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Knots & Knots by Dan Collins

Hulls

It's back. The OC Seaside Boat Show is again returning to the Ocean City Convention Center, February 16 to 18.

It is by far the largest boating extravaganza on the Eastern Shore, but not necessarily the richest. That distinction goes to the fleet of magnificent yachts that plow our waters in August during the White Marlin Tournament. If you want one of them, just Google recreational fishing boats greater than \$1,000,000 and brace yourself for the invasion of the digital cookie monsters. Every yacht broker south of the North Pole will be sending you electronic advertisements until global warming subsides.

The Seaside Boat Show also has its share of annual sticker shock. There will be in the neighborhood of 350 boats and 140 exhibitors to tickle your imagination and to pull at your purse strings. Most of the shiny new boats are exhib-

ited in the various auditorium halls but don't overlook the additional boats – usually bigger boats and some used ones – that are on display out in the parking lot.

Inside, the 140 exhibitors are selling everything from personal flotation devices, to marine electronics, to canvass covers, to fishing gear, to insurance and dock construction, as well as Girl Scout cookies and hot dogs. I always look forward to the pirate who walks around giving away free salt water taffies and the USCG Auxiliary's remote-controlled boat on wheels, 'Coastie' that talks to the kids and squirts them with water – always a favorite.

If you're going to a boat show with a twinkle in your eye to buy a water toy, you need to have a good idea of how you plan to use it. Do you want to explore the

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Annual boat show returns

The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club is sponsoring the 41st Seaside Boat Show in Ocean City February 16 to 18. The event will once again be held in the Roland E Powell Convention Center and traditionally draws thousands of water and boating enthusiasts during President's Birthday weekend.

The show provides funds to support programs for local youth.

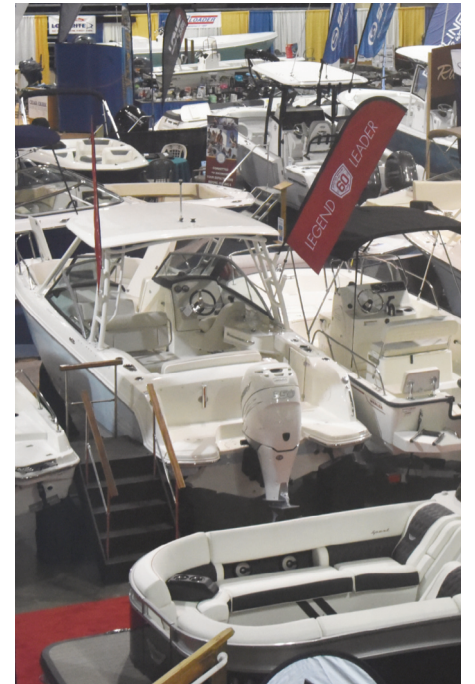
With the recent expansion of the convention center, the show will have more than 350 boats, 150 exhibitors and 50 boat dealers. They will display the newest and most popular models and water related items. The high number of boat sales make this show one of the most popular on the East Coast.

Visitors will be treated to an array of sport cruisers, sport fishing, performance and super boats. The show will also include marine electronics, boat trailers, canvas products, motors, jewelry, art, financing and insurance vendors.

One of the main reasons for the success of the show is the door prize donated by Scott and Mary McCurdy, owners of North Bay Marina. Each person who purchases a show admission

ticket has a chance to win a pontoon boat and motor.

Show times are Friday February 16, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$1 for children. A weekend pass is available for \$15.



Don't miss the USCG Auxiliary booth at the OC Boat Show



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- Schedule a free vessel safety inspection - Schedule a Safe Boating Class**

Brunswick launches new product lines

Entering 2024, Brunswick Corporation continued its rapid cadence of new product launches, debuting 15 new products from across its award-winning brands at major global trade shows in just the first few weeks of the year.

Mercury Marine introduced the most powerful Avator electric outboard models yet, the 75e and 110e, which made their global debuts at the 2024 Consumer Electronics Show (CES) and featured in regional launches at both the Toronto Boat Show and Boot Dusseldorf. Mercury now has five Avator engine models in its lineup and showed a con-

cept for a larger and more powerful electric outboard at CES and Dusseldorf. Additionally, Mercury announced the new 9.9hp Pro Kicker conventional outboard at the Toronto Show.

Simrad showed the NSX ULTRAWIDE multi-function display for the first time on a Sea Ray boat at CES. The 16:9 aspect ratio display is available in 12-inch and 15-inch screen sizes. It was also present on the Navico Group exhibit at the Dusseldorf show and was featured in several OEM displays, and it will be at many upcoming major shows, including the Miami Boat Show in February.

Sea Ray launched its exciting new SDX 270 and SDX 270 Surf models in early January at the Atlanta Boat Show. The SDX 270 Surf is the first SDX model to feature the Mercury Marine Mer-Cruiser Bravo 4S forward-facing drive and innovative surf control system designed jointly by Mercury Marine and Navico Group.

Princecraft, the aluminum boat market leader in Canada, unveiled the Vectra 23 WRL pontoon, the innovative Ventura 230 WRL hybrid fishing boat, and the Avator-powered Brio 17 during a media event in Toronto while

Brunswick's **Harris** pontoon brand launched its most premium model, the all-new Crowne 250, in early January and won an NMMA Innovation Award at the Minneapolis Boat Show. **Lowe Boats** also announced the new and very affordable RS Pontoon series that features six models ranging from 23 to 27 feet.

"We know consumers continue to appreciate innovative new products and technology, and Brunswick is entering 2024 by introducing industry-leading

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shallow waters behind Assateague Island in a kayak? Do you want the exhilaration of a jet ski? Do you want to bay fish in a center console skiff or get a two engine, deep hull beauty to go off shore in search of the coveted white marlin? Or do you prefer the leisure, relaxation and family entertainment of a pontoon boat?

It's important that you have a clear

understanding of what you want to do with the boat before your eyes glaze over in a sea of pristine fiberglass. Recreational boats, like any piece of machinery, are optimized for a task. Some are designed to go fast. Others are optimized for fishing in deep water or for fishing in the bay. Still others are designed for comfort with heads and sleeping berths while others are optimized for ease of beaching on a sandbar or at Assateague Island.

Cost and functionality are the pri-

mary criteria. Besides the initial purchase price, a boat has annual costs for fuel, dockage, maintenance, insurance and winter storage. You should really think about an annual operating budget for your 'hole-in-the-water' before you decide on a boat size.

Hull shape is the next biggest concern because it effects functionality. There are four basic hull shapes: flat bottom, rounded bottom, vee shaped, and multi hull. All of them displace enough water to keep the boat afloat (buoyant) but each has its advantages and disadvantages.

A flat bottom boat distributes the displacement volume over the widest surface area thus minimizing the draft (how deep it sits in the water). Therefore, flat bottom boats are the choice for dealing with shallow waters.

However, they are very sensitive to wave action and give you an uncomfortable ride in choppy waters.

Vee shaped hulls put more of the required boat volume needed to maintain buoyancy deeper in the water thus reducing the amount of the boat's footprint at the water surface. This makes the boat more maneuverable and more stable in heavier seas. Vee shapes are the preferred design for fast boats and off shore cruising.

