8. 23rd star in a constellation 9. Northern grouse
- 10. Monetary unit of Bangladesh
- 11. Manila hemp 12. Unites muscle to bone
- 14. Makes deep cuts in
- 17. 18-year period between eclipses 20. Member of a people inhabiting southern Benin
- 21. Synthetic rubbers
- 23. Unwelcome rodent
- 25. Expression of creative skill
- 27. Seems less in impressive
- 29. Harry Kane's team

- 30. Gland secretion
- 32. Action of feeling sorrow
- 34 Disallow
- 35. Deceptive movement
- 37. More dried-up
- 40. Crimson
- 42. Actress Ryan
- 43. Adherents of a main branch of Islam 47. Accomplished American president
- 49. Side of a landform facing an
- advancing glacies
- 50. Sheep breed
- 52. Appetizer
- 53. Broadway actress Daisy
- 55. Influential film critic
- 56. NY Giants ownership family 57. Type of script
- 59. London park
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Answers for April 26



Presentation - The local Ocean City Knight of Columbus Council # 9053 presented the Worcester County Developmental Center, a check for \$5,000 collected from its annual Tootsie Roll Campaign.

cardinal

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by bringing seeds or fruit and placing it near the female's feet.

Females pick the partner based on his courtship skills, coloring, and singing abilities.

Females want a male with a dark, large face mask. It is believed that these males are better defenders of

Once a mate has been chosen, the female will seek out a proper nesting place. Nesting places are hidden in shrubs, trees, or vines.

If they choose to nest in a tree, they will choose from a variety of options, they do not stick to just one type of tree.

Nests are made of twigs, leaves, grasses, pine needles, and stems.

While the female will do most of the nest making herself, males sometimes help out by bringing nesting materials to the female.

Once the nest is made, a female can lay up to five eggs and will lay eggs up to twice per each mating sea-

The eggs are greenish-white with ale speckles, grayish-white, or even plain white.

After laying the eggs, the female will incubate them for approximately thirteen days.

While the eggs are incubating, the males will look over the female and the nest.

They become extremely territorial

and will "dive-bomb" any intruders, people included.

This is where they get their "Angry Bird" nickname from.

Fledgling cardinals, or babies, hatch from the eggs naked and unable to see. If they do have any feathers they will be light grey and will be sparse.

After a week or two, the baby birds begin to learn to fly.

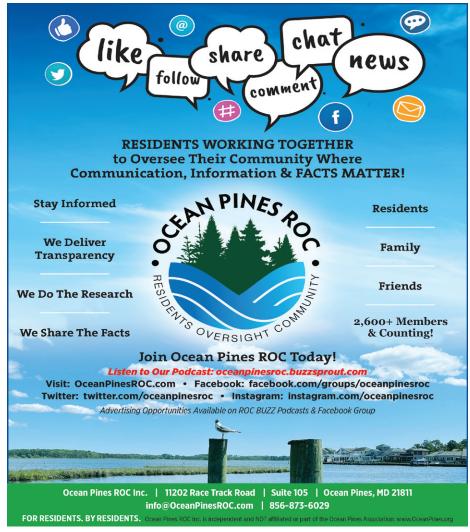
When the female needs to leave the nest, she will call her mate by singing a song. Once the male hears this song he takes over caring for the nest until the female's return.

Anglers to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, May 13 at 9:30 a.m. Ocean Pines the library. The speaker will be Joe Jankowski. director of Protectors of the St. Martin River. He will address the history of the group, what they are involved in of major importance to Ocean Pines and surrounding area, and what progress they're making in growing oysters in our coastal bays. All are welcome.

Rummage sale scheduled

There will be a church rummage sale at the Ocean City Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 20 between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. The church is located at 1301 Philadelphia Avenue in Ocean City.





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Visiting

Cape Town, South Africa

By **Kurt** and **Jean Marx**

In our last column, we discussed the downtown area of Cape Town in South Africa. In this week's column, we will discuss a fantastic day tour that took us around the southern tip of both the country and the African continent.

