

# The Courier

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## Arts Council celebrates 50 years

By **Elaine Bean**

“It’s all about community,” said Anna Mullis, executive director of the Worcester County Arts Council.

In 2026, the Arts Council is celebrating 50 years as a nonprofit organization serving the Worcester community. The Council’s slogan for the year is: 50 Years of Arts, Community, and Connection.

“I feel personally that is what the Arts Council is really all about.” Mullis said. “For 50 years, this organization has been focusing on building not only the arts but what’s behind it, which is community and connections, the partnerships that we have, the organizations that we partner with.”

The Worcester County Arts Council was designated as the official arts agency for the county in 1976 by the Maryland State Arts Council and the Worcester County Commissioners. County arts councils in Maryland were largely established during the 1970s and early 1980s as grassroots, community-driven responses to the need for localized arts funding, advocacy, and cultural development with state-level support for every county.

“We have a lot to celebrate,” Mullis said. The main event for the anniversary year is a fundraiser scheduled for June 9 at Worcester Technical High School in Newark, hosted by Chef Phil Cropper and the culinary arts students who will create special dishes. Reservations will be accepted April 15 through May 15, and attendance is limited due to space.

Artist Patrick Henry of Berlin, who



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Anna Mullis, executive director of the Worcester County Arts Council

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## LSLT expands Yards for Creation Meadow program

The Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) is inviting community partners to participate in its Yards for Creation Native Meadow Program, an initiative that transforms underutilized lawn space into vibrant native habitat across the Lower Shore.

Originally created to serve congregations, the program has expanded to include public lands in response to growing interest. With new funding secured, LSLT plans to install up to 10 acres of native meadow across Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester counties within the Chesapeake Bay watershed and is currently accepting applications from eligible sites.

Yards for Creation focuses on establishing both pocket-sized and larger meadow spaces that together create a connected network of habitat for pollinators and other essential wildlife, while also offering meaningful opportunities for communities to engage with the natural world.

Across the United States, more than 40 million acres of lawn are maintained - requiring significant water use and providing limited habitat value. By converting a portion of these spaces into native plant communities, the program helps restore biodiversity, support keystone insect species, and improve local environmental health.

Funding available through the program includes \$500 per half acre to support ongoing meadow maintenance.

Organizations with suitable open space such as congregations, municipalities, schools, and nonprofits are encouraged to learn more and apply while opportunities remain available.

Learn more and apply: <https://www.lowershorelandtrust.org/yards-for-creation>

For additional information about site eligibility or program details, please contact Brooke Orr at the Lower Shore Land Trust (Borr@lslt.org | 443-234-5587).

## Fried chicken carryout offered

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Fried Chicken Carryout on Sunday, March 8 at the main station between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Included in the \$20 dinner is 1/2 chicken (leg, thigh, breast, wing), ham, string beans, cole slaw, potato salad, roll and dessert. Baked goods are also available.

Please preorder by calling 443-880-4944.

## Lifeguard certification class offered

Ocean Pines will hold an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Class this April at the Sports Core Pool.

The class will be held on the following dates and times:

-Friday, April 17: 5-9 p.m.

-Saturday, April 18: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

-Sunday, April 19: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Participants must attend all three sessions to successfully complete the certification. Must be at least 15 years old by completion of the last class.

Anyone who will turn 15 between April 19 and June 30 and is interested in taking the course may contact the Sports Core Pool to have their name added to the certification list.

The Swim Test for the course will be held at the Sports Core Pool on Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m.

The course fee for Ocean Pines residents is \$325, and \$350 for non-residents.

For more information and to register, call 410-641-5255.

## Wor-Wic to host reverse trade show

Wor-Wic Community College will host a reverse trade show for local suppliers and vendors to meet procurement officers from public agencies. The event will take place on Friday, March 13, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., in the Patricia and Alan Guerrieri Technology Center on the Wor-Wic campus, located at the intersection of Walston Switch Road and Route 50 in Salisbury.

The reverse trade show will provide opportunities to learn how to do business with local government agencies, see current and upcoming bid solicitations and learn the required steps to submit bids and proposals. Participants can also network with other contractors and learn about workforce training and education offered by Wor-Wic to support professional development. There is no fee to attend, no registration required and parking is free. Participants can stop by any time during the event.

Along with Wor-Wic, agencies represented will include Salisbury University, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Wicomico County Public Schools, Wicomico and Worcester county governments, the city of Salisbury, the town of Ocean City and more. Visit the events section of [worwic.edu](http://worwic.edu) for more information.

## Anglers Club flea market returns

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will host its fifth annual fishing flea market on Saturday, April 18, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center's Asateague Room.

