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Breakfast success

On Saturday in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City hosted their annual summer Pancake Breakfast, with a Fourth of July theme. Proceeds from the event benefit the youth and families of Worcester County.

Pictured are the members of the Kiwanis Kitchen Crew, (front) **Dave Landis**, (rear) **Ed Ahlquist** and "Flippen" **Tom Flanagan** the Pancake Man.

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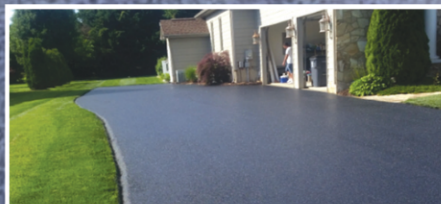
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Trails & Waterways

A bright side of a Grey Creek

By **K.A. Ferrusi**

Bay Day at Ocean Pines led me to a place I had never been. I stopped by the Maryland Coastal Bay booth and asked Liz if there are any new trails to explore. She asked if I had been to Illa Ferhrer Nature Preserve. The answer



was yes to that gem of a trail on Sinepuxent Road. An article about that trail appeared in a past issue of the *The Courier*.
Liz also mentioned Grey's Creek in Northern Worcester County. After a little more time at the Bay Day event, I picked up my husband and off we went

to Grey's Creek, Bishopville.
To get there go north on Rte. 113 and follow your GPS into Delaware then back to Maryland and Worcester County's northern tip. Just keep going on Williamsville Road as it turns into Delaware Road. You will see a Worcester County Department of Recreation sign on the right. There is an ample parking area and even a Port-a-John.
The first impression of the park was of open-air peacefulness. The trails are wide with a pine-straw base. The land is completely level with open woods. Take a look at the map posted just past the gate. Most of the traileed areas are in the shade of tall pine trees and a few deciduous trees that make the woods feel fresh and light. There are a few options for your walk. I'd definitely call it a walk more than a hike. The outer loop is a mile, and the center trail is less than a half mile. We started by going left on the outer loop trail to the bench at the half way point.

From there you can see North Ocean City and Fenwick Island, DE across the Assawoman Bay. Rest on the bench to take it all in or just keep walking all the way around. There are marshy areas that surround the trails but we did not encounter any wet or soggy sections. There is a short board walk over one section, all very easy to walk on. There are other benches along the paths, so take all the time you have to see this out-of-the-way sweet spot.
When we got back to the start, we did not want to leave. We then walked the wide center trail back to the view point and strolled back on one of the outer trails. We took it as a Sunday afternoon saunter. Others may want to quick-walk or jog these paths. Whichever you choose, you will know you are in a special place. This area has been restored as a nature preserve that helps filter water for a healthy bay, provides habitat for wild life, and is a respite for humankind all very close to growing communities. Congratulations to Worcester County, State of Maryland, and Maryland Coastal Bays.
I don't think anyone could get lost

because the trails are very well defined and marked. There were about a dozen people, dog walkers, families, solo walkers and couples on the trails. A solo walker recognized a cap my husband was wearing from the WalkWay over the Hudson in New York. We had a short conversation about the benefits of Eastern Shore living. Along the way we saw deer, signs of other animals and heard lots of bird song. In a semi-cleared area there is a healthy crop of milkweed. I'm sure the migrating butterflies will find it a temping stop on their journey. All in all, it is extremely inviting and feels serene. Take a walk on the calming trails of Grey's Creek. Breath deep and exhale smiling.
For more ideas about getting outdoors and keeping it local, go to: <http://www.DelmarvaTrailsandWaterways.com>, <http://www.MdCoastalBays.org>, Worcester County Recreation and Parks.
Kathryn Ferrusi enjoys sharing information on special places that are close by and feel miles away.

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By **Chip Bertino**

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casso, Monet and Rockwell will never be forgotten. There was DiMaggio, Uintas and Vince Lombardi who showed the crowd always how to get things done. Kate Hepburn and Cary Grant; James Stewart and James Dean; flickering images always, stars to say the least. Hemingway. Shaw. London and Poe. Stories for the ages, better off are we.

I am always in awe of creative, talented individuals. Artists, musicians, craftsmen, comedians, actors, dancers, singers, writers, chefs it doesn't matter. They take my breath away because they make what they do so well look so easy, as if anyone could do what they do. Of course that certainly isn't the case.