In booking our trip in general, we used the services of a local travel agent who worked in conjunction with a tour company in South Africa called GoWay. We had booked a private tour for the day, and the driver picked us up at our hotel just after breakfast.

Our first stop was to Table Mountain where we took a cable car ride to the top. It was one of the highlights of our entire trip, as the views from the cable car and from the top of the mountain were spectacular. The floor of the cable car rotated slowly 360 degrees so that everyone on the car could see our ascent from all angles. Table Mountain is so named because the top of the mountain is long and flat, looking like a very long table. Other mountain peaks we

were able to view were Lion's Head (that looks just like the profile of a male lion's head), the Twelve Apostles, and Signal Hill. The views were so amazing they took our breath away.

After Table Mountain, we drove farther down the peninsula, spotting ostriches, elands (large antelope), and baboons along the road. We stopped at a coffee and gift shop along the way. The baboons in this area are used to humans, so we were warned that they can sometimes try to enter a vehicle through an open window or door. We laughed at seeing a baboon sitting on top of someone's van.

Our next stop was the Cape of Good Hope, which is famed for being the furthest southwesternmost point of the African continent. Since we traveled to South Africa during the month of July, this was during their winter. The weather was chilly and very breezy with the ocean views all around, but it is nevertheless a gorgeous sight that you will definitely want to see. Along the grounds is a lighthouse that overlooks the cape. and we hiked to the top to see it up close. The hike was a bit challenging, but with a few rests along the way, it was quite doable and the views did not disappoint.

We hopped back in the car to reach our next stop at Boulders Beach, which is still considered part

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of Table Mountain National Park. The main attraction is an African Jackass penguin colony where a large group of penguins (some counts put them in the thousands) makes their home along the beach. Some of the penguins were braying so they did indeed sound like donkeys. The colony had adults, adolescents, a few babies, and even a few eggs that we could see. Watching the penguins swim, flap their wings, waddle around, and snuggle against each other was a charming experience, another favorite of our trip. We enjoyed a delicious lunch nearby and enjoyed visiting some local vendors selling their beautiful, homemade wares.

We then drove back to our hotel in downtown Cape Town in time for dinner at the V&A Waterfront. Our visit to Cape Town was tremendous. Our only regret was not getting the chance to take a boat ride out to Robben Island to see the prison facility where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 26 years. We tried to take a boat ride the day before this day trip, but the rainy and windy weather conditions grounded all boat rides that day. We were able to see a museum that was on the V&A Waterfront about the previous occupants of Robben Island, including when it was a colony for lepers, the chronically unwell, and other "undesirables" beginning in 1845, a military outpost in 1931 through World War II, and then when it was transformed into a maximum-security prison in 1961. The museum was very well-done and the stories were moving, disturbing, tragic, and also inspiring.

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County scores high in health ranking

The Worcester County Health Department announced recently that the county has ranked eighth out of 24 jurisdictions in the newly published "2023 County Health Rankings National Findings Report". The "County Health Rankings" show how healthy a county is compared to all others in the state. This report is a reflection of the improvements that the county has made in comparison to the 2022 results which showed a ninth-place ranking.

Based on the 2023 report, Worcester County improved in multiple ways; Unemployment is down by three percentage points, adult obesity and physical inactivity are also down from the 2022 report.

With data provided on more than 90 health-influencing factors, the "2023 County Health Rankings National Findings Report" offers essential context about the many community factors that influence good health and health equity. These factors include housing, education, employment, and more. The purpose of this data is to help each county assess community health needs and to identify areas in which improvement should be made.

"Worcester Health is pleased to share this year's ranking as it reflects the collective efforts of our organization and our partners in improving the health of our county," said Health Officer, Rebecca Jones.