The rounded bottom boat is most commonly seen in the sail boat community where the boat heels as the wind pushes on the sails. Since the wind can be from either the port or starboard sides there is a need for the hull to ap-

pear symmetrically to the water on either tack. A rounded hull does just that. However, rounded hulls have an exaggerated tendency to roll. This would be a show stopper for a power boat but not for a sail boat because they have heavy keels or deep dagger boards that retard rolling. The down side is draft. Keels and dagger boards require lots of depth - something we don't have a lot of in our



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The last type is the multihull. Catamarans and pontoon boats are examples. They are more spacious, provide a comfortable ride and can have very little draft. Their downside is maneuverability. They tend to require a greater turning radius than a vee or flat bottom hull boat.

Finally, one last thought: Don't act rashly. There are always boats for sale. To paraphrase the famous line from 'The Godfather:' Leave the checkbook (at home). Take the brochures.

Stay safe. Stay dry.

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It's boat show time

Boating is an ethereal experience that comforts my soul and rejuvenates my spirit like nothing else. The warm individual embrace of a favorite pastime, hobby or activity makes better the milestones and ex-

Sufferers learn that increased operation and maintenance expenses are commensurate with boat size which in time dims the luster of enthusiasm. Larger boats require more skill to maneuver and dock, increasing frustration. Within a couple seasons, the "must have" vessel is put up for sale attracting the next hypnotized boater, starting the cycle again. Fortunately, I have never been so afflicted. If I was, my wife would have cured me of it – fast.

Some boaters buy a boat for the enjoyment of others, not themselves. This is fine for a while until the "others" are attracted to a different activity leaving the captain high and dry with a boat he (or she) didn't really want in the first place.

periences defining who we are.

The highpoints of my personal milestone list include when my wife agreed to marry me, the births of our children, the births of our grandchildren and those occasions when I took possession of a new boat. Yes, boats rank up there with my wife, children and grandchildren – sometimes earning the top spot depending on the situation. Don't judge me.

I've had one wife in my life and a few more boats that each made an indelible impression. There was the *Marylou*, an eight-foot wooden row boat my grandfather built; the *G.G.*, a 1957 Newport my grandfather bought for my brother and me in 1977; the *Susan B. Anthony*, a 1982 15-foot Invader I purchased in 1997; the *Susan B. Anthony II*, a 2004 19-foot Bayliner Capri I bought from my father-in-law in 2007; and, *Andiamo*, a 2023 19-foot Bayliner VR4 my wife and I bought at last year's Optimist Boat Show.

During my nearly 58 years of boating, I've watched the actions of other boaters, young and old, good and bad, serious and foolhardy. Here is what I've observed.

Two-foot-itis, is a condition afflicting some boaters mesmerized by the hypnotic whisper of "bigger is better" that persuades them to purchase ever-larger boats. Often the story plays out in similar fashion.

Then there are those intrepid souls who always wanted a boat because it looks like fun. Unfortunately, their appreciation for the responsibilities of boat ownership and operation is not as fully developed as their desire. They soon discover that boats are not like cars - a reality that hits home within a season or two when regular upkeep becomes a dreaded or even ignored chore. Some realize there's more to boating than skimming carefree across glass-like water when they back down a crowded boat ramp for the first time.

The best, and in my opinion the

only, boat to own is one you can afford. That's a credo I've lived by and tried to instill in my children. My other wisdom nugget is this: you get out of a boat what you put into it. In other words, if you skimp on or ignore maintenance and upkeep you will pay the price, usually at the most inopportune time.

But I digress. The Optimist Boat Show has been a "must attend" calendar entry each February for more than 30 years. When my children were little, boat show attendance was required. These days my son, and now my grandson, roams the show with me, attracted by the gleaming hulls of new boat models and the glitz of new accessories.

Leading up to last year's show, my wife and I had talked on and off about replacing our 19-year-old Capri, a boat we loved and that was meticulously maintained, looking nearly new. But for several years we were having difficulty locating a mechanic versed in inboard/outboard maintenance and repair. We came very close to retrofitting the boat to accommodate an outboard

trash?" Determined, I casually laid out on the counter a brochure open to the boat of interest.

My wife is no fool. She knew exactly what I was doing, having experienced my sometimes clumsy, child-like tactics over many years. The conversation evolved over the next 36 hours, culminating in a return visit to the show, this time with my wife and checkbook in hand. We got there two hours before the show closed on the last day.

Once convinced, my wife was fully engaged in the process - selecting colors and options and learning more about the warranty. When we finally finished, sales order in hand, the lights had already dimmed in the Convention Center, dealers were breaking down displays.

Unlike our other boats, this one really is "ours." Together my wife and I shared the buying experience and anticipated delivery - sort of like when our children were born. Well, maybe that's not the best analogy. On those occasions my wife was the center of attention while I sat ignored on an extremely hard, uncomfortable chair for many hours. But that's another story for another time.

Anyway, this weekend's boat show is an event not to be missed. Whether you're a new boater, a seasoned boater or somewhere in between, enjoy the show. If you happen to buy a new boat, enjoy the experience! If you're a new boater, be sure to sign up for one of the many Power Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary boating classes. Safety on the water is safety for all of us.

"Honey, where's the checkbook?"

It's All About...

By **Chip Bertino**

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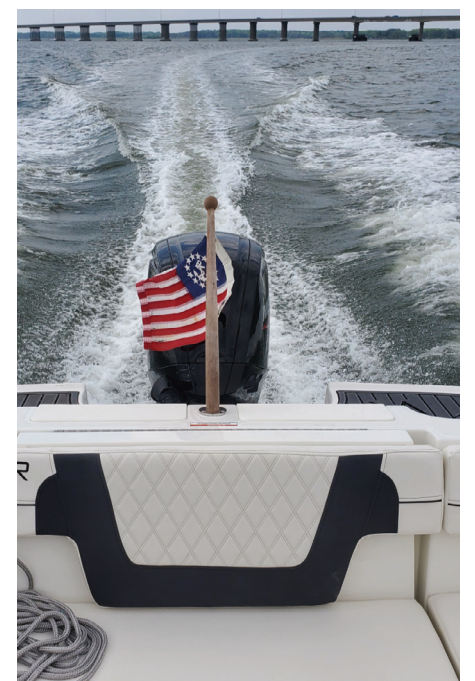
Chooch aboard the new boat

engine but concluded it wasn't practical and too costly. What to do?

While wandering last year's show on opening day, my son, grandson and I went about our routine of climbing aboard different boats of interest, evaluating features and options.

We rounded the last display aisle when one of the boats caught my eye. We climbed aboard and before long I was talking with the sales rep about options and pricing. Thirty minutes later, I was walking away, my thoughts racing on what to do next. Translation - how to discuss with my wife purchasing a new boat in a way that ensured a positive outcome.