Some people have innate abilities while others learn to develop their talents. We are all good at something. It's just a matter of figuring out what talent we possess and developing it. Some people have the gift of gab. Others can sew a silk purse out of a sow's ear while still others are able to fix anything mechanical.

When I was a kid, I wanted to learn how to tap dance. It was something I really regret not learning when I was young. My mother told me I had the feet of an elephant and that there was no way she was going to pay for tap lessons. In an effort to prove her wrong I performed in our kitchen, giving it all I had, not finishing until every glass had fallen from the cabinet and crashed on the floor. Needless to say my mother remained unconvinced and stood by her decision. Instead I took piano lessons. Boy, did I hate them. It was agony sitting there, in the living room, attempting to learn the major scales. In time, after many tears and many years, I grew to love playing the 88s. I wouldn't necessarily call it talent, but at least I can play the C scale with

both hands simultaneously.

From an early age I knew that any talent I may have did not have anything to do with sports. My brother was the athlete in the family. He could quickly master any sport: hockey, football, baseball, golf. You name the sport and he seemed to have a knack for it. Not me. I had trouble dribbling a basketball much less shooting it through a hoop. It could have been I was too distracted by my pocket protector that kept falling out. It's hard to play a sport when you're constantly retrieving three retractable pencils, a Bic multi-ink pen, a six inch ruler and a laminated membership card to the Audio Visual club.

Someone doesn't have to be a super athlete or singer to impress me. I am amazed by people who have the talent to make animals and other figures out of balloons. You know the ones - usually made by a clown at a child's birthday party. Several times I've attempted to make something, anything, only to get as far as tying off the end of the balloon so the air won't leak.

My grandfather was a cabinet-maker, a real craftsman. It seemed he could build anything out of wood: children's toys, a house, furniture, anything. He even built several boats. He was masterful. He attempted to teach me some of what he knew. It was just part of who he was I guess because to this day, about the best I can do is build a bird house. And even that is iffy at best.

Talent lies within each of us. Some people have a talent to make other people feel better about themselves (usually these people go by the name "Mom"). Whether it's singing or dancing or writing or something else, we can always tell when we're in the presence of a talented person. No, we may never achieve the recognition of an Olivier, Van Gogh, Petty or Frank Lloyd Wright. It matters little. If just one person finds pleasure in something we do, then its talent well applied.

Publisher's Note: Ocean Pines Progress Publisher Tom Stauss died this weekend. He was a gifted, prolific reporter and publisher who covered the Ocean Pines community for decades. He will be missed.

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Commentary

By Joe Reynolds

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Election integrity damaged?

Full-page Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors campaign ads placed in two local newspapers by candidate Stuart Lakernick raise alarm bells over inclusion of the official OPA logo prominently in the ads. This is all the more concerning because Lakernick is a sitting OPA director up for re-election, as well as current president of the Association.

After receiving complaints from association members, OPA issued a press release, apparently written by OPA’s corporate counsel. The release was not approved by any vote of the Board of Directors.

Issued on July 10, 2025, the release states:

“In connection with the 2025 Board of Directors election cycle, OPA, Inc. wishes to make clear that use of OPA logos and/or venues in campaign materials or ads, which has happened this election season without OPA involvement, does not constitute and should not be construed as any type of endorsement of a candidate by OPA, Inc., or its

departments.

“OPA, Inc. encourages voters to participate fully in this year’s Board election, including voting “yes” as to the Firehouse referendum question, but this message is to make clear that OPA, Inc., as a corporate entity, does not involve itself for or against particular Board candidates.”

Did Candidate Lakernick receive a major favor? The release did not mention Lakernick. Most importantly, the release did not even stipulate candidates should not use the official OPA logo or other OPA images or text that might lead voters to believe the Ocean Pines Association supported a particular candidate.

From all appearances, Lakernick and candidate Amy Peck may represent the only close race to determine who fills three open seats on the board from a field of four candidates. Lakernick and Peck represent two candidates on two different Facebook sites promoting their political favorites.

