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**Service** - Pictured (L-R) are Suzie Pantone and Patty Cutin of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation during the Arts in the Pines event held at Veterans Park on Sunday.



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# Volunteers connect with students at Veterans Memorial

By **Josh Davis**

Each year, hundreds of local students are bussed to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines to tour the grounds and learn a valuable lesson about where their freedoms come from.

The Veterans Memorial Foundation, since 2010, has sponsored field trips for all fifth-grade students in Worcester County.

Walking the Patriot's Pathway, children learn about the history of American conflicts. They also learn about the memorial itself and hear stories of heroism tied to local people

“Professionally, as a retired history teacher, I feel it is absolutely necessary that fifth graders start to appreciate military history,” McMullen said. “We have a movement in American high schools now not to teach about Gettysburg, not to teach D-Day. That frightens me.”

“And also, I am just so proud of our community,” he continued. “I think what we have with this Veterans Memorial and this educational program is phenomenal.”

Personally, McMullen said both his parents served during World War II and later met in Paris in the spring of 1945.

“My father, who was Donald McMullen, Sr., ended up as a full colonel with a 10th grade education and is a tremendous inspiration for everyone in our family,” McMullen said. “My mother, in 1942, got into an argument with her father and told him she was going to join the WACs, which was the Woman Army Corps. He told her she didn't have the courage enough to do it. So, she got on a bus and went to Boston. And I remember her telling me the next thing she knew she was in London during the Blitzkrieg.”

The couple were married in 1946 and soon after had two sons, 11 months apart: Tim and Don McMullen, Jr.

Along with his parents, McMullen said he was also inspired by his youngest brother, Bill, who enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967 and served in Vietnam.

“Bill spent three years in the service, and we just buried him a year ago. Among other things, he had respiratory lung failure due to Agent Orange,” McMullen said. “When we count the number of people that died in the Vietnam War, we count those people that died during that period, from about 1963 to 1974. But there are thousands and thousands of Americans who died from physical and emotional difficul-

ties because of Vietnam.”

As a former teacher, McMullen said it's important to engage visiting students with those kinds of personal stories.

“What you have to do is ask each of them, do you have a veteran in your family?” he said. “Then I tell the story about these two people, one from Western Pennsylvania who quit school in 11th grade, lied about his age, and enlisted. And I tell them about the lady in Boston who got in a fight with her dad.”

“Good history teachers can tell good stories. Those stories are important,” McMullen added.

McMullen credited his brother, Don, along with Susan Pantone and Sharyn O'Hare, with making the educational programs a vital part of the community and an important part of each local student's schooling.

He said volunteering also helps strengthen the bond with his brother.

“For me to be able to do this with Don is very important,” he said. “Don and I are the two oldest in a large family. We were born the same year and we grew up like twins, although we're

not twins. The fact that I'm doing it with Don is very important to me.

“I think it's also important to note that Don and I are not creating and inventing things – Don and I are carrying on the tradition that was taught by our parents. And now we pass the baton on down,” he added.

Mary Adair, a former president of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, has been involved with the education program for about a decade.

Her late husband, U.S. Army Col. Robert Adair, served two tours in Vietnam and she still describes herself as a military wife.

“My husband served 28 years active duty as an officer. That was my life and it's very close to my heart – our country, our flag, all of it,” she said. “Everything that I live for is for our freedom and the fact that I want the children to be aware of this. I don't think that they're teaching it in school, so I try to instill in them the pride for our flag and for our country.”

As a docent, Adair talks about the

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**Mary Adair**



**Don McMullen**

who served.

Volunteer docents talk about the history of the U.S. flag, and the Junior ROTC demonstrates how to properly fold and display it.

Tim McMullen has been a volunteer docent since 2016.

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## Jolly Roger Parks recognized as one of America's most loved theme parks

Jolly Roger Amusement Parks has been recognized by the travel blog, [airportparkingreservations.com](http://airportparkingreservations.com), as one of the top 20 Most Loved Theme Parks in America!

The index looked at several factors, including the number of rides, roller coasters, the cost of entry, and the number of Instagram posts for each Amusement Park. Jolly Roger Parks ranked number 19 out of 20, sitting along the ranks of Six Flags, Dollywood and Walt Disney World.

"For a beachside amusement park like ours, it is truly an honor to be recognized with the big boys in the entertainment industry," says Steve Pastusak, vice president of Jolly Roger Amusement Parks

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something for all ages.

The company is proud to be recognized as one of the best, and will celebrate with another #MyJollySummer.

Founded in 1964 by Charles "Buddy" Jenkins, Jolly Roger Parks offers a wide range of new-aged and nostalgic family-friendly fun in Ocean City, with rides, amusements, games, waterslides and more.

## Quarter auction scheduled

The Church of the Holy Spirit is having a Quarter Auction at the church on August 7. The doors will open at 6 p.m., and the games start at 7 p.m.

Food will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$10 and include a paddle. Additional paddles are \$2 each, or three for \$5. They are limited, so get yours now.

The church is located at 100<sup>th</sup> St. and Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Call Jackie at 443-735-4275 for further information and for tickets.



## Sign contest winners

The Ocean Pines Communications Advisory Committee last week announced two winners of its contest to design signs encouraging homeowners to vote in the annual Board of Directors election.

Winners are the Cook Family (Ann, Christine, and Addison) for the children's category, and Kevin Doxzen (of Bay Color web design) for the adult category.

Both winners will receive a \$100 gift card to the Yacht Club and have their signs used as part of annual promotional efforts to encourage voting.

Communications Committee Chairperson Cheryl Jacobs said the committee is pleased with the results and believes the signs will be fun and will encourage homeowners to vote.

"We are very happy to see so much participation and we hope to have more engaging activities such as this contest in the future," she said.

## Nonprofit providing school supplies to students in need

Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has been running its School Supplies for Students program for over 25 years, providing backpacks filled with grade-appropriate supplies to Worcester County students in need.