Once home, I played the scene low-key, offhandedly uttering comments about a particular boat I had seen hoping to elicit follow-up questions that would initiate a more productive discussion. What I got was, "That's nice. Did you take out the





Commentary

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Pecuniary pickleballers protest

OPA held a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, providing association members an opportunity to comment or ask questions about the proposed \$18 million or so budget for the next fiscal year. Except for an obviously organized group of disgruntled pickleballers attending, the clubhouse meeting room would have been virtually empty. Then again, pickleballers always seem disgruntled about something lately.

Pickleballers were there in force. They had major concerns about the budget. Those concerns were not related

to reserves. Not to the amount of the assessment. Not even to the amount a non-member pays to drop in and play pickball. No. Their concerns were of a more serious financial nature.

Their outrage was over management proposing a 10% increase in the cost of pickleball memberships. This “10% increase” refrain kept echoing around the room. Other attendees were in shock to hear about such a dramatic increase. What was management thinking? Didn’t management realize pickleballers represent the financial engine behind

OPA’s Racquet Sports amenity?

Finally, the question was asked. How many dollars of an increase are we talking about? It had to be substantial, given the obvious outrage of the pickleballers. Turns out a yearly membership is increasing by about \$20 for an individual, and perhaps \$30 or so for some other membership categories. Twenty Dollars. Yes. Twenty Dollars a YEAR. FORTY CENTS a week.

Given the enormity of the increase, even the few non-pickleballers in the room gasped in astonishment.

Sarcasm aside, pickleballers at the meeting certainly made themselves look like a bunch of whiners. Remember the “court flap” a few months back when the facility manager walked off the job and bad-mouthed OPA management? Hundreds of pickballers emailed the board, demanding OPA give the manager whatever he wanted to get him back. He was special. OPA could not survive without the man.

OPA General Manager John Viola, recognizing the grief these pickleballers were experiencing, gave the fellow what he wanted — even giving him a newly created position of Racquet Sports Director. Well, a week or so ago, the fellow quit again and took a job with Ocean City. All the gory details are in the recent edition of the *Ocean Pines Progress*.

During the discussion on Wednesday, Viola pointed out that OPA spent over \$500,000 on upgrades and maintenance on the racquet sports complex in the last couple of years. Some of that money was to build a fence around the pickleball court area to keep freeloading pickleballers from playing without paying. The fence is not high enough.

Comments were made suggesting tennis requires more maintenance, but a tennis membership is around \$100 more a year than a pickleball membership. Also, let’s not forget, pickleballers also get to play in the gym during the winter as part of their membership.

One gentleman complained about cracks in the pickleball courts, suggesting OPA should be more careful when contracting out the work. It seems the cracks in question may be on macadam courts that were installed perhaps 40 years ago for tennis when the tennis op-

eration was moved from the Yacht Club area to the Manklin Meadows facility.

Oh, yes. In the works is a remodeling project on the racquet sports clubhouse. Another \$200,000 or so?

If pickleballers are so concerned about percentage when it comes to an increase in membership fees, they should also be aware the over \$1 million spent on that racquet sports amenity over the last four to five years was contributed by the 95% or more of association members who never set foot on a court.

Pickleballers should just pay the new fees and stop all this public whining. The OPA Board of Directors should eliminate all the various fees related to racquet sports memberships, and institute a single combination racquet sports membership fee that allows members to play pickleball, tennis, or platform tennis. Accounting savings alone would probably pay for a new court and maybe end the intra-sport dog fights.

Every business amenity in Ocean Pines should be managed to produce maximum financial benefit for all association members. Pickleball and other racquet sports are no exception.

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new products at a rapid pace, some of which have already captured major awards and set new benchmarks in their respective categories,” said Dave Foulkes, Brunswick Corporation CEO. “We have no plans to slow down, with a number of major announcements still to come at the Miami International Boat Show in February.”

Brunswick is also continuing its record pace of awards, already capturing an NMMA Innovation Award for the Crowne 250 and the 2023 European Powerboat of the Year award for the Sea Ray SLX 260, among others. Three of its brands are also celebrating anniversaries in 2024 including Mercury Marine (85), Princecraft (70), and Sea Ray (65).

Brunswick manufacturers Bayliner, Bostonwhaler, Crestliner, Cypress Cay, Harris, Lowe, Lund, Sea Ray, Quicksilver, Rayglass and Thunder Jet.

Courier Almanac

On February 14, around the year A.D. 270, Valentine, a holy priest in Rome in the days of Emperor Claudius II, is said to have been executed. Under the rule of Claudius the Cruel, Rome was involved in many unpopular and bloody campaigns. The emperor had to maintain a strong army, but was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. Claudius believed that Roman men were unwilling to join the army because of their strong attachment to their wives and families. To get rid of the problem, Claudius banned all marriages and engagements in Rome. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.



According to the Cleveland Clinic, cherries get their notable color from anthocyanins, a group of deep red, purple and blue pigments found in various plants. Anthocyanins are flavonoids, which are plant-based chemicals that provide a host of nutritional benefits. Flavonoids boast antioxidant properties, which can protect individuals against inflammation and help them fight free radicals. That’s noteworthy, as free radicals are unstable molecules that can damage blood cells and skin cells. The Cleveland Clinic also notes that free radicals have been linked to chronic diseases, including cancer, diabetes and heart disease. By eating more cherries, individuals can make themselves less vulnerable to the damage caused by free radicals, which is reason enough for anyone to include these colorful and powerful fruits in their daily diets.

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Practice safe boating at all times

Boating is a recreational activity enjoyed by thousands of people. Spring and summer are prime times of year for boating, though people who live in temperate climates may be able to enjoy boating all year long.

Everyone who takes to the water, novices and experienced boaters included, should be familiar with boating safety

Boating safety goes beyond learning basic operation and navigation. Safety guidelines also involve getting a vessel safety check. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers complimentary boating examinations. They can verify the presence and condition of safety equipment required by federal and state organizations. Boaters also may be able to conduct virtual vessel exams. This means boat owners can perform a self-inspection of the boats based on digital prompts. Licensure and registration of boats are part of responsible boat ownership.

Along with boating inspections and water rules, some other ways to stay safe involve educating oneself of the larger dangers on the water. These generally involve risky boater behavior, such as failing to wear a life jacket or having an inadequate number of life jackets for passengers. Al-

cohol use while boating also can be problematic. Being under the influence can adversely affect boaters' reaction times and decision-making abilities. According to the 2018 U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics Report, alcohol continued to be the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in 2018, accounting for 100 deaths (19 percent) of total fatalities. Curbing alcohol use while boating can help avoid accidents and deaths.

Excessive speeds also can derail

nice days on the water. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says that, although there are no numerical speed limits on the water, excessive speed can cause accidents in crowded areas. Speeding makes it difficult to react to obstacles - including underwater wildlife - and bring the boat to a stop within a safe distance of others.

As the boating season heats up, make safety a big part of operating and enjoying a vessel.



guidelines. In fact, it is a good idea to take a boating safety course prior to boating for the first time or as a refresher if it has been a while since reviewing the rules of the water.

Bentley Pontoons offer variety

Bentley Pontoons characterizes itself "by superior style and comfort" with an "aim to provide the ultimate luxury, performance and ride quality at an affordable price."