Visitors can buy and sell fishing, crabbing, and boating items, as well as crafts. Local captains, businesses, and area fishing legends will be on hand to share their fishing experiences and products.

Table rentals are \$15 each. Set up for tables will take place on April 17 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All proceeds support the OPAC's Teach Kids to Fish and Kids Fishing Tournament annual events.

For more information and to reserve a table, contact Doug Murphy at 908-910-6485, Robert Barrett at 614-206-9335, Dave Szimanski at 410-608-3514, or Jim Spicknall at 301-580-0377.

# Courier Almanac

After 20 tumultuous years of marriage, actress Lucille Ball files for divorce from her husband and collaborator, Desi Arnaz, on March 4, 1960. The breakup of the couple, stars of the hit sitcom "I Love Lucy" and owners of the innovative Desilu Studios, was one of the highest-profile divorces in American history at the time.

The market research experts at Business Research Insights report that the three-season sunroom market size is projected to nearly double between 2025 and 2035.

BRI reports that 65 percent of homeowners prefer cost-effective sunrooms when seeking to extend their living space. The popularity of sunrooms can be traced to a number of variables, including year-round access to a home's surrounding landscape. That access might be hindered if the only spaces to experience nature is a patio, deck or another traditional type of outdoor living space. But sunrooms, particularly those equipped with heating and cooling, can bring homeowners in touch with nature during times of year when they might otherwise be compelled to steer clear of their outdoor living spaces due to less welcoming weather.



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# A-P-P-R-E-C-I-A-T-E

One of the lessons drilled into me over and over and over again when I was a student at St. Albert the Great grade School was the importance of

grades. Responding to a notice sent home from school, my mother met with my teacher and promised she would tutor me to avoid my having to go to summer school and thus not being able to spend the summer at the Jersey shore with my grandparents. I was very happy until I realized my mother meant to keep her promise. Oh, the pain! Oh, the agony!



## It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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spelling words correctly and employing proper grammar when writing and speaking. Such sticklers were my teachers, especially Sr. Marie Marguerite, that if I turned in an English composition with erasures or, heaven forbid, a crossed-out word, I would lose points for sloppiness. No joke.

The process at the time was excruciating. My classmates and I were forced to think through what we were going to write before ever putting pencil to paper. In retrospect, I am very thankful for that training. I receive a fair amount of correspondence on a regular basis and it saddens me when I read something rife with poor grammar and spelling, especially a piece written by a high school student or college graduate. Somewhere along the line, the opportunity to learn how to properly construct a sentence or correctly spell a word was overlooked. And that's a shame. Not every student will be proficient in writing and spelling but at least they should be given a chance.

From first grade through eighth, spelling bees were a regular occurrence St. Albert. We'd be lined up in front of the blackboard. Our teacher would be say a word and we'd have to repeat the word, spell it correctly, say the word again and then use it in a sentence. For instance, "chapter." "Chapter. C-H-A-P-T-E-R. Chapter. I will read the next chapter of my book."

No one wanted to be the first student to return to his or her seat because of a misspelled a word. It was embarrassing. Ask me how I know.

Sentence diagramming was a routine torture perpetrated by my sixth, seventh and eighth grade English teachers. They were merciless. So poor was I at diagramming that if not for the actions of my mother, I would have been forced to attend summer school between sixth and seventh

Within sight of the incoming tide and the anticipation of getting on the boat with my brother and grandfather, my mother made me diagram sentence after sentence after sentence. And for good measure she gave me vocabulary tests. All summer long – vocabulary tests and sentence diagramming. Nouns, adverbs, adjectives, subjects and predicates. The more near the incoming tide, the more quarrelsome and impatient I became. I learned a little science during those trying times: when the force of two personalities collide, Mom always wins.

That "summer of hell" dragged on in such a way that I yearned for the start of the new school year. When it finally arrived, I was ecstatic. Much to my astonishment, seventh grade English was a relative breeze. There wasn't a sentence I couldn't diagram. There wasn't a vocabulary word I could not spell or give a definition. I aced seventh grade English and eighth grade English for that matter. I don't know whether sentence diagramming is still taught in schools. If I were a student today, I would hope not. But as a parent and grandparent, I hope it is. Effective oral and written communication skills are more than emojis punctuating text messages. Students (and some adults) need to recognize the difference.

*Appreciate. A-P-P-R-E-C-I-A-T-E. Appreciate. I appreciate that my mother kept her promise.*

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**Blizzard** - Images from last week's blizzard that dropped fourteen inches of heavy snow in the area forcing the closure of county schools and government services for a couple days. Roads workers throughout the county worked tirelessly to clear roads and remove hundreds, if not thousands, of downed trees and branches.