The program has been a great success, with GOLD receiving 300-500 student school supply requests from its agency users - caseworkers, nurses, therapists, and advocates who work directly with families in need in Worcester County, Maryland.

GOLD believes every child deserves the tools they need to succeed in school, regardless of their family's

financial situation. That's why the organization encourages the community to help by shopping for a student or making a donation. By supporting this program, community members can ensure that a child in need has all the necessary supplies to start the school year on the right foot. Even a small donation can go a long way in helping GOLD reach its goal of providing every child with the supplies they need.

If you're interested in shopping for a student, making a donation, or learning more about the program, visit GOLD's website, [www.WorcesterGOLD.org](http://www.WorcesterGOLD.org). Together, we can make a difference in the lives of children in Worcester County.

Worcester County GOLD is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing emergency financial assistance to Worcester County residents living with low income. Founded in 1997, GOLD is committed to helping individuals and families facing financial crises relieve stress and achieve self-sufficiency. For more information, visit [www.WorcesterGOLD.org](http://www.WorcesterGOLD.org).

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# The greener grass

*Chip Chops Grass Cheap.*

That was the slogan I used more than 40 years ago for the lawn service I operated while in high school and college. The company's assets consisted of me, a scrawny sixteen-year-old with acne, and a Montgomery Ward 20-inch push mower.



## ***It's All About. . .***

By **Chip Bertino**

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When funds were available, a Weed Wacker was added to the inventory. My mother allowed me to use her car, a blue Volkswagen 411, the trunk of which was located at the front of the car, under the hood. The cost? No charge as long as I mowed our lawn weekly.

It was my first foray into the business world. My brother helped me distribute handmade flyers (that my mother copied using the Xerox machine at her office) around the neighborhood. I even had printed business cards designed by my brother.

It wasn't long before someone called to ask for an estimate. *Uh, an estimate? Uh, oh sure. I can give you an estimate.* So naïve and unprepared was I that I never gave any thought to how much to charge. Well, there's something to be said for baptism by fire. I met the homeowner who lived in a twin house on Alicia Street, a couple blocks from my house. She was a kindly old lady. Old? She was probably younger than I am now. She was very nice. Trying to stall for time so I could figure things out, I said I'd have to take a look at the yard which was really a stupid statement especially because the entire yard could be seen from the front stoop. She humored me, "Take your time, dear."

All sorts of non-sensical equations were swirling around in my mind. If I lowballed it, I'd make no money. If I came in too high, I wouldn't get the job. The problem was I didn't know what was too low or too high. Anxiety and perspiration mounted. Eventually, I stammered, "ten bucks." She looked at

me for moment and must have felt a sense of pity. "Make it \$15 and we have a deal."

From that uneasy beginning, my skills at estimating improved and before long I had about 18 lawns of varying sizes for which I was responsible to mow each week. After

school I would load the mower into the old VW and make my rounds. I could usually cut all the lawns in about two days which gave me the time to work my part time job as a kitchen worker at Pinehill Rehabilitation Center.

Things went swimmingly at first but then, but then... there were a few days of rain which wrought havoc to my meticulously detailed schedule. What I learned quickly was that rain delays had cascading consequences. I wasn't able to mow the lawns on my finely tuned schedule which incorporated the hours I was expected to work at Pinehill. So, by the time I was able to mow the lawns, the grass had grown taller than normal which took me much more time. Schedule management went right out the window. It was exhausting.

In time I purchased a new a self-propelled Craftsman 22-inch mower with a bag. If memory serves, it cost about \$450 which I paid for with cash which gave a me a great sense of satisfaction. One thing I learned very quickly was that this new mower was heavier and larger than the one I had been using. Getting it in and out of the VW wasn't as easy and I wrenched my back the first time I tried. Fortunately, not long after, and for reasons unrelated to my situation, my mother purchased a new car, a Dodge Aspen station wagon. And again, she was kind enough to let me use it for my jobs. The mower and the equipment easily fit in the back. I had to keep to the windows open when I drove so the stench of gasoline didn't overwhelm me or worse, anger my mother when she got in to drive.

It's been a long time since Chip Chops Grass Cheap. I look upon that time fondly. But to this day, when it begins to rain when I want to mow my lawn, there's a part of me that still cringes.



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# Commentary

By Joe Reynolds  
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## Committee members attack staff

The Aquatics Committee meeting of 6/21/2023 was quite interesting. Committee members made disparaging remarks about OPA administration staff and aquatics staff.

One committee member said, "I don't want to throw anybody under the bus, but...." The committee member then went on to make what many may see as disparaging comments about an upper management staff member and the employee's "negative personality." A suggestion is made that the individual needs "coaching."

Nor were General Manager John Viola and Senior Executive Office Manager Linda Martin spared from negative comments from committee members.

One of those committee members making negative comments about the staff also made extremely negative public comments in the past about GM Viola.

During the meeting, committee members talk about how, as individuals, they are contacting staff. They say they don't like the answers, and wonder aloud about who the answers are "really" coming from - a not-so-subtle attack on the GM.

At no point does any committee member, the chair, or the board liaison suggest discussions about OPA staff are inappropriate.

The Board of Directors needs to do some "coaching" of its own with a committee clearly operating outside the boundaries of being a board advisory committee.

Maybe the members of the Aquatics Advisory Committee, as well as every member of every board advisory committee, should read Board Resolution C-01 Committee General Policy.

With regard to the relationship between the Committee and the General

Manager and Staff, it states:

"Chairpersons or individual members shall not give orders to the General Manager or any other employee of the Association. They may, however, request routine administrative assistance and necessary office supplies. The President of the Association shall provide all instructions and directions to the General Manager concerning support of committees and ad hoc advisory body activities."

OPA staff are not subject to constant inquisition by committee members.