With a manufacturing hub in Lexington, SC the company offers five different models. The Elite Series models are 22-feet to 25-feet with varying trim features. The series offers walk-thru floor plans and horsepower offers from 150 to 350 with occupant rates of 15 to 16 persons.

The Legacy Series several trim levels between 22-feet and 24 feet, all providing ample storage. Horsepower ratings range from 115 to 300. Occupant capacity is 15 to 16.

The Fish Series fuses versatility with functionality offering a range of floorplans to "suit every angler's needs." Trim level sizes at 20-foot, 22-foot and 24 foot. Occupant ratings are between 12 and 16 depending on model. Horsepower availability

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Trails & Waterways

James Farm Ecological Preserve

By **Ralph Ferrusi**

The 150-acre James Farm Ecological Preserve, just north of Ocean View in Sussex County, Delaware was a 1992 gift from the late Mary Lighthipe, a life-long coastal Sussex resident and a descendant of the James family who had farmed the land for generations. The gift was in memory of her son, Harold, with the condition that the property be used for environmental education and recreational activities.

The property, a true oasis of multiple trails and long boardwalks through mixed hardwood and pine forests leading to marshlands and a long, gently-sloping white sand beach on Pasture Point Cove, has been managed by the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays since 1998. It is visited by an estimated 10,000 outdoor-minded folks every year. It has never been crowded on any of our many visits.

Three observation platforms offer expansive views of salt marshes and the Indian River Bay. More than 4,000 trees were purchased and planted on the property thanks to a USFWS (United States Fish and Wildlife Service) Partners in Wildlife reforestation effort.

The Farm is open dawn-to-dusk, 365 days a year, no charge. Dogs must be leashed at all times. You are required to clean up after them. There is a dog cleanup station by the parking lot. Glass bottles are prohibited. The facility is carry-in/carry-out, take your trash with you. And, biting insects and ticks can be prevalent during temperate weather. A map is available on-line.

Getting there. Skootch over to Cedar Neck Road, north of Oceanview, Delaware. In a bit you'll spot a big James Farm Ecological Preserve sign on the left, and a nice-sized parking area and a kiosk with a large trail map. Choose from red, orange, yellow, blue, green, and purple trails.

The typically wide trails are nicely color-coded. We just about always head west on the Red Trail, that gently bobs and weaves through the woods, heading for the cove, and the bay, soon passing a large, well-kept mobile home community on the left.

Turning left on the Blue Trail, you soon reach Observation Platform #1

on the left. Ooh and ahh at the view towards Pasture Point Cove, across a small marsh, where birds sometimes traipse around in the reeds.

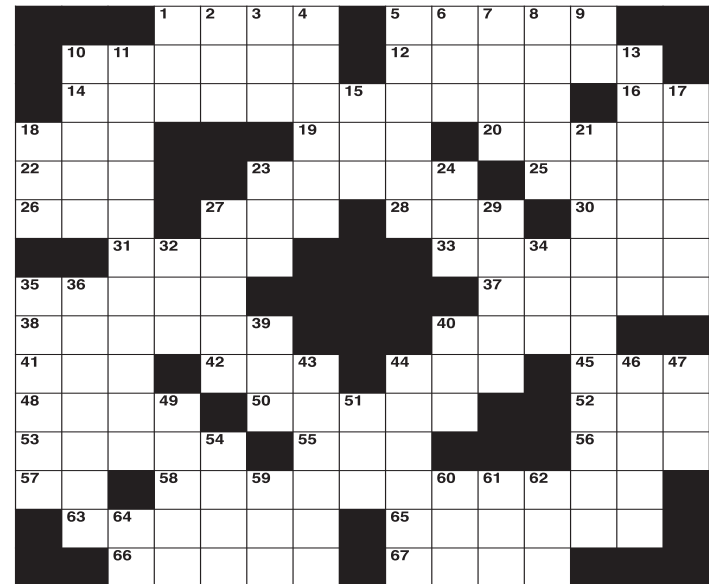
Continuing on Blue, eventually you'll come to a can't-miss opening on the left to a short boardwalk leading to the bay and the beach. During summer the beach is a popular family destination. "Off season" you'll have it pretty much to yourself. Enjoy exploring the long, empty beach in both directions, as far as you dare, and the views across the vast open bay.

Head back to Red onto a long, wide sturdy boardwalk. Pretty quickly, turn left on the Orange Trail boardwalk, and head out to Observation Platform #2, looking out over an extensive marshland, where deer are often wandering and birds are often happily chirping.

Back to Orange, turn left on Green, then left on Purple, swinging around to Cedar Neck Road. Follow your nose to the road, carefully cross it, and make a sharp right to Observation Platform #3, overlooking Beach Cove, on Indian River Bay. The Observation Platforms are always worth the short climb and bit of time.

Follow Purple back to the parking lot, and pat yourself on the back for another fine day on the farm. Thanks to the volunteers who have kept Mary Lighthipe's dream alive and well.

Kathy and Ralph Ferrusi are avid hikers, bicyclists, canoeists, world travelers, and, readers. They live in Ocean Pines, where they enjoy fine—and some not-so-fine—wines. Comments, suggestions: rjferrusi@frontiernet.net.

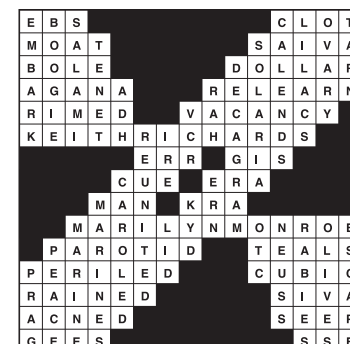


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- 10. Type of protection
- 12. Cloud
- 14. One who returns to life
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- 18. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 19. Baby's dining accessory
- 20. Enchantress
- 22. Prefix denoting "in a"
- 23. Spiritual leader
- 25. Cavities
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- 44. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 45. Macaws
- 48. Actress Remini
- 50. Polynesian wrapped skirt
- 52. City of Angels hoops team (abbr.)
- 53. Fitzgerald and Baker are two
- 55. Bowling alley must-have
- 56. A way to cool down
- 57. Ethnic group in Asia
- 58. A way to alter
- 63. Set of five
- 65. Removes from the record
- 66. Dummies
- 67. Set period in office

CLUES DOWN

- 1. DC Comics superhero
- 2. Brew
- 3. Play
- 4. Single-celled animals
- 5. Rough to the touch
- 6. Small island (British)
- 7. Often noted alongside cons
- 8. Preparation of rootstock
- 9. Atomic #44
- 10. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 11. About secretary
- 13. Particular groups
- 15. Poke fun at
- 17. Make certain that something occurs
- 18. Financial term
- 21. Justify
- 23. Arbitrator
- 24. 007's creato
- 27. Czech name for Prague
- 29. Groans
- 32. American time
- 34. No seats available
- 35. ___ Stahl, journalist
- 36. Cleft lip
- 39. Talk incessantly
- 40. Expresses atomic and molecular weights (abbr.)
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Curdled milk
- 46. Running competitions
- 47. A team's best pitcher
- 49. Carthaginian explorer
- 51. World-renowned city
- 54. Most common Japanese surname
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. They ___
- 61. City of Angels football team (abbr.)
- 62. Distinctive practice
- 64. One quintillion bytes



Answers for February 7

The U.S. Coast Guard serves a unique role

The United States Coast Guard is one of the nation's oldest and most respected federal agencies. It was established in 1790 and continues to serve a dual role both domestically and internationally.