## Blizzard cleanup efforts continue in Ocean Pines

Ocean Pines crews are continuing to work on cleanup efforts following this weekend's blizzard.

Public Works began clearing roads at 8 p.m. Sunday, and as of 10 a.m. Tuesday, all roadways have been cleared. Crews are now working to clear the parking lots at all facilities.

"Thank you to our Public Works Department for the outstanding job clearing the roads," commented General Manager John Viola. "I would also like to thank the Board of Directors and of course the good people of OPA for supporting all the requests for snow removal equipment over the last 6 years. The team appreciates it."

Over the coming weeks, Public Works will begin picking up branches and debris throughout Ocean Pines. Owners are requested to place all debris at the roadway so it is accessible for the Public Works crew.

"We worked side-by-side with the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment and subcontractors to get the job done," said Public Works Director Eddie Wells. "We thank everyone for their response and working together as one big team."

To report any downed trees on the roadway, call Public Works at 410-641-7425.



**Underway** - Construction fencing was placed around the perimeter last week, and demolition began on the South Fire Station on Thursday, February 26. The new fire station, which was approved by the Board of Directors at their January meeting, is being constructed by The Whyland Company. The project is estimated to take approximately 60-65 weeks to complete.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held in March prior to the start of construction.

## Colorectal Cancer screening available

Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths, and it is also one of the most preventable cancers with routine screening. This Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, lower your risk of colorectal cancer with the Worcester County Health Department's Colorectal Can-

cer Screening Program. The program helps increase access to and cover the cost of screening for Worcester County residents.

Residents who are aged 45-plus, lack health insurance, or are underinsured are eligible for the Colorectal Cancer Screening Program. Screening

options include colonoscopy and Cologuard. Cologuard is a new, less invasive screening option for low-risk residents who qualify. The program also assists with scheduling follow-up appointments, arranging transportation, and understanding exam results.

"Colorectal cancer doesn't always cause symptoms at first. That's why getting screened regularly, beginning at age 45 is so important. Screening tests can find colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best," said

Kelly Shockley RN, Supervisor of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Program. Living an active and tobacco-free lifestyle, along with eating a healthy diet, can also help lower the risk of developing colorectal cancer.

Residents are encouraged to raise awareness of colorectal cancer by wearing blue on Friday, March 6th, as part of Dress in Blue Day.

For more information about the Colorectal Cancer Screening Program, call 410-632-1100 ext. 1103 or visit worcesterhealth.org.

## Online native plant sale underway

The Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) annual online Native Plant Sale opened on March 1, offering a wide selection of native plants to help community members create vibrant, pollinator-friendly landscapes.

The online sale provides an easy way for gardeners, homeowners, and conservation supporters to purchase regionally appropriate native plants while supporting local conservation efforts. Because quantities are limited and popular species often sell out quickly, LSLT encourages shoppers to mark their calendars and plan ahead.

Plants purchased through the sale will be available for pickup on May 1 and May 2, with additional pickup details provided to customers after ordering.

Supporters can also purchase Native Plant Sale gift cards, perfect for early planning or as a thoughtful gift for friends and family interested in gardening with native species.

More details about plant availability, ordering, and pickup logistics will be shared through LSLT's website and communications channels ahead of the sale launch.

### Camp Ocean Pines registration to open

Registration for summer 2026 Camp Ocean Pines will open March 6.

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# The Ecliptic

Just as young students learn about the Earth's equator, astronomy hobbyists should learn the term ecliptic, or the ecliptic plane.

From the viewpoint of a stargazer on earth, the Sun's movement over the course of one year follows a fixed path against a background of constellations. This circular path is given the name "the ecliptic." The famous astronomers of ancient times, Hipparchus and Ptolemy, were aware of this "highway among the stars" as far back as the second century, indicating its long history.

Perhaps the most well-known set of constellations are called "the zodiac." These form a ring around the night sky and are bisected by the ecliptic line which is the sun's "roadway." One can imagine the solar system with the planets orbiting the sun like cars on a racetrack. In this picture, the zodiacal constellations might appear to be something like banners posted along the sides of the track. From the vantage point of the

Earth, the planets, the moon and sun can always appear to be speeding along through the zodiacal constellations.

Such a defined ecliptic plane is useful to astronomers as a base line to identify the locations of planets and moons of the solar system. For example, in the 1600s when Galileo discovered the largest moons of Jupiter, the ecliptic confirmed their status as members of the solar system. The moon and all the planets can always be found within the ring of the zodiacal constellations.