## Garden Club annual donation benefits Pines

The Ocean Pines Garden Club recently presented a \$1,000 donation to Ocean Pines Association as part of the club's annual giving.

Since forming in 1976, the Garden Club has helped to maintain Ocean Pines parks, decorate the community at Christmas and, in the past, tend to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial grounds.

Gifts and donations from the club have included the Civil War era anchor at the Yacht Club in 1995, the gazebo at Pintail Park in 1998, the two stone benches at the community center in 2009, and two plaques for the Gold Star Program of the Veterans Memorial Foundation in 2014.

Over the last year, the club has collaborated with Ocean Pines Public Works on plantings at the North Gate entranceway that have included perennials, a Christmas display for the holidays, and palm trees for the

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## More facts on offshore wind

**Editor:**

I just watched a video on YouTube entitled "Bonnie Brady's Crash Course in Offshore Wind and the Anti-Fishing Lobby". I don't recall any of our local news media (other than Mike Bradley of WGMD 92.7 FM) reporting on any of the information and facts contained therein. I highly recommend that everyone reading this take the time to watch the video - it is very informative and the information needs to be known far and wide.

That said, I have also been made aware of a new fact regarding Offshore Wind of which people need to be aware. The wind turbines must be regularly cooled which is done by drawing ocean water into electrical substations using once through

cooling systems - these systems are now prohibited in newer power plants because of the devastating effects on aquatic life. The cooling water is then discharged back into the ocean at over 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Just imagine what this does to the temperature of the water and the habitat of the sea life. If this technology is not allowed in new power plants near water why is it allowed IN water? The first planned project off our coast calls for 121 turbines and up to four transfer stations. I would suggest everyone read the article "Offshore Wind Electrical Substations: The Secret, Silent Killers" by Jim Lovgren at Fisherynation.com.

I have done a lot of reading on this issue of Offshore Wind, and it absolutely boggles my mind that our government agencies (starting with

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## Courier Almanac

As the 1970s came to an end, the age of disco was also nearing its finale. But for all of its decadence and overexposure, disco didn't quite die a natural death by collapsing under its own weight. Instead, it was killed by a public backlash that reached its peak on July 12, 1979 with the infamous "Disco Demolition" night at Chicago's Comiskey Park. That incident, which led to at least nine injuries, 39 arrests and the cancellation and forfeit of a Major League Baseball game, is widely credited-or, depending on your perspective, blamed-with dealing disco its death blow.



Pets are curious animals who want to explore their environments. That includes places around the house that they do not realize may cause them harm. According to the electric component manufacturer Sewell, electrical hazards exist inside the home that can compromise the health of pets. Exposed cords can attract pets' attention, and they may gnaw or pull-on wires causing shocks or even fires. Therefore, wires can be tied together and placed inside of covers or PVC pipe to minimize their allure. Pets may become curious about electrical sockets and poke their noses and paws into them. Using electrical socket covers can help prevent this danger. Any exposed wires in a home are accidents waiting to happen to pets and people alike. Electrical issues should be repaired as soon as possible. Electrocuting is a very real risk for pets, and pet-proofing is a necessary step pet owners should take.

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# Community horseshoe crab initiatives

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) has been partnering with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and our local community to help protect and preserve our horseshoe crab population since 2002.

For over 15 years the Harrison Group has supported MCBP in our efforts to help horseshoe crabs in the Coastal Bays. They assist in distributing educational materials about horseshoe crabs to tourists visiting our beautiful bays and allow MCBP volunteers to park at the Oceanic Motel to survey pop-

ulation and rescue stranded spawning horseshoe crabs. Since the Oceanic Motel is right near the Ocean City Inlet, it is a prolific spawning ground, MDNR has been tagging horseshoe crabs there to track their movement.

preservation,” Harrison Group Director of Business and Public Relations Ruth Waters, “our location at the Oceanic Motel is conducive for Horseshoe Crabs to spawn and our guests enjoy this natural and authentic experience when visiting Ocean City.”

Although they are referred to as crabs, they are not crabs at all. Horseshoe crabs are more closely related to spiders.



LI to R: **Carly Toulan, Erin Keeley** from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program installed the Harrison Group sign donation at the Oceanic Motel with the motel's General Manager **Nicole Bowen**.

The community of Sunset Island on 67<sup>th</sup> street has also supported MCBP in its horseshoe crab efforts by hosting educational programs and allowing volunteers to conduct population surveys and assist stranded spawning horseshoe crabs. The combined efforts of both the Harrison Group and Sunset Island has increased awareness about the importance of horseshoe crabs and contributed towards a better understanding of their populations in the Coastal Bays.

This year both the Harrison Group and Sunset Island Community have donated signage promoting Horseshoe crab preservation and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program at their respective properties.

“The Harrison Group is pleased and proud to be a part of Horseshoe Crab

In the Coastal Bays, horseshoe crab spawning begins in May and goes through July with peak spawning occur-

ring in June. Spawning typically occurs during the new and full moon lunar cycles during the evening high tides. Females will swim up to sandy beaches to bury into the sand and lay her eggs while the males attach to or surround the females to fertilize those eggs. A single female horseshoe crab can lay about 88,000 eggs; only about 10 of these babies will survive to maturity. What happens to the rest of them? Horseshoe crab eggs are a significant and valuable food source for shorebirds, turtles, and fish.

Horseshoe crabs mainly eat clams and mussels, but may also sustain themselves with aquatic worms, algae, and carrion. These prehistoric creatures have ten eyes and are made up of three distinct sections: the head which contains all their major organs, the abdomen that contains the gills and muscles and the telson, or tail. Horseshoe crabs are ecologically important and harmless to humans. Their telson may look sharp, but it doesn't sting like

a stingray; it is mainly used for maneuvering and helps to turn the crab upright when he or she gets flipped over. Many horseshoe crabs get hung up and perish on rip rap barriers installed to protect properties from wave action and erosion. This is a great reason to investigate installing a living shoreline to prevent shoreline erosion, which supports wildlife at the bottom levels of the food chain and therefore our entire Coastal Bays ecosystem.