The Worcester County Health Department is committed to the health and well-being of all Worcester County residents. Many services and resources are available all over the county to improve residents ability to lead a healthy and produc-

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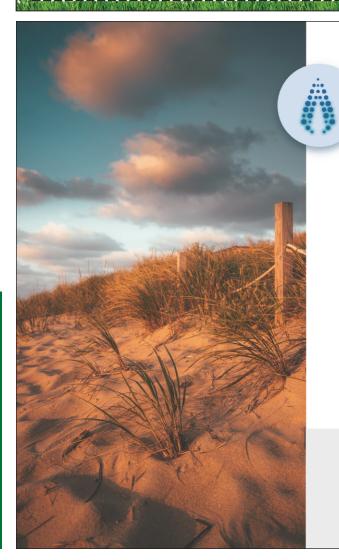
If any resident of Worcester County is interested in getting involved with improving the overall health in the community, they are welcome to join the Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC). This group is made up of representatives from many different county organizations as well as the general public. These members help to determine the public health priorities and how to address them within the county.

For more information on the

Local Health Improvement Coalition, please visit Worcester County LHIC.

To view all of Worcester County's 2023 "County Health Rankings", visit County Health Rankings and Roadmaps.





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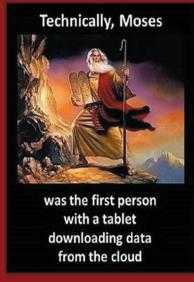
Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by Jack Barnes



Apart from being exhausted, financially unstable, nearing a mental breakdown and being fat, everything is great.

Thanks.



We live in a time where intelligent people are being silenced so that stupid people won't be offended.





Winners - The Worcester County Arts Council announced winners in the juried art competition: "Artist's Choice." Entries in this competition are featured in the exhibit at the Arts Council's Gallery and include forty-one pieces of artwork submitted by twenty-five established and emerging artists with work in all media.

Ryan Poe won first place for his oil painting "Cambridge Creek." David Shanks placed second for "Aniyah." Jiyeong Yun won third place for her mixed media, "Antifragile." Honorable mention awards were presented to Jason Giusti, Kathryn Redden, and Ellie Scott.

The winning artwork was selected by accomplished local artist, Sandra Strachan Buchanan.

Winners were honored at the opening reception held on April 14th at the Arts Council Gallery located t 6 Jefferson Street in downtown Berlin.

Above (left to right): Sandra Strachan Buchan, competition judge, Ellie Scott, Jason Giusti, Jiyeong Yun, Kathryn Redden, David Shanks and Ryan Poe.

Batter up

Get on out to the ballfield when the Hubert V. Simmons Negro League Baseball Museum, Senior Men's Softball team of Owings Mill will play the Worcester County NAACP in an Old Timers Softball Doubleheader game. The game will take place Memorial Day, May 29 at 2 p.m. at the Stephen Decatur High School field following the Berlin Memorial Day Parade. For more information call 443-944-6701.

Boat club changes name

The 30-year-old Ocean Pines Boat Club has finally decided to make its moniker fit its membership, becoming the Saltwater Social Club. For several years the Boat Club's members without boats have significantly exceeded its boat owning membership with attendance at its social events far surpassing that at its boating ones.

The new/old club will maintain traditional favorite events such as its picnic luau, crab feast and dinner-dances while adding potlucks, Caribbean cruises, card parties, sports outings and more. Inexpensive membership is now open to all area residents, not just Ocean Pines. For further information contact President Pat Marchesiello at pbmarch@live.com or 410-208-6933.

GOLD announces golf tournament

Worcester County GOLD will host its 8th Annual GOLD on the Green Charity Golf Tournament on June 14 on Ocean City Golf Club's Newport Bay Course. An anonymous donor has challenged GOLD with \$20,000 in matching funds towards the event proceeds.

GOLD on the Green will be held on Wednesday, June 14, at Ocean City Golf Club, 11401 Country Club Drive, Berlin, MD 21811. Tickets for a four-person team start at \$800. All event proceeds benefit Worcester County GOLD. To purchase tickets or more information, visit www.WorcesterGOLD.org.

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