The U.S. Coast Guard is comprised of roughly 42,000 men and women. Unlike other branches of the government, the Coast Guard has distinct roles during times of peace and war. In times of peace, the Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security, which also oversees the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency. The Coast Guard protects marine environments, enforces laws at sea, helps guard the coastline, and engages in life-saving missions at sea. During conflicts and time of war, the United States President can direct the Coast Guard to serve as part of the U.S. Navy, defending the nation against terrorism and foreign threats at sea. The Coast Guard technically is both a federal law enforcement agency and a branch of the military.

The Coast Guard is often the first responder on the ocean or other waterways. The Coast Guard protects the

water and coastline through 11 official missions. These include:

1. Search and rescue
2. Marine environmental protection
3. Drug interdiction
4. Aids to navigation
5. Living marine resources
6. Defense readiness
7. Port and waterway security
8. Migrant interdiction
9. Marine safety
10. Ice operations
11. Law enforcement

The service motto of the Coast Guard is "Semper Paratus (Always Ready)," and members of the USCG are on duty in many different capacities every day of the year.

The U.S. Coast Guard is always looking for new recruits. A person can enlist in the Coast Guard right out of high school or apply to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Graduates earn a bachelor's degree as well as an officer's commission. That can result in higher pay and greater responsibility over time. Learn more about the United States Coast Guard at www.uscg.mil.

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Bayliner offers affordability and fun on the water

By **Chip Bertino**

Bayliner. The name is synonymous with boating fun on the water. Today, considered the largest boat manufacturer in the world, it is a division of Brunswick Corporation with popular models such as the Trophy, the VR series, the M series and DX deck boats.

The company's origins trace back to a byproduct of fate and the aspirations of a boat racer who dropped a line in the marine industry by selling on weekends used race boat parts in an open lot in Seattle.

To many, John Orin Edson was a dreamer who worked hard to improve product standards and quality. His rise in the boating industry was quick. He transitioned from selling used equipment to selling friends' boats then buying unfinished plywood boats that he would paint to order. A Mercury engine franchise and retail business soon followed with locations in Seattle, Dallas, Houston, Clearlake, TX and Miami.

Then came boat manufacturing. Puget Plastics was founded in 1966. Edson worked to keep things simple by following closely what customers

wanted, keeping quality high and prices low. In 1972, the company was incorporated as Bayliner. The company pioneered the single affordable unit of the performance-matched boat, motor and trailer package. This effort is credited with making Bayliner the largest, most successful company in the marine industry.

Edson sold the company to Brunswick in 1986 for \$425 million the equivalent of \$1.2 billion today. Bayliner, an award-winning manufacturer, remains popular. Brunswick also owns Mercury Marine which power all Bayliner lines.

"It's a simple boat, a value proposition," explains Bayliner Marketing Manager Sara Fahy during a recent interview. "It's an easy-to-use boat."

The company focuses on three hull styles: deck boats, center consoles and bowriders.

There are three series in the deck boat category. The M series is designed around the company's signature M-Hull foundation which creates a stable, predictable and easy to maneuver running surface. It boasts "automotive-

style" handling for new or experienced boaters. The series comes in 15-foot, 17-foot and 19-foot options and available outboard power of either 60 hp or 115 hp.

The DX Series is a deck boat that "can do everything you need it to do." In either the 20-foot or 22-foot version, it offers plush interiors and versatile seating configurations and outboard horsepower between 150 and 250.

The E Series Deck boat harkens back to Edson's credo of simplicity. The boats, available in 16- and 18-foot configurations, combine affordability with stability and easy handling. Available outboards are the 75 hp or 115 hp.

The Trophy Series Center Console Boats offer a deep V-hull and a user-friendly design for families and serious-minded anglers. The broad bow offers room for casting. The series is available in 18-, 20-, 22- and 24-foot configurations and offers engine options between 115-hp and 300-hp depending on size and pocketbook.

New this year, the company introduced its Overnight Boats with its PH and EX series Pilothouse and Explorer

lines which incorporate features for cruising, fishing and overnight stays.

The Pilot series offers configurations in 23-foot which has a maximum horsepower rating of 225 and the 25-foot which has a maximum horsepower rating of 300.

The Explorer series offers three configurations in 23-foot, 25-foot and 29-foot models with horsepower maximums of 225, 300 and 450 respectively.

The VR series Bowriders offer the traditional bowrider configuration with a V-hull and the trademarked Beamforward design that carries the full width of the boat through the bow. It also offers the AftAdvantage design creating more usable space. The series is available in 19-, 21- and 23-foot sizes and offers both inboard/outboard (200 hp) and outboard engine options (115 hp and 150 hp).

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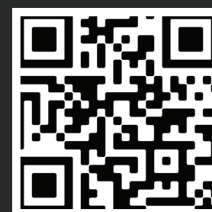
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Strengthen your core muscles with physical therapy

By **Cara Konlian**, MSPT, CEO
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Whether lifting a box, or running a marathon, you need strong core muscles for functional movement, balance, performance, and injury prevention.



Cara Konlian

What are core muscles?

The core muscles consist of two groups:

Inner Core Muscles: These deep internal muscles are the core's stabilizers. They are attached to the spine and support movement.

Outer Core Muscles: These muscles support the inner core. They work in conjunction with the inner core muscles to move the body.

Core stability vs. core strength

While core stability and strength may appear synonymous, they are different.

Core Stability: This is the ability to

stabilize the spine with muscle activity and the focus on the inner core muscles.

Core Strength: Refers to the muscles' ability to move, involving the outer core muscles.

Understanding the importance of core strength

Core strength plays a critical role in various activities, such as lifting objects or engaging in long-distance running. But why is core strength so important?

Insufficient activation of the core muscles can result in decreased control and coordination of the body, along with potential reductions in movement efficiency and the development of compensatory patterns.

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You've probably heard of "core muscles" before, but the term "anticipatory core" is usually unfamiliar to most people. The core is traditionally thought of as the abdominal muscles and related to conditions like low back pain or spine instability. However, there's much more to the core than just the abdominal muscles.

The anticipatory core group consists of four muscles:

- the respiratory diaphragm
- transverse abdominis
- pelvic floor group
- multifidus.

We will discuss the anatomy of each muscle, how they work together, and the role they play in pelvic health conditions like urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse.

Respiratory diaphragm: This is your main breathing muscle. It's a large, umbrella-shaped muscle that sits at the bottom of your ribcage and separates your chest cavity from your abdominal cavity. When you breathe in, this muscle will expand downward

to draw air into your lungs. When you breathe out, this muscle contracts back up.

Transverse Abdominis: This is the deepest of all of the abdominal muscles. It wraps from your spine all the way to the front of your abdomen, almost like a built-in girdle. It is important for spinal stability and managing pressure in your abdominal cavity.