If you see a stranded horseshoe crab, feel free to pick it up by grabbing each side of the shell and putting it gently back into the water. Be careful while navigating rocks or other obstructions, and make sure to where shoes that can get wet and have a good grip to avoid injury. Never pick up a horseshoe crab by its tail; this will result in injury to the animal. MCBP hosts an annual volunteer program on stranding, for more information check out their website [mdcoastalbays.org](http://mdcoastalbays.org).

In addition to being an important food source to many species throughout the Coastal Bays food web, horseshoe crabs provide humans with a valuable resource to public health; *Limulus amoebocyte lysate* (LAL). This substance is extracted from the horseshoe crab's blue-colored blood, which is blue due to the blood being copper based instead of iron based like human blood. We use LAL in the biomedical industry to test for the presence of bacterial toxins. The discovery of this life-saving substance occurred in 1971. Since then, all vac-

cines, injectable drugs, intravenous solutions, and implantable medical devices that are certified by the Food and Drug Administration are required to be tested using LAL. Horseshoe crabs are also harvested to be used as bait for American eels and whelks.

Any business or community experiencing large spawning events throughout the months of May through July in the Coastal Bays watershed and are interested in conducting Horseshoe Crab programs, please contact MCBP's Environmental Scientist, Carly Toulan and [ctoulan@mdcoastalbays.org](mailto:ctoulan@mdcoastalbays.org).

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summertime. Tony Howard led that effort for Ocean Pines.

“We are so happy to contribute to the beauty of Ocean Pines and hope that our efforts add to the enjoyment of all Ocean Pines residents and visitors,” Garden Club Co-President Ann Shockley said.

General Manager John Viola said the Garden Club donation would be used for future beautification initiatives.

“We are grateful to the Ocean Pines Garden Club for their dedication and efforts in enhancing the beauty of our community's North Gate entrance,” Viola said. “Their commitment to creating a welcoming environment has helped to transform this space into a picturesque gateway for all to enjoy.”

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the EPA and going all the way through to NOAA and BOEM) seem to have absolutely no concern about the effects of their policies on the commercial fishing industry or the people that earn their livings from this industry or even the people who eat the seafood they catch. If you make it harder and harder to do the job, if you take all of the joy out of doing the job, if you endanger profits with government regulations and policies, then eventually you won't have anyone who is willing to do the job. What then - lab-grown fish?

Finally, although not directly related to OSW - I found this little nugget which pretty much sums up the whole “green” movement: Volvo has admitted that emissions from making

EVs can be 70% higher than petrol models - and claims it can take up to 9 years of driving before EVs become greener (than petrol models). I think that's about the life of an EV battery before it has to be replaced at a cost of thousands of dollars.

If you are interested in the facts please follow the Facebook pages “Protect our Coast - Delmarva” as well as “Protect our Coast - NJ”, “Protect our Coast - Carolinas” and “Save the East Coast” and all of the related information groups linked to them. And please plan to participate in the “Hands Across the Beaches” rally on July 15th at 11:00 a.m. at the Ocean City Inlet - the meet up is in the parking lot next to Thrasher's. This is part of an East Coast effort to protect and save our coast.

**Carol Frazier**  
Ocean Pines



## Cool off with a refreshing cocktail

As the dog days of summer press on and people continue to enjoy outdoor gatherings, tasty and cool cocktails remain ideal when entertaining. Blueberries continue to be the stars of summertime shows, and can be the inspiration for your next drink.

The following recipe for “Blueberry Lavender Lemonade” from the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council pairs the sophisticated flavor of lavender with



tart blueberry in a refreshing concoction that also includes gin. The result is fruity, floral and fragrant.

Blueberry Lavender Lemonade Cocktail

Makes 2 servings

Lavender Simple Syrup  
 1/2 cup granulated sugar  
 1/2 cup water  
 1 tablespoon dried edible lavender flowers

3/4 cup blueberries, divided  
 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
 2 ounces gin  
 1 tablespoon lavender simple syrup  
 1/2 cup club soda  
 2 sprigs fresh lavender  
 2 lemon wheels

1. To make the Lavender Simple Syrup: In a small saucepan set over medium-low heat, combine all syrup ingredients and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 to 5 minutes or until sugar is dissolved.

2. Remove from heat and let steep for 2 to 3 hours. Strain and set aside.

3. To make the Blueberry Lavender Lemonade Cocktail: In a cocktail shaker, add 2/3 cup blueberries and lemon juice. Muddle berries to release juices. Add gin and lavender simple syrup, and fill with ice. Shake until frosty.

4. Strain through fine-mesh sieve into two ice-filled glasses. Top evenly with soda water.

5. Garnish with remaining blueberries, lavender sprigs and lemon wheels.

Tip: Cover and store remaining lavender simple syrup in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

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## Guess Who?

I am a comic actor born in Michigan on July 13, 1969. Before I went into performing, I attended Duke University with the intention of getting a medical degree, and succeeded. In addition to movies, I'm also a judge on a singing talent show.

*Answer: Ken Jeong*



**Visit** - Jessica Grimes, Ocean City Berlin Rotary Club adopted teacher Kindergarten teacher at Buckingham Elementary, visited the club to share her teaching experience with members.

Pictured (LtorR) are Arlan Kinney, Jessica Grimes, president Margaret Mudron, Dr. Larry Michnick, Nancy Bradford, Gina Shaffer, Jennifer Bodnar and Mike Simcock. Email ocerlinrotary@gmail.com for more information and meeting dates.



**Who wants ice cream** - Drawbridge Diners recently held an ice cream social in the cul-de-sac on Drawbridge Road in Ocean Pines. Although the weather was chilly and windy, 34 neighbors attended to enjoy the ice cream delights.