Peck is supported on Sherrie Clif-

ford’s ROC Facebook site, while Lakernick is supported on Esther Diller’s Get Involved Facebook site. Diller is Lakernick’s wife, and herself a former board member. Lakernick and Get Involved are also supported on a Facebook hate-site that for years has made despicable and vile attacks on Peck and other women in Ocean Pines.

On July 8, 2025, Diller wrote about the election: “Let’s be honest: this kind of toxicity is part of why it’s hard to find volunteers for committees or candidates for the board. Who wants to sign up just to be attacked, doxxed, or harassed?”

If there is “toxicity,” it is on the Facebook hate-page supporting her husband.

ROC immediately posted the OPA press release on campaign logo use, with Clifford calling for Lakernick to drop out of the race and resign from the Board of Directors due to loss of election integrity.

Get Involved, as of this writing, has not even informed its members of OPA’s official logo press release.

Wor-Wic holds annual golf tournament

Wor-Wic Community College recently held its 23rd annual golf tournament at the college’s Ocean Resorts Golf Club in Berlin. Proceeds from the tournament totaled \$45,000 and will support the educational needs of Wor-Wic students.

This year’s top team with the lowest gross score was the Wilmington University team of Malone Harmon, John Dickerson, Linwood Parker and Donnell Griffin, followed by the Avery Hall Insurance team of Shayne Ray, John Hooker, Kris Hooker and Ben Smith. Third place went to the Charles Brown Glass team of David Brown, Kevin Brown, Tim Perunko and Rogan Perunko.


The top team with the lowest net score was the Bank of Ocean City team of Scott Edmonston, Hank Fisher, Jason Parker and Brandon

OceanPinesForum.com recently endorsed the election of Monica Rakowski, Steve Jacobs, and Amy Peck.


The *Bayside Gazette* endorsed Monica Rakowski, Steve Jacobs, and Stuart Lakernick.

OPA vice-President Rack Farr noted the *Bayside Gazette* endorsement on Get Involved, but for some reason took a cheap shot at *OceanPinesForum.com*, writing, “Awesome endorsement by the Bayside Gazette for our current board of director incumbents -Lakernick, Rakowski, Jacobs! A real newspaper.....not a forum.”

Interestingly, at this point Farr seems to be the only sitting director elected originally with support of Get Involved now making any sort of substantive public comments about the election or expressing direct support for Lakernick. This alone is rather unusual, perhaps speaking volumes. Several sources suggest Farr’s support of Lakernick is more along the lines of the ancient proverb “the enemy of my enemy is my friend.”



The world’s first parking meter, known as Park-O-Meter No. 1, is installed on the southeast corner of what was then First Street and Robinson Avenue in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 16, 1935.



Board games are popular ways to pass the time and socialize with family and friends. Board games have been played for centuries. The oldest board game is believed to have originated in the Middle East. It was discovered at the Royal Cemetery of the Sumerian city of Ur in 1928 by a British archaeologist. Highly decorated boards made of wood and inlaid shell and lapis lazuli were found and believed to be made between 2,600 and 2,400 B.C. The game was dubbed the Royal Game of Ur since its original name wasn’t known.

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Carozza, Hartman make case against wind project to Interior Secretary

The following joint letter was sent to the U.S. Interior Department Secretary Doug Burgum on July 11. The letter provides additional details on the unique and devastating impacts of the offshore wind project on Ocean City and Maryland's Coast. A copy was shared with The Courier.

The Honorable Doug Burgum
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Burgum:

As the State Senator and the State Delegate representing Maryland's Coast, we thank the Department of Interior representatives for meeting with us on June 30th to discuss the proposed Maryland Offshore Wind project with us. We are grateful for both the time and attention they gave us in truly listening to our concerns and opposition to the project.

At their invitation, we are following up to provide you with the unique and devastating impacts of this specific offshore wind project on Ocean City and

Maryland's Coast. The Maryland Offshore Wind project includes the construction of 114 massive wind turbine generators (938 feet tall) approximately 10.7 miles off the coast of the Town of Ocean City, which were pushed through in the final months of the Biden Administration in violation of the principle of local consent and despite the strong local opposition of using subsidies to pay for this costly project.