Pelvic Floor Muscles: This group of muscles sits in the base of your pelvis like a sling. They have many important functions like postural stability, sphincter control, sexual appreciation, and pelvic organ support. How do you know when it is time to have your pelvic floor issues or pain evaluated? Here are the steps to take.

Multifidus: This muscle covers your entire spine. It has more mass at the base of your spine near your sacrum, with muscle fibers decreasing in bulk at the top of your spine in your neck. This muscle helps control spine motion and provides stability.

All four of these muscles will activate in a specific order, milliseconds

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Remembrances of a life-long observational lunatic

By **Robert Pellenberg**

History tells us that the late 1950s and early 1960s were exciting, newly dynamic times in space exploration science. Such orbital projects as the Echo Balloon, Telstar, and weather observer satellites were either in orbit, or in the planning stage. Why, there was even talk about sending probes to the moon! Astronomy excitement was growing like a volcanic eruption. Everyone, it seemed, was turning their eyes skyward, especially at night. And, indeed, what better way to view and feed the excitement than with a telescope? Well, the market took note, and a vast number of generally mediocre 'scopes appeared, but, much to the delight of budding observers, even the poorest telescope could show amazing things, especially on the Moon.

Well, I was on board with the telescope hysteria of the time, and received a reflector for Christmas in 1961. The telescope was really wonderful (for the time), and it came in an orange corrugated cardboard box complete with an integral carrying handle. The three-inch mirror was mounted (via plastic, with collimating screws) in a cardboard tube covered with a well - done generic star

map in deep blue. Three wooden dowel legs lifted the telescope slightly off a surface, and two single lens eyepieces in grey plastic provided 'powerful' views of the heavens. Christmas night that year had a roughly full moon, so, of course, I took the telescope out in the cold night to look at the moon. Suffice it to say, the moon at 40X, for a novice observer, was mind boggling. The little cardboard and plastic telescope, with its sky chart wrapped around the tube, actually looked rather like a legendary Questar, came through like a champ!

I used this well engineered reflector for a couple of years, on clear nights on the East Coast, largely to view the moon as the non-fail-to-find astronomical target. After a while, a Tasco refractor beaconsed with a medium objective and eyepieces promising more power. However, I do not recall observing the moon with this optically poor telescope. The Tasco did have a large extendable tripod, so one could adjust the telescope for stand-up observing. The Questar look-alike and its orange box somehow got lost in the shuffle of me growing older, and I do wish I had kept it as the source of many fine memories of trips to the

moon.

Fast forward many years, and I was living in southern California with clear skies almost every night in the desert. One day, while poking in a local department store, I noticed, and purchased, a Meade 60mm achromat refractor set up for \$50 (special sale price). How could I go wrong for \$50? Well, the telescope had a clever, smooth mounting and tripod system, was very light and easy to move after set up, and offered okay optics. Two included eyepieces had, I think, more than one lens each as a step up from the earlier optics. I wondered if the 60mm 'scope could be coaxed to a higher plane of performance as my personal Lunar observatory. Hmmm . . .

The new telescope, over a year or so, was incrementally brought up-to-snuff. I had noticed that the original optics yielded a nice, though small, lunar image surrounded with a purple haze. With a bit of research, I found a filter which would eliminate the haze when screwed into the eyepiece barrel. One step up.

Next, I replaced the stock right angle star diagonal with one having a first surface mirror. Images now were really sharp, and crisp, but still small, so I added a high quality 5mm eyepiece to the set up, and wow! At 140X, the moon popped, and amazing features were crystal clear, haze free, and bright. I added several ounces of tire weights to counter balance the eyepiece end of the telescope, and it was now a homerun device. I could easily see, for example, the Huygens Rille, and crater, when these amazing lunar features were illuminated.

I observed most nights from my backyard with the telescope placed on a low cinderblock wall so that the eyepiece was mostly at eyelevel. No bending or crouching needed. Centering the telescope on the moon was a cinch: point the

telescope toward the moon, move the barrel around until its shadow was minimized, and the moon was dead center in the eyepiece. It was always amazing to scan the lunar surface on a given night, and seek out increasingly familiar features as the months and lunar phases rolled past. For example, there was one feature consisting of the illuminated rims of a couple of adjacent craters which looked like a pair of pince-nez eyeglasses. Another time, and only once over several years of observing, I spied a large crater with its whole elevated rim illuminated, but only the sunward portion of the floor lit up. This illumination clearly showed the curvature of the 'small' lunar sphere. However, the most amazing scene in my 60mm scope was the night that the International Space Station passed in front of the moon while I was watching. Totally bonkers! This sight was totally unplanned, and, honestly, had I planned and tried to view the Lunar / ISS encounter, I surely would have missed it. Amateur astronomers know how that goes.

Well, the moon has never failed as a superb celestial object for visual observation. My telescopes have always been very modest (remember the Christmas 'scope?) to save money, but the last one (still in use) is a true dependable work-horse with now well-tuned, excellent optics. So, what can I suggest to the reader? Study the moon frequently as it courses across the sky, look for familiar objects, as they repeat appearance, and know that even very modest (aperture wise) equipment will give years of viewing 'wow' to anyone who chooses to examine our closest neighbor with dedication as the terminator marches inexorably across the lunar face. One may be looking at the moon, but one can never anticipate the constant surprises that await.

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Carozza pushes forward bills important to the Shore

Senator Mary Beth Carozza attended Governor Wes Moore's second State of the State Address on February 7 in front of a special joint session of the Maryland General Assembly.

"When Governor Moore highlights public safety as his top priority in his State of the State address, my constituents expect his words to be backed up by commonsense anti-crime bills," said Senator Mary Beth Carozza, who represents Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset counties. "That's why I, along with Senators Ron Watson (D-District 23) and Chris West (R-District 42), have introduced several bipartisan public safety bills to fight crime and make our streets and communities safer that we have asked the Governor to support. We believe you can have a rehabilitative justice system while still holding repeat violent offenders accountable."

Governor Moore recently released his \$63 billion spending plan for the 2025 fiscal year. While this budget spends less than last year and does not raise taxes, there is a sharp number of fee increases being proposed by the Administration through legislation and the regulatory process to address the current fiscal structural gap. No long-term plan has been presented to prevent the impending financial crisis.

"Given this year's budget challenges, the Maryland General Assembly needs to cut back and extend timelines for the big-ticket items like the Administration's \$1

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before you perform an activity such as reaching to take an object off a shelf, bending to lift a laundry basket, prior to a sneeze or cough, or any number of things. They do this to provide stability and support to your trunk.

If these muscles are weak or not activating properly, people may rely on breathing holding or increased intra-abdominal pressure to provide that core stability, which can put too much pressure on the pelvic cavity and cause leakage, contribute to pelvic organ prolapse, or other issues.

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billion Climate Pollution Reduction Plan and the \$3.8 billion annual Blueprint Education Plan over 10 years. That's the only way to ensure fair funding for our Shore priorities," said Carozza.

Community College Funding

Senator Carozza spoke at the Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC) Student Advocacy Day on Tuesday. MACC's priority for the 2024 legislative session is restoring full funding to the Community College Cade funding formula, which received a devastating \$22 million reduction in the Governor's proposed FY25 budget.