## Reggae band to perform

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# GPS +/- 45 miles

Global navigation is one of the many awesome accomplishments of man. Longitudes and latitudes have allowed mariners to plot their courses and the stars and compasses and sextants have enabled sailors to maintain their way. However, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) have totally revolutionized the challenge of determining location.

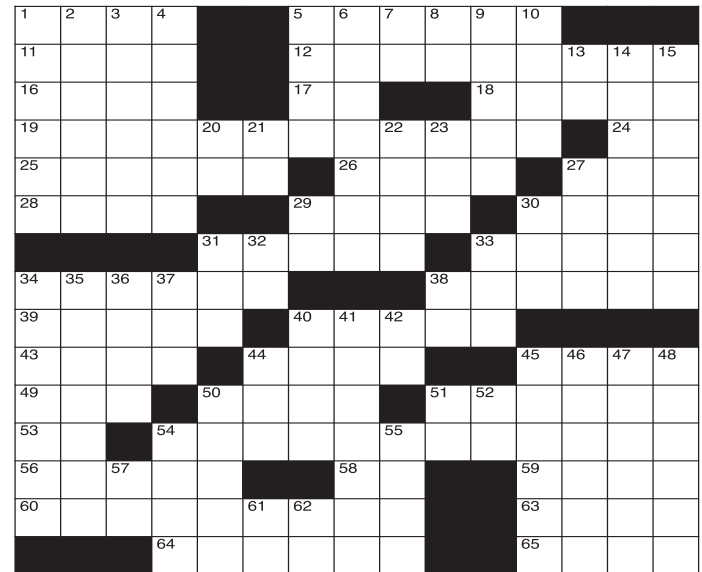
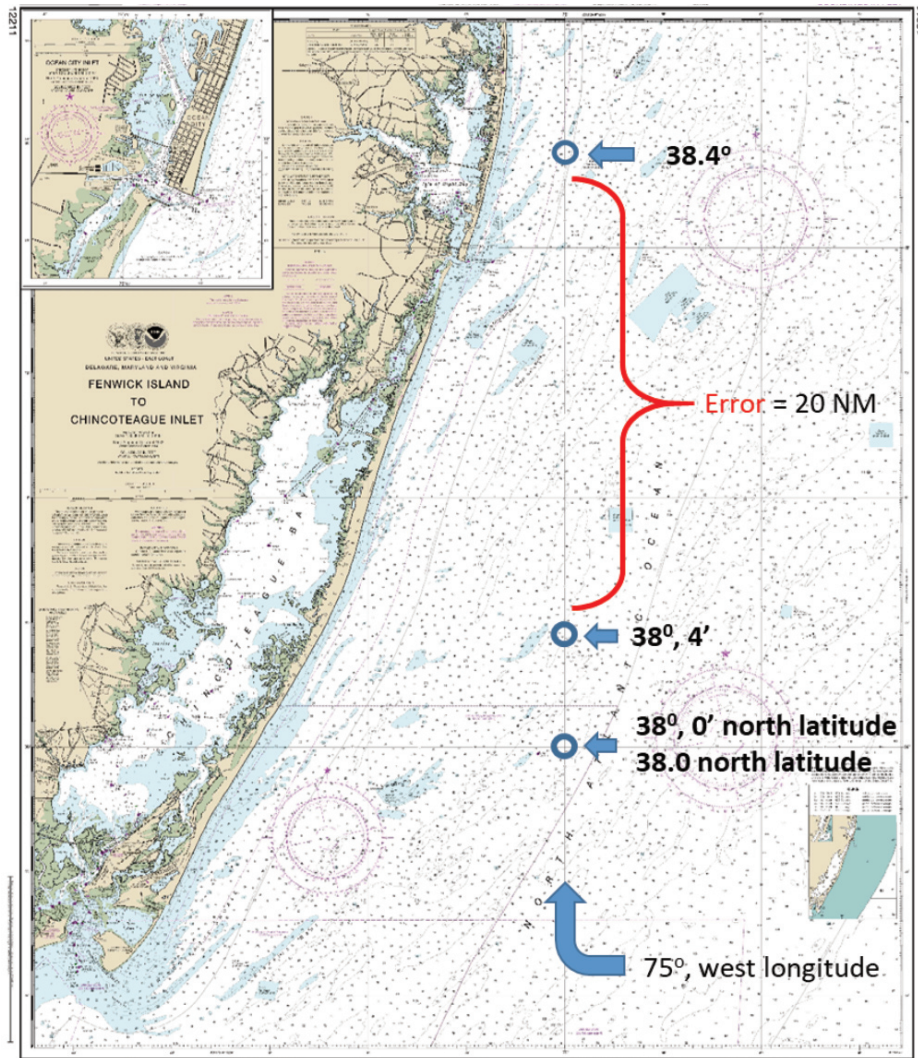
GPS is a collection of satellites that continuously broadcast their precise positions. Devices are then designed to receive inputs from multiple satellites and calculate the receivers' exact 3-D location by triangulation. For example, an airplane can use GPS data to determine where the plane is flying over the earth as well as its altitude, speed and the direction it is flying. Similar applications include the

map/travel direction system in your car and the chart/plotters found on boats.

The revolution has been truly amazing but, like any complex device, it does have its vulnerabilities. GPS devices run on electricity. No power, no location. That's why manual backup systems like a compass and paper charts have not been relegated to antiquity just yet.