Since 2017, local community partners repeatedly have presented the devastating impacts of this project to our tourism industry, and commercial and recreational fishing sectors; risks to our ecosystem and marine mammals, including the endangered North Atlantic Right Whale; threats to defense and civilian RADAR systems; and our navigation and safety systems.

There are several **unique** factors and specific negative impacts to Ocean City and Maryland's Coast that call for the U.S. Department of the Interior to put an immediate halt and end to the U.S. Wind's offshore wind project off Maryland's Coast.

Economic: As the **only ocean**

resort town in the State of Maryland, Ocean City is dependent on its **tourism** economy. Studies and polls taken in resort towns along Maryland's East Coast indicate that up to 55% of ocean vacation renters would not return to their vacation destination if wind turbines are visible from the beach. This is especially concerning given the dependence of Ocean City and the State of Maryland on tourism dollars to drive our overall economy, and the negative effect on residential and commercial real estate values along Ocean City's populated

10-mile stretch. Ocean City contributes 60% of Worcester County's budget, and any detriment to Ocean City's tourism economy would have serious negative impacts on the 54,000 residents of Worcester County as well as State revenues. In addition, we are concerned about the negative impacts of the project on **Assateague State Park, which is Maryland's only oceanfront park** offering swimming, beachcombing, surfing and fishing, and featuring the wild ponies which draw thousands of visitors from around the world to this unique attraction.

Commercial and recreational fishing are major economic drivers for Ocean City and the Eastern Shore region. There are only two locations in Ocean City where commercial vessels can offload their catch, and they are the same two locations that would be taken over by the project's proposed Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Facility in the West Ocean City Harbor. This effectively eliminates commercial fishing in Ocean City by displacing the dock space and seafood offloading locations currently being used. **The West Ocean City Harbor is the only commercial fishing port in Maryland with access to the Atlantic Ocean** and should be preserved to protect the many generations of small business owners and residents who depend on it.

Ocean City, Maryland is home to the **White Marlin Open**, a 51-year-old deep-sea fishing tournament known as the "World's Largest Billfishing Tournament" and has awarded over \$113 million for catches of the gamefish that migrate up the Gulf Stream each summer.

Safety: Ocean City is located in the Mid-Atlantic along **Hurricane Alley**. To our knowledge, no wind tunnel

modeling has been done to gather data on the impact of hurricane-force winds on offshore turbines, in particular the blades. In Nantucket, blades broke apart with no storm, spreading debris and closing the waters and beaches. Just as we have seen the recent force of Mother Nature with the deadly flooding in Kerr County, Texas, a hurricane like the Hurricane of 1933 that formed the Ocean City Inlet could happen again, and major, damaging Nor'easters are common.

Navigation/Military Operations: The Maryland Offshore Wind project would be only 50 miles from the **NASA Wallops Flight Facility**, in proximity to the **Naval Air Station Patuxent River** and within 10.7 miles of the **Coast Guard Station in Ocean City, Maryland**. Our military leaders have several concerns regarding offshore wind projects, including potential radio frequency and radar interference, exposure to debris, reduction in the number of launches possible from the NASA spaceport; and interference with navigation and Search and Rescue operations.

Ecological: According to a final Environmental Impact Statement on the Maryland offshore wind project published by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the project poses potential major threats to various marine species in the form of underwater noise pollution, especially during the 3-year construction phase. The Atlantic Coast off Ocean City is home to the **horseshoe crab whose unique blood protein is critical for the biomedical industry to test life-saving medicine. Its processing takes place at the West Ocean City Harbor**. Should the Maryland offshore wind project move forward, this vital, renewable resource would be threatened.

In the Environmental Impact Statement, the **North Atlantic Right Whale (NARW)** also was identified as being a major concern as the NARW already is critically endangered. Boaters are regularly cautioned to reduce speed down to 10 knots to prevent vessel "striking" with the

NARW, and yet **the offshore wind energy developers applied for the sanctioned "taking" of marine animals**, exceeding the smaller numbers allowed under the

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Landowners, hunters can enter lottery to secure waterfowl hunting locations

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is again offering an online process for Maryland hunters to apply for a 2025-2026 waterfowl blind site license. From July 16 through July 29, hunters and riparian landowners may enter the annual lottery for the opening days of blind site licensing.