"Community colleges are anchor institutions in our communities that are crucial to Maryland's economic competitiveness through the workforce training they provide," said Carozza. "Rural communities on the Eastern Shore face unique challenges, and Wor-Wic Community College has been crucial in addressing these challenges by training local EMS staff, nurses, police, and correctional officers, as 90 percent of all Wor-Wic students stay on the Shore and strengthen our home community."

The Cade funding formula was established in 1996 with the goal of ensuring quality at Maryland's community colleges and establishing more equitable funding for all public higher education institutions in the State.

"As a member of the Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee representing Wor-Wic Community College, I will continue to fight to restore the Governor's devastating cuts to community colleges," said Carozza. "Our community colleges cannot be forced to reduce their budgets and course offerings at a time of increased student enrollment and workforce shortages in every major industry across the Shore and State of Maryland."

Child Custody Evaluators bill

Senator Carozza, with a panel of witnesses with expertise in child custody cases dealing with allegations of child abuse and domestic violence, testified on Thursday in strong support of Senate Bill 365 before the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. Senate Bill 365 would establish basic training and qualifications for child custody evaluators who play an important role in determining child custody outcomes. These requirements would help ensure the safety and well-being of children involved in the

most sensitive and difficult custody cases.

"I have heard too many stories where children were put in danger again and again because the court has ordered the child be in the presence of their abuser, and a majority of those decisions were based on the conclusions of an unqualified and untrained custody evaluator," said Carozza, who served on the Workgroup to Study Child Custody Court Proceedings Involving Child Abuse or Domestic Violence Allegations in 2019-2020. "In Maryland, we know of at least 21 children who have been murdered by a parent since 2008. Five of those children were already involved in a family court-related proceeding and could have been saved if the system did not fail them. We need to protect these children."

Courts follow the recommendations of the Custody Evaluators in over 90 percent of custody cases. Two years ago, the General Assembly supported a bill requiring training for judges and magistrates presiding over child custody cases involving child abuse or domestic violence. "It only makes sense that child custody evaluators be trained along the same lines as the judges who rely so heavily on their recommendations," said Carozza.

Fairness in Girls' Sports Bill

Senator Carozza, Jonathan Alexandre with the Maryland Family Institute, Evie Edwards with the Independent Council on Women's Sports, and Idaho Representative Barbara Ehardt who is a former NCAA player and coach, testified in support of Senate Bill 381 before the Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee on Wednesday. SB 381 would simply ensure a level playing field for girls' sports where biological girls only (born female) compete against biological girls (born female), and the bill applies only to high school interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity teams.

"This bill would protect the hard-earned opportunities for girls to compete in organized high school sports fairly, and to earn athletic awards and scholarships, just as I did as a student athlete. I played varsity high school tennis for four years at Stephen Decatur High School in the number one girls' single position for four years," said Carozza. "By holding that position at the high school level, I then had opportunities to compete in re-

gional and state tournaments that put me in the strongest position to be considered for a college athletic scholarship. As a result, I was offered and accepted a tennis scholarship to play for The Catholic University of America, a scholarship that was a lifeline for helping my family to pay for the cost of my college."

In the early twentieth century, women began fighting for their own spaces in sports, and through tremendous effort and hard-won accomplishments, Title IX was enacted on June 23, 1972, which was designed to eliminate discrimination against girls and women in education and athletics. Before Title IX, only 294,000 girls played high school sports compared to 3.7 million boys. In 2019, 3.4 million girls participated in high school sports compared to 4.5 million boys. "We have made immense progress, and we should not undermine that progress by allowing biological boys to take away the opportunities of girls by playing on girls' high school teams," said Carozza.

Stephen Decatur football champions

The Stephen Decatur High School football team was honored in Annapolis on Tuesday on the Senate and House floors of the Maryland General Assembly. The Seahawks won the Bayside Championship, the East Region, and the 2A State Championship for the first time in school history.

"As a proud Decatur graduate and student athlete, I am overjoyed that our Seahawks brought the first football state championships to the Eastern Shore since Cambridge South Dorchester won in 1996," said Carozza. "The team took the 'Seahawk Celebration' to Buckingham Elementary School, Showell Elementary School, and Ocean City Elementary School, where many of the team members attended, to give inspirational remarks and share encouraging words with the younger students."

During the state football championships, an overall sportsmanship award is given to one school for all classifications. Maryland has expanded the football classifications from four to six so there were 12 schools playing for a state title. Stephen Decatur High School was extremely proud to bring home the John H. Cox Sportsmanship Award this year given to the school that exhibits the best sportsmanship from its players, coaches, cheerleaders, and fans.

How to get kids more engaged in their dental health

Dental health should be a priority at any age, and is especially important for children. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says more than half of children between the ages of six and eight have had a cavity in at least one of their primary teeth. Also, more than half of adolescents aged 12 to 19 have had a cavity in at least one permanent tooth. Cavities and other oral health conditions, such as periodontal diseases, are largely preventable with proper oral hygiene.

Parents know that getting children — especially young ones — to care for their teeth in the correct manner may require some help and then reinforcement throughout the developmental years. However, there are ways to make dental care a more engaging activity for youngsters.



Use plaque-disclosing tablets. Show children just where they may need to direct more brushing effort with plaque-disclosing tablets.

These tablets use food-grade coloring in them, which sticks to areas with plaque accumulation. After chewing the tablets and the child smiles, he or she will see the spots where efforts need to be ramped up. This can be a fun lesson as children will likely enjoy seeing their teeth covered in the tablet color.

Flavored toothpastes and mouthwashes. Mint reigns supreme in oral health products as the dominant flavor, but not all children are enamored with that flavor. Most oral care products geared toward the younger set come in different flavors like bubble gum and berry. Kids can take active roles in their oral health by choosing the flavored

products they prefer to use.

Electronic toothbrushes. Children may enjoy using electronic toothbrushes because they are easy to maneuver and can even seem like a toy. According to the Cleveland Clinic, electric toothbrushes generally are considered more effective at removing plaque and keeping teeth clean. That benefits kids and adults because it potentially means fewer painful visits with the dentist.

Make it a competition. Children love games and healthy competition between peers and siblings. Offer a prize (non-sugary, of course) to children who brush and floss daily for the required times. Extra points can be awarded for every dental wellness check that comes back with a glowing report.

Make smart food choices. Engage children in lessons and choices about which foods are good for oral health and which may be poor. Sticky foods or those with a lot of sugary content should only be occasional treats. The entire family can work together to plan meals around

foods that are good for the teeth and gums, such as crunchy veggies, leafy greens, high-calcium dairy products, and fatty fish.

Practice on pets. Pets need clean teeth, too. Children may enjoy not only brushing their own teeth, but learning how to keep their companion animals' mouths healthy with brushing and care.

Various strategies can increase the chances that kids engage with oral hygiene practices early on.

Trivia game announced

There will be a trivia contest from a variety of categories at the Ocean Pines library on Wednesday, February 21 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the large meeting room. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers with refreshments served. The event is free with no registration necessary. No team is too big or small. Bring your friends, neighbors, siblings, in-laws or come and form a team at the event or play alone. Sponsored by Friends of the Ocean Pines Library.