There is, however, an anomaly or two caused by the new technology. In the compass/paper chart environment, all locations of longitude and latitude are traditionally presented and manipulated in units of Degrees, Minutes, Seconds where a degree of latitude is 1/90 of the distance between the equator and the actual

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Database management system
- 5. Medical procedures
- 11. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
- 12. Defender
- 16. Exert oneself
- 17. Indicates position
- 18. Prevents river overflow
- 19. Atrocities
- 24. Mister
- 25. Ends
- 26. Slope or tilt
- 27. Taxi
- 28. The very ends
- 29. Actor Sean
- 30. Japanese persimmon
- 31. Sours
- 33. Beneficiary
- 34. Baseball official
- 38. Muddy, boggy ground
- 39. Not worldly
- 40. Actress Lathan
- 43. Soil
- 44. \_\_\_-Cola
- 45. Asleep
- 49. \_\_\_ Angeles
- 50. Give birth to a child
- 51. Beach shelter
- 53. Commercial
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Local jurisdictions
- 58. It cools your home
- 59. Dismounted from a horse
- 60. Charge with a crime
- 63. Close in
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Famed garden

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Draw a scene
- 2. Its sultan is famous
- 3. Unlucky accident
- 4. A way to ski
- 5. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- 6. Saw
- 7. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 8. Belonging to me
- 9. Shoelace tube
- 10. Takes to court
- 13. Early multimedia
- 14. In a way, produces
- 15. Bowlers
- 20. Of I
- 21. Equally
- 22. Gets some sun
- 23. A place to stay
- 27. Town in Galilee
- 29. Aronofsky film
- 30. Klingon character, "Star Trek"
- 31. Equal to 100 square meters
- 32. Atomic #58
- 33. Arrived extinct
- 34. Loosen grip
- 35. A distinctive odor that is unpleasant
- 36. Membranes
- 37. Some is poisonous
- 38. Partner to Pa
- 40. Small brown gray rail
- 41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 42. Sodium
- 44. Military official (abbr.)
- 45. Lighted
- 46. Took off
- 47. All
- 48. Ohio city
- 50. More abject
- 51. A radio band
- 52. Controversial tech product (abbr.)
- 54. Monetary unit
- 55. Passed with flying colors
- 57. A way to win a boxing match
- 61. The Golden State
- 62. Home of the Longhorns



Answers for July 5



**New film - Fiona O'Brien** of Saltare Elementis Dance Collective received a grant from **Rina Thaler**, executive director of the Art League of Ocean City, sponsored by the Ocean City Film Festival and the Worcester County Arts Council, as funding to create her new film, "Roots," inspired by the Eastern Shore and shot in Ocean City. The film will premiere at the 2024 Ocean City Film Festival in March 2024.

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## Signs of osteoarthritis in dogs

Canines can feel the effects of osteoarthritis, just like their human companions. In fact, OA is a common ailment found in older dogs as well as some larger breeds that are genetically prone to developing arthritis, according to Old Farm Veterinary Hospital in Maryland.

OA is a degenerative joint disease characterized by progressively worsening inflammation of the joints caused by the deterioration of cartilage. While there is no cure for OA, identifying the condition as early as possible can improve the quality of a dog's life and keep the animal active for a longer period of time. Unfortunately, it can be difficult to detect OA in dogs in its early stages. Here are some signs of OA, courtesy of VCA Animal Hospitals and the American Kennel Club.

- Stiffness in the shoulders, hips, elbows, and knees, where OA is found most often.

- Difficulty getting up and down.

- Lameness in one or more legs.

- Yelping when touched, as inflammation can cause affected areas to be sensitive.

- Irritability in a normally easy-going pet. Dogs may snap or bite when someone tries to touch them or become defensive around other dogs.

- Difficulty posturing to urinate or defecate, which may cause pets to have accidents in the house.

- Loss of muscle mass over the limbs and spine.

- Fatigue and loss of interest in activities.

- Licking, chewing or biting at

painful spots, which can cause hair loss and inflamed skin in the affected area.

If pet owners suspect their dogs are experiencing osteoarthritis, they should reach out to their veterinarians right away to find out what can be done to help the animals feel more comfortable.



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### Carozza becomes honorary FSD member

State Senator Mary Beth Carozza has been awarded an Honorary Membership in the First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League for her support of the military and military veterans. She received her membership at the detachment's June meeting held at Ocean City American Legion Post 166.

Above (LtoR): Don Coffin, Judge Advocate, Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Immediate Past Commandant Bob Broderick, Commandant Al Soto, and Junior Vice Commandant Milt Warren.

More information on the First State Detachment can be found at [www.first-statemarines.org](http://www.first-statemarines.org)

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history of the U.S. flag and some of its notable variations. In doing so, she said she tries to keep things light and keep things moving.

"I try to have an interplay with them," she said. "I tell them that they're not in school and there's no wrong answers. Hopefully, they will learn some things from having gone through the presentation, but I also want them to ask questions. I want it to be kind of a conversation."

Adair said she'll speed through the first two colonies that joined the union, and then introduce Vermont and its role in history as that place that also gave us Ben and Jerry's, skiing and maple syrup.

"I usually go through all the New England states fairly quickly, so they can pick up on it. But when they do connect with something, you can really see their faces light up," she said.

Adair said everyone knows about George Washington, but many students don't know much about the War of 1812, or Gen. Charles Cornwallis.

"I think it's important because a lot of adults didn't know that stuff either," she said. "In fact, I didn't know until I started teaching that the Queen Anne's Flag was the British flag that the British troops marched under, and I just think that's kind of cool to know!

"Over the years I've cut out quite a bit, but I still want them to know that if you hold a flag upside down that it's a sign of distress, because that's still useful today. And I like to tell them about who is third in succession for the president. So, just a few key points that I know they're not getting in school," she continued.

"It's also got to be fun for them," Adair said. "They're out there for a fun day. They're not out there to be in class, so to speak. So that's the way I try to approach it."

For others who may be inspired to tell similar stories or give back to their community, Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said there is always a need for volunteers.

"We're always looking for new docents to tell the stories of our veterans," she said.

"If you feel strongly about your country and you feel strongly about the memorial, we welcome you with open arms," Adair added.