Many stargazers know that the cosmos has few examples of precise formations, indeed it has frequent twists and variations. Examples include elliptical shaped instead of circular orbits and the axes of planetary rotations are tilted instead of vertical. The Earth's axis is tilted 23 degrees, which accounts for seasons of the year, alternating between the warmth of summer and the cold of winter. Real life never seems to follow

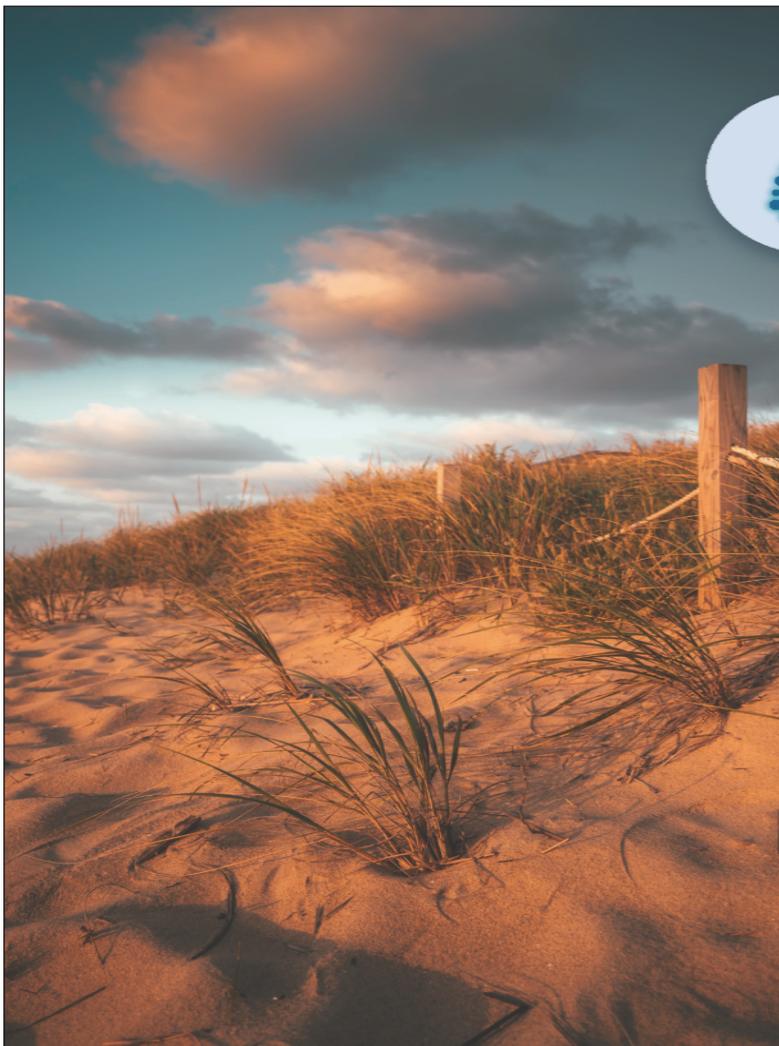
the ideal.

The actual path of the moon is not perfectly flat within the plane of the ecliptic. Its path is in fact tilted at the angle of five degrees. This means that the moon's position is almost never exactly aligned with the ecliptic pathway. Instead, it follows a swinging pathway which carries it above and below the ecliptic plane. Thus, during the times when the moon crosses the ecliptic, this indeed produces hours of solar eclipse.

Some stargazing fans have traveled far and wide to witness the solar eclipses. The upcoming solar eclipse of August 12 will be viewable in Eastern Greenland, Iceland and northern Spain.

After August 2026, the next solar eclipse will be on February 6, 2027 and will be visible from Chile, Argentina and parts of Africa. On average about two solar eclipses take place a year, and one would have to be a busy traveler to catch each one.

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**arts**

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was on the Arts Council first board of directors in 1976, will be the keynote speaker at the event and share his memories. He recalls the origins of the organization was a grassroots effort, even though support came down from the State.

“Bill Fetteroff and Chris Buckwalter were partners in South Point,” Henry said. “I was living at home, and we didn’t have social media and all that, but somehow they got in touch with me and asked if I would be part of this group that’s looking to start the Worcester County Arts Council. I fell in love with their concept, because I’m very grassroots oriented, and part of the mission was to bring the arts to culturally underserved segments of our county.”

The new nonprofit began by meeting at private homes, then had an administrative office on Berlin’s Main Street for a time. But there was no space for artists to exhibit or town visitors to view art. The organization acquired their current home at 6 Jefferson St. alongside the Atlantic Hotel in 1998, which houses exhibition space, an artists’ co-operative retail shop, and offices.