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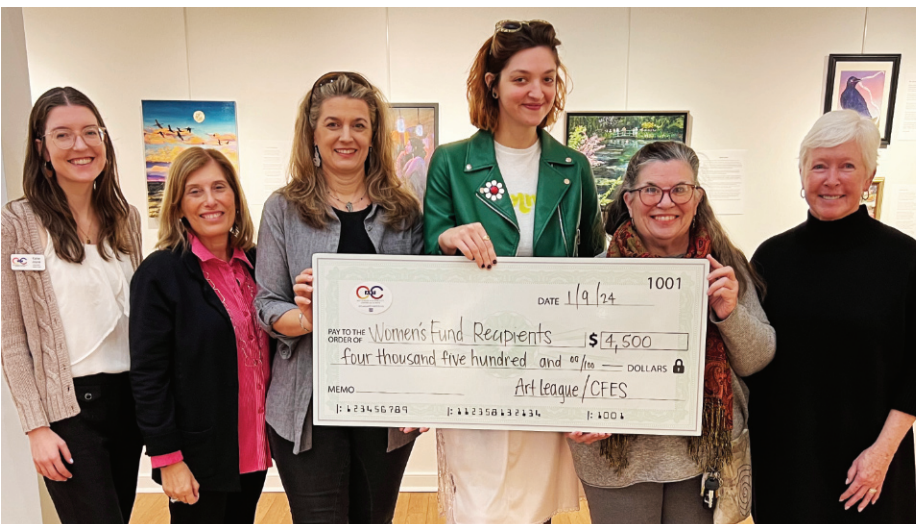
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Installation - The Ocean Pines Garden Club recently installed club officers for 2024. Pictured from L - R, **Ann Shockley** and **Lilanie Geiger**, co-presidents; **Sandy Gaffigan**, co-vice-president; **Laura Stearman**, corresponding secretary; **Anita Roberts**, recording secretary, and **Maria Brown**, treasurer. The club meets the second Thursday of each month, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. New members and visitors are welcome.



Presentation - The Art League of Ocean City awarded \$1,500 each to three female artists from Worcester and Wicomico counties. The funds were provided by a grant from the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and support the artists in creating a body of work that will be exhibited in the Thaler Gallery at the Ocean City Center for the Arts during March 2024 in celebration of Women's History Month. Left to right: **Katie Joyce** and **Rina Thaler** of the Art League; the three recipients: **Lisa Tossey**, **Jeri Alexander**, and **Sue Bromm**; and **Gayle Widdowson** from the Community Foundation's Women's Fund.



Love is in the air in Mrs. Engh's Kindergarten classroom for Ocean City Elementary's school counselor, Mrs. McGean. The students presented Mrs. McGean with paper hearts decorated with her picture and words of appreciation to celebrate School Counselor Day on February 7.

Anglers to meet

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, February 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. The speaker will be Fred Stiehl from the U.S. Power Squadron. Also, member updates will be provided on fishing trips, regulations and all things fishing. All are welcome.

Neil Young retrospective offered at library

Southern Man. Cinnamon Girl. Tonight's the Night.

Neil Young is a songwriter with a social conscience, with his guitar riffs reverberating through seven decades of American popular music. Frank DeLucco and Harry Burkett explore the high and low notes of his enduring career on Thursday, February 22, at 2 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library.

They will detail his 1960s beginnings with Buffalo Springfield and his success as a member of Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young. His most memorable contribution, "Ohio," became an instant anthem, marking the tragic killing of four students during an anti-Vietnam War protest at Kent State University.

"Delving deeper into his career, we began to appreciate that Neil Young can't be categorized as just rock, folk, or country," said DeLucco. "He's an artist in the purist sense of the word, always finding new mediums to express himself or communicate a feeling."

His landmark album, "Harvest" - featuring his biggest hit single, "Heart of Gold" - came in 1972, and his 1989 hit single, "Rockin' in the Free World," included several domestic critiques amid the fall of the Berlin Wall.

While Young experiments with various genres, ranging from rock and folk to blues and electronic, his raw and pioneering guitar work, indelible lyrics, and unique voice have remained his hallmarks. His frequent collaborations with Crazy Horse are considered the core of the Neil Young sound.

"Neil Young once said he wanted to merge Bob Dylan with the Rolling Stones," noted Burkett. "He's done that and much more."

For information on all Worcester County Library programs, please check out our Events page at worcesterlibrary.org.

RWWC game party set

The Republican Women of Worcester County are hosting a Card and Game Party on Thursday, March 21 at the Bayside Skillet at 77th Street in Ocean City. The cost is \$30 per person, all-inclusive and there are four lunch choices. For more information and to make a reservation, please call Kris Barron at 443-614-8445.

Wor-Wic opens makerspace to public

The makerspace in the Patricia and Alan Guerrieri Technology Center at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury is now open for memberships. A fee of \$20 for 20 hours of makerspace time will allow participants access to 3D printing, laser engraving, poster and decal printing and design software. Public lab hours will be Monday and Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For those who would like to get started on learning before they join, Wor-Wic's continuing education and workforce development is offering a course in "3D Modeling and Printing Fundamentals" on two Wednesdays, February 21 and 28, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the makerspace.

To register for the course, visit www.worwic.edu and look for the non-credit "Computers and Technology" courses section under "Programs and Courses." To join the makerspace, visit www.worwic.edu/services-support/makerspace.

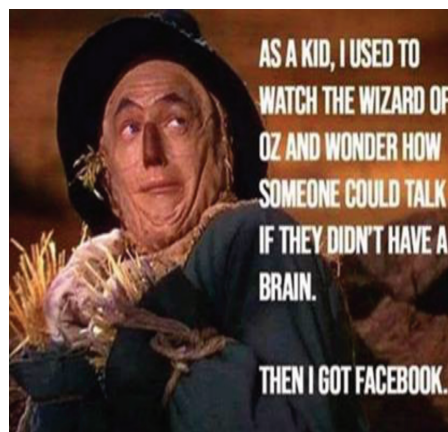
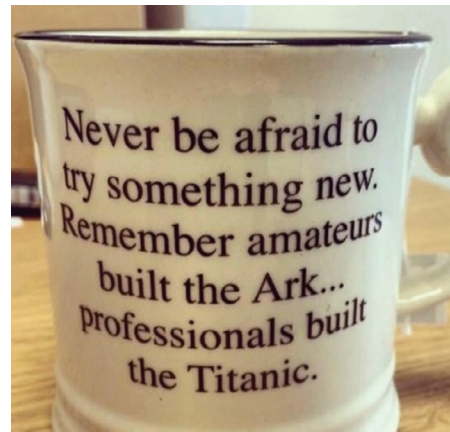
Wor-Wic to host dual enrollment session

High school students can get a head start on college credits at Wor-Wic Community College through dual enrollment, which is free for some students in Maryland. Learn how it works at an information session on Tuesday, February 27, at 6 p.m., at Guerrieri Hall on the Wor-Wic campus, located at the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

High school sophomores and juniors and their parents are welcome to attend. Visit the events section of www.worwic.edu to register or for more information.

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