Docent training generally starts in April, ahead of annual field trips in May and October.

For more information on volunteering, call Susan Pantone at 410-430 1040 or Don McMullen at 443-388-2941.

To learn more about the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, visit [www.opvets.org](http://www.opvets.org).

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North Pole, a minute is 1/60 of a degree (which is also defined as a nautical mile measuring 2,025 yards), and a second which is 1/60 of a minute (33.75 yards).

Since the compass points to magnetic north pole, a spot just above the Hudson Bay in Canada about 210 nautical miles from the actual North Pole, navigational courses must be constantly adjusted for this magnetic variation. It's about 12° westerly in the Ocean City area. That means if you are at the Wilmington Canyon some 50 miles due east of OC and you want to travel due west to the OC Inlet, you would need to follow a compass course of 282° west (270° + 12°). Otherwise, when you make landfall, you will be on the Assateague Island beach about 10 miles south of the OC Inlet and half way to the Virginia border.

The new technology, GPS, does not have this quirk. It can convert its satellite inputs into the exact longitude and latitude AND calculate the 'true' course without reconciling magnetic variation.

There is, however, a bigger potential problem. GPS devices are very accurate (typically +/- 50 feet or better) but many offer a variety of presentations of the location data that can cause confusion. The readout can be in degrees, minutes, seconds like the older compass/chart system; or, taking advantage of the available computer power, the location can be presented as degrees, minutes and decimal portion of a minute rather than using seconds or as degrees and decimal part of a degree thus eliminating the need to deal with both minutes and seconds.

This can be very confusing and dangerous for the precise communication of a location in a stressful time when a boat operator is hailing 'May Day' assistance.

Let me demonstrate. In the picture of our local NOAA chart 12211 that covers Ocean City, note the lowest bold blue graphic circle. It indicates the location, 75° west longitude and 38° north latitude. That's any easy location to identify. It's right where the primary longitude and latitude lines cross.

Now, let's hold the longitude constant and look straight north along the 75° west longitude. Observe the next highest circle. It's located at 37 degrees, 4 minutes north latitude. Since a minute of latitude is exactly equal to one nautical mile, this position is four nautical miles north of the previous 75 west, 38 north location.

Now, let's look at the top circle. It's still on the 75<sup>th</sup> longitude. Its latitude is

38 degrees, 24 minutes. The issue is that the GPS receiver will accurately determine the position but, depending on the device's settings, it could read out the location as 38°, 24' OR 38.4° (i.e. 24/60 = .4 degrees). The difference between 38°, 4' and 38.4° is 20 nautical miles. Rescue assets dispatched to the wrong position will be 20 miles away and near the limit of the marine radio transmission range when they realize the error.

The worst-case scenario is 9 minutes being mistaken for .9 degrees. There the error will be 45 miles (.9x60 = 9).

Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that you clarify your position when verbally communicating your position. If you are saying, "My latitude is 38 degrees, 4 minutes," emphasize the word 'minutes.' If you are saying, "My latitude is 38, point 4 degrees," emphasize the word 'point.' And to be absolutely sure, get the person receiving your message to repeat it back to you. After all, you wouldn't want your fishing buddy to go somewhere where the fish aren't biting. Err, would you?

Stay safe. Stay dry.

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

### Tides for Ocean City Inlet

Day	High /Low	Tide Time
Th 13	High	5:12 AM
13	Low	10:59 AM
13	High	5:52 PM
F 14	Low	12:19 AM
14	High	6:04 AM
14	Low	11:51 AM
14	High	6:41 PM
Sa 15	Low	1:10 AM
15	High	6:53 AM
15	Low	12:40 PM
15	High	7:26 PM
Su 16	Low	1:54 AM
16	High	7:37 AM
16	Low	1:26 PM
16	High	8:09 PM
M 17	Low	2:32 AM
17	High	8:21 AM
17	Low	2:08 PM
17	High	8:51 PM
Tu 18	Low	3:09 AM
18	High	9:03 AM
18	Low	2:49 PM
18	High	9:32 PM
W 19	Low	3:45 AM
19	High	9:45 AM
19	Low	3:30 PM
19	High	10:11 PM

# Summer fun for active seniors

Seniors may have more time for leisure and recreation than working adults, and the summer months provide ample opportunities to get active. After months of chilly temperatures, seniors in various parts of the country may be eager to get outdoors and enjoy some fun in the sun.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that adults age 65 and older get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week. There are plenty of ways for active seniors to meet this exercise goal and have some fun along



the way. The following are some good starting points.

Join or start a walking club. Walking is a great way to stay in shape and work the mind as well. View new sights along the way by changing the route each time you go. Walking with friends can pass the time and provide the motivation to keep going.

Catch a sporting event. Attending a sporting event can be an entertaining way to spend several hours, and that includes amateur and recreational sports. Catch a grandchild's swim meet or a baseball game for an action-packed way to connect with loved ones and get out.

Take a fishing charter. Casting a rod from a dock or pier is perfectly acceptable, but securing a spot on a fish-

ing charter is a great way to spend hours out on the water enjoying the scenery and the sport of fishing. Plus, there's the added benefit of enjoying the fruits of your labors by cooking the day's catch for dinner once you arrive home.

Be a tourist. Many cities and towns have their own tourism boards and showcase interesting spots that have historical significance or appeal to other interests. Be a tourist for the day - even in an area with which you are familiar. Hop on a trolley or sightseeing bus to view the town as an outsider.

Spend time swimming. Swimming is a low-impact activity that can work the body in many different ways. Devote time to doing a few laps in the pool. Or make a day of going to a lake or another body of water to wade out and enjoy some strokes in nature. Stick to swimming areas that are monitored by lifeguards for optimal safety.

Tend to a garden. Gardening is a great form of light exercise that can produce rewarding results. If you don't have a garden or enough space for one at home, many neighborhoods have community gardens in which you can secure a plot.