Mullis started as executive director in 2005. “It has been a wonderful journey for me,” she said. “I feel very thankful and honored truly to have this opportunity to not only have this position as executive director but to have this opportunity to meet amazing people, creative people, people with wonderful spirits, people who believe in the community.

“When I started 21 years ago, this organization was strong already,” she continued. “Our partnerships have evolved. Our outreach to all geographic areas of the county has expanded, which was important. The mission of the Arts Council is to promote and support arts in the entire county, and that has always been the focus of this organization - to find ways to make the arts accessible to all areas of the county, specifically the southern parts of the county where we still find areas underserved. We continue to expand our programs from year to year.”

The organization programs include changing monthly arts shows in its galleries on the second Saturday of the month with the next opening of a group exhibition entitled “Roots & Reflections” on March 13, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. judged by local artist Evan Fitzgerald. The reception is free, and the public is welcome.

“All of our themes for the juried

shows this year are coordinated with the theme of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary,” Mullis said.

The in-house Artist’s Cooperative Gallery retail space offers the work of more than 30 artists with a list of artists waiting to get in. Membership in the Arts Council is open to all and offers member benefits. The Council offers several options including individual, family, organization, and business levels.

“Membership is open to anybody,” Mullis said. “The Arts Council is not only about artists being members, but anyone who believes in the arts, who wants to support the arts, and who wants us to sustain it in this community. We invite everybody.”

The Art Council’s website is a source for a wealth of information about the local arts scene, including an artists’ directory and a comprehensive list of local arts organizations and art resources.

Just ending is the Council’s annual high school art competition sponsored by the Berlin/Ocean City Optimist Club that offered local students \$2,000 in cash prizes plus a special \$100 award for artwork that best reflected the anniversary theme of “50 Years of Art, Community, and Connections.”

Upcoming on April 1 is the application deadline to apply for college scholarships designated for high school seniors who are Worcester County residents interested in majoring in creative writing, culinary arts, dance, music, theater, or visual arts. The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$2,500 and are also available to college art majors wishing to continue their education in the arts.

April 15 is the deadline for nonprofit organizations in the county to apply for a Community Arts Development Grant for art projects to be held in Worcester County between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2026. Organizations may request up to \$5,000 per fiscal year in total grant funding. The Arts Council encourages applications from rural, small-town, and geographically underrepresented communities to ensure a balanced reach across the region.

The Arts Council also maintains the art space at the Berlin Public Library with exhibitions changing every two months. A new show is being installed the first week of March.

The Worcester Co. Arts Council is located at 6 Jefferson St. in Berlin and is open Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone 410-641-0809. Also on Facebook and at [www.worcestercountycouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountycouncil.org).

## Planning to rent? Secure county license first

Rental season is coming, and Worcester County Government reminds property owners that the County operates a Rental Licensing Program to support safe housing and protect both renters and landlords.

If you rent a home, apartment, or room — even seasonally — a rental license is required and must be renewed annually.

“We understand that many property owners may be renting without realizing a rental license is

required,” Development Review & Permitting Deputy Director Matthew Laick said. “Our goal is to educate and assist owners through the licensing process.”

Renting or thinking about it? County staff are available to answer any questions, explain requirements, and guide owners through the application process step by step. Contact the Worcester County Rental Program at 410-632-1200 ext. 1189 or at [rentallicense@worcestermd.gov](mailto:rentallicense@worcestermd.gov). For more information, visit [www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/drp/rental-information](http://www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/drp/rental-information).

**camp**

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Pines residents only on March 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Non-residents may register on March 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Camp Ocean Pines is open to ages four to 12 and runs from June 15 through August 21, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$195 per week for Ocean Pines residents and \$220 per week for non-residents.

Mid-Summer Madness is a special week of Camp Ocean Pines, with field trips every day, typically held in the middle of the session. Being a special week, the fees for this week are \$230 for Ocean Pines residents and \$255 for non-residents.

Initial payments will include the first week of camp attending paid in full plus a \$25 deposit for each additional week attending/reserved.

A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per camper, per session, must accompany all registration forms. Documents required for registration include:

- All forms included in the registration packet
- Proof of residency
- Immunization records (for out-of-country attendees only)

For more information on the camp and registration call Recreation & Parks at 410-641-7052.

**eclipse**

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Data surrounding the upcoming August eclipse indicates the path of the moon’s shadow, leading up to the actual eclipse. For example, on August 8 (four days ahead) the moon is five degrees away from the ecliptic and lunar shadow passes 17,000 miles away from Earth. Then on August 10, it’s three degrees away and the shadow passes 10,000 miles from Earth. Finally on the twelfth, the moon aligns with the ecliptic