Hunters and riparian landowners with a DNR ID can register to be entered into a random lottery for a county of their choice. Anyone can register for a DNR ID through the department's online licensing portal.

Lottery entrants will be sent a link to a virtual meeting platform (Microsoft Teams) where a department representative will guide them through the blind site licensing process.

There is no charge to enter the lottery. Hunters must be Maryland residents and must have purchased either a 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 Maryland hunting license prior to their appointment to license off-

shore waterfowl hunting blind sites. Landowners are exempt from the hunting license requirement but will need to produce proof of property ownership.

Additional information and important instructions are available on the department's website. Winners of the lottery will be posted on the website and will be notified by email with the time, date, and virtual meeting link for the meeting. These virtual meetings will begin on August 5 and continue during normal business hours. In some counties, appointments will take place on multiple business days.

After the opening days, blind site licensing for all counties will occur by appointment only. Customers may begin making appointments online on August 14 for virtual meetings that will begin August 19. Customers who schedule an appointment will receive an email that includes a virtual meeting link to communicate with DNR staff at the appropriate date and time.



Freedom run - Fourteen members of the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County participated in the Freedom 5K held on July 4 in Ocean Pines. Donations supported the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department and the PEP Club.

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"Maryland residents are encouraged to take the time out to complete the tax credit application," said Dr. Sanjay Rai, Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission. "Any amount received can provide relief by helping to alleviate existing student loan debt."

To qualify, applicants must:

- Maintain Maryland residency for the 2025 tax year
- File 2025 Maryland state income taxes

-Have initially incurred at least \$20,000 in undergraduate and/or graduate student loan debt

-Have at least \$5,000 in outstanding student loan debt at the time of applying for the tax credit

-Currently be making payments on their student loans

All eligible Maryland residents are welcome to apply for the SLDRTC program. Maryland State employees with student loan debt will receive awarding priority.

Tax credit recipients must prove they have used the full Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit amount to pay their eligible student loans. If they cannot, they will be expected to return the credit.

For more information go to <https://mhec.maryland.gov/>.



Updates - Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation operates three Children's House by the Sea facilities in Ocean City, MD and Fenwick, DE. Program Manager Mary Decker Brown was the guest speaker at the July 9th meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City, MD.

Above: (L-R) **Mary Decker** and Kiwanis Club President **Tom Southwell**.

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Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Scope of Project: The overall Maryland offshore wind project size, number and distance from the beach of the offshore wind turbines has significantly changed. In the original proposal, 187 turbines would be built at 480 feet tall and would be 12 miles from the beach. In the **last submitted proposal by US Wind, 121 structures, including 114 turbines would be built at a height of 938 feet**, taller than the Statue of Liberty, within 10.7 miles of Ocean City

and Assateague State and National Park in Maryland. These alarming project increases should call into question whether earlier permits granted are still valid considering these major scope of project changes.

Finally, our locals and visitors alike consistently have opposed using State and Federal subsidies to support offshore wind projects like the one proposed for Ocean City, especially as the State of Maryland is already in a budget crisis, and wind energy is among the most costly and unreliable.

We truly appreciate this opportunity to make the **specific unique case for Ocean City, Maryland in opposing the offshore wind project**. We are proud of our community partners across the State of Maryland and Sussex County, Delaware for working together and standing united in opposing the proposed offshore wind energy project off Maryland's Coast and in protecting our way of life today and for future generations.

Thank you for your kind attention and consideration in reviewing the unique negative impacts of offshore wind generation off Maryland's Coast and of our priority request in halting the Maryland Offshore Wind Energy project.

MARY BETH CAROZZA
State Senator - District 38

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State Delegate - District 38C

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Strengthened ‘Operation Dry Water’ patrols crack down on drunk boaters

The Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) charged nine impaired boaters and investigated nine reportable boating accidents during its annual Operation Dry Water “satura-

ities were recorded on Independence Day weekend.

NRP officers made nine Operating While Under the Influence of Alcohol (OUI) arrests during the agency’s heightened enforcement period from July 4 to 6. Boaters facing impaired boating charges can be penalized with up to \$1,000 in fines and one year of jail time. Targeted patrols throughout the holiday weekend have resulted in 33 impaired boaters removed from Maryland’s waterways during the past five years of Operation Dry Water participation.

The total of nine boating accidents recorded during this year’s July 4 weekend was the same as last year. In 2023, 10 accidents were recorded.

In total, NRP issued 152 citations

and 703 warnings, conducted 422 recreational vessel inspections, 146 of which were conducted by reserve officers, and stopped 313 vessels during the three-day heightened enforcement period.

The following were charged with Operating While Under the Influence of Alcohol and other offenses during Operation Dry Water 2025.

-A 23-year-old Texas man was charged after being stopped for improper navigation lighting on the Severn River near Annapolis on July 4.

-A 22-year-old Pasadena man was charged after being stopped for improper navigation lighting on the Chester River near Kent Narrows on July 4.

-A 61-year-old Centreville man was charged after being stopped for operating without navigation lights on the Chester River near Chestertown on July 4.

-A 49-year-old Salisbury man was charged after exceeding 6 knots in a speed zone in the Isle of Wight Bay in Ocean City on July 5.

A 61-year-old Rossville man was

charged after being stopped for a recreational vessel inspection on the Potomac River near Point Lookout in Scotland on July 5.

-A 54-year-old California man and a 51-year-old California woman were both charged after being stopped for improper navigation lighting on the Patuxent River near Cuckold Creek in Hollywood on July 5.

-A 36-year-old Port Deposit man was charged after being stopped for lighting violations on the Susquehanna River near Havre De Grace on July 5.

-A 30-year-old Chester man was charged after being stopped for improper navigation lighting in the Kent Narrows near Kent Island on July 6.

Operation Dry Water was launched in 2009 by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. NRP officers have participated in the joint effort since its inception, conducting “saturation patrols” in which increased numbers of officers concentrate in areas where drinking and boating are known to occur in Maryland.



Saturation patrols targeting underaged drinking, impaired boating, negligent operation, and more violations take place at Horn Island in Ocean City on July 4, 2025. Maryland DNR photo.

tion patrol” campaign, conducted from July 4 to July 6. Statistically this time is the busiest and most dangerous boating holiday. No boating fatal-



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County warns about E-mail scams claiming development-related fees owed

Worcester County Government (WCG) warns the public about an email scam designed to trick residents and business owners involved in the permitting and plan review processes into wiring money for alleged fees. The scammers impersonate Development Review and Permitting (DRP) staff members and claim the recipient must pay a fee without delay.

“Several individuals in our business community have received emails requesting payment for actual projects going through the review process,” DRP Director Jennifer Keener said. “Fortunately, we live in a tight-knit community, so recipients have felt comfortable picking up the phone and calling to confirm that the emails in question were in fact scams.”

Here are a few examples in the scam emails that should raise multiple red flags with recipients:

-@usa.com, the sender’s email address, does not match a WCG address. Even if an email appears to come from an authentic county address, always hover your mouse over the sender’s email address to reveal the actual address it was sent from. If the true address doesn’t match the legitimate county domain, it may be a spoofed email.

-require recipients to reply to the email for wire transfer instructions or include a link to a suspicious website. WCG DOES NOT accept wire transfers. Payments for valid fees can be made in person, by mail to the county’s Snow Hill address, or a secure online portal. We encourage residents to confirm the validity of any payment address by calling DRP at 410-632-1200.

-claim that all correspondence must be conducted via email. WCG staff would NEVER limit communication methods. Citizens and Government Working Together, as our motto indicates, includes personalized service ranging from phone, email, and in-person meetings.

Scammers are utilizing actual county agendas, staff reports, and other online documentation to make their emails appear legitimate.

“DRP staff communicate directly with constituents going through the plan review process, so if you haven’t had a conversation with an

actual county staff member, red flags should be going off if you receive an email requesting payment,” Keener said. “When in doubt, call the county directly.”

If you or anyone you know receives a call or email from someone claiming to be a county employee and alleging that you owe an unanticipated fee for an application or service, do not share sensitive information, hit reply, or click any unknown links. Instead, call WCG directly, and staff will be glad to assist you.

Youth fishing contest is Saturday

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will host the 29th annual Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest on Saturday, July 19 at the South Gate Pond at Veterans Park in Ocean Pines. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the contest will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Youths should bring their own rod and reel. Bait is provided. There are three competitive age groups: 4-7, 8-11, 12-16. A trophy will be awarded for the biggest fish in each age group with special awards for the top three. Children younger than age 4 can fish but will not be eligible for a trophy. This is a free event. All registrants will receive a prize compliments of the Anglers Club and the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club. For information call John McFalls 610-505-1697

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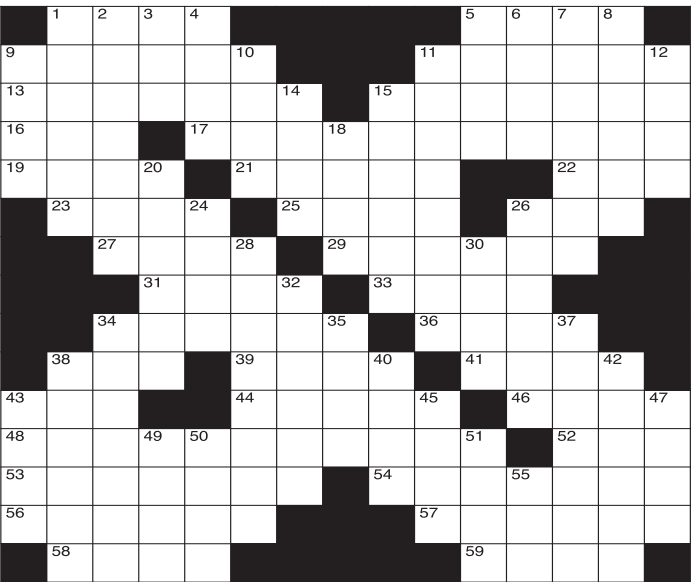
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Resorts

5. One point south of southwest

9. Musical performances

11. Matched

13. Four-footed animal part

15. Express severe disapproval of

16. Type of leaf

17. Preparatory

19. Walk heavily

21. Succulent plants

22. Rectangle of grass

23. Lump in yarn

25. Too

26. Foot (Latin)

27. Afflicts

29. Smoothed

31. Mind (Greek)
33. Tampa ballclub

34. Semitic language

36. Sheltered sides

38. Ocean

39. Electronic point of sale

41. Thrust a knife into

43. 12th month (abbr.)

44. Ringworm

46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)

48. Fighting back

52. Cease to exist

53. Insects in adult stage

54. Freestanding sculpture

56. Caps

57. Repents

58. Brown and Wallace are two

59. Moved quickly

CLUES DOWN

1. Goes bad

2. Yard structure

3. They ____

4. Marine invertebrate

5. European river

6. Office supplies firm

7. Physically abused

8. Service stations in Australia

9. Kills

10. Liquid body substances

11. Particular to a given individual

12. Brave or noble act

14. Sicilian city

15. Conqueror

18. Elected officials

20. Type of “pig”

24. Drop of viscous substance
26. Monetary unit of Spain

28. Guarantees

30. Coloring materials

32. Reddish browns

34. Square measure

35. Will not

37. Canned fish

38. Appeared

40. Six (Spanish)

42. Took off

43. Negligible amount

45. Posts in a Greek temple

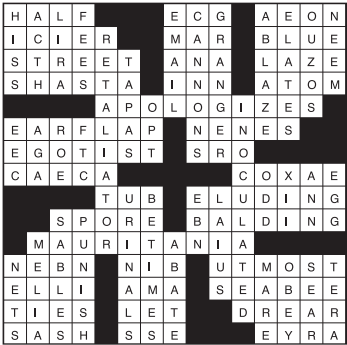
47. Witnesses

49. Phil ___, former CIA

50. Places to park

51. Guns

55. Dance to pop music



Answers for July 9

Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet
by **Jack Barnes**

My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway and that's how the fight started.

I just took a leaflet out of my mailbox, informing me that I can have sex at 85. I'm so happy, because I live at number 83. So it's not too far to walk home afterwards. And it's the same side of the street. I don't even have to cross the road!

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Answering machine message: "I am not available right now, but thank



"Your insurance will cover either the vasectomy or the anesthetic. Your call."

you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

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My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.

~~~~~  
Frustration is trying to find your

Told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

glasses without your glasses.

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Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

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The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

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God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

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I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

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Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

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Aspire to inspire before you expire.

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