Visit a fair or farmer's market. The warm weather months are a peak time for outdoor activities, including various community fairs and farmer's markets. Chances are you can find a farmer's market nearby most days of the week, but especially on the week-

end. A town market or state fair is a great way to get out and walk, play games of chance or enjoy some live entertainment. Check your com-

munity calendar for local events.

Active seniors can embrace long, warm summer days to enjoy plenty of time away from home.



**School visit -** (L to R) Heather Godwin, president Margaret Mudron and District Governor Cliff Berg of the Ocean City Berlin Rotary Club visited Jessica Grimes' (far right) kindergarten class at Buckingham Elementary School for an end of year treat. For more information about the club and meeting dates email [ocberlinrotary@gmail.com](mailto:ocberlinrotary@gmail.com).

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# Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**

I've sure gotten old!

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees. Fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends.

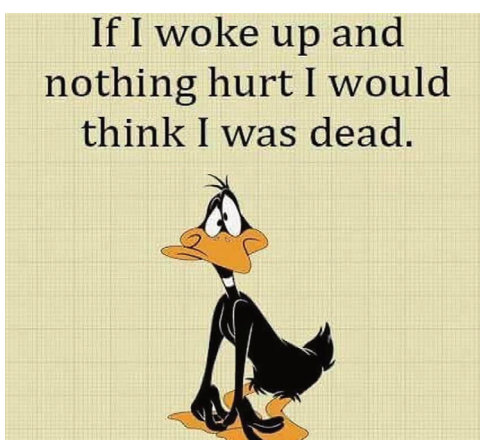
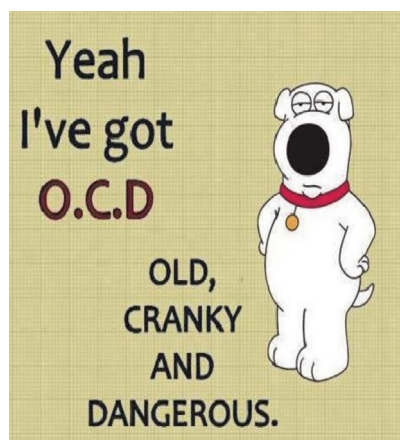
But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.



**Growing old is hard work... The mind says "yes" but, the body says "what the hell are you thinking"**



**I thought growing old would take longer.**



## Obituary



### Marie Buley, 90

Marie Therese Dwyer Buley, 90, entered God's Kingdom on July 1, 2023 with her beloved husband and loving children by her side, and is now joined in peace with her son Robert in heaven. She was a devoted and extraordinary wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, friend, and nurse, who brought joy to all who encountered her. Throughout her entire life, she held an unwavering faith in God that she worked tirelessly to always instill in her family. A loyal servant of God, she was appropriately named after and truly epitomized St. Therese of Lisieux, known as "The Little Flower" or "The Saint of the Little Way," always believing in God's love and imitating it in little ways each day.

Marie (or Taise as she was known by many) was born in New York City on July 25, 1932 to Harold and Alice (Cullen) Dwyer of Baldwin, New York. After growing up on Long Island and graduating from Baldwin High School, she went on to study at The University of Rochester where she met the love of her life, Dale V. Buley of Waverly, NY on the first day of freshman orientation almost 70 years ago. She graduated from the U of R in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Marie and Dale were married on February 19, 1955 in Garden City, New York just one day after she passed her Nursing (RN) boards because of her father's urging that she earn her college degree before getting married.

Marie was a kind and extraordinary nurse who cared for her patients with compassion and strength at Lydia Hall Hospital in Freeport, NY, and later with the Island Peer Review Organization (IPRO), where she served as a director and auditor of ethical healthcare prac-

tices. Her most lasting and awesome legacy will be her fierce love and dedication to her family, including five children, five children-in-law, 14 grandchildren, seven grandchildren-in-law, and eight great grandchildren.

She was the true matriarch and glue of the family who guided all with love, strength, kindness, and humility, always quietly encouraging in her "little way" and stepping back so others could shine. Her positivity and boundless enthusiasm for life was contagious and she will forever be remembered for her favorite expression that everything was "fantastic!"

Marie was a perfect complement to Dale and together they set an exceptional example of a beautiful and devoted marriage. Buley Family gatherings and Thanksgiving celebrations were truly legendary, loud, chaotic, and joyful, just the way Mom/Nana/GG wanted them. Marie and Dale lived for 47 years raising their family on Long Island in Seaford, NY, before retiring to The Parke in Ocean Pines, MD. They enjoyed spending time with many cherished friends in both Seaford and Ocean Pines.

Marie was predeceased by her parents, son Robert, and siblings Virginia and Jack Dwyer. She is survived by her beloved husband, Dale Buley of Waverly, NY and her four children Virginia (Daniel) Gore, James (Elizabeth) Buley, Marie (Bryan) Hurst, Anne (Edward) Whitman and her late son's wife Elena Martinez Buley. Nana is also survived by 14 grandchildren: Sarah (Nicholas) Herwig, Christopher (Alison) Hurst, Patrick (Katelyn) Gore, Alexander (Virginie) Buley, Timothy (Jennifer) Hurst, Colleen (Benjamin) Naylor, Nicholas Buley, Jonathan (Amy) Hurst, Caroline Buley, Edward Whitman IV, Benjamin Buley, Grace Whitman, Samuel Buley, and Jayne Whitman. Great Grandma (GG) is survived by eight great grandchildren: Sean, Madelyn, Nora, Landon, Nolan and Teddy Hurst, Ella Buley, and Riley Naylor.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Robert D. Buley Memorial Scholarship at Seaford High School. Please make checks out to "Seaford High School" referencing the Robert Buley Scholarship in the check note. Donations can be sent to Anne and Ed Whitman, 244 Harvester Road, Orange, CT 06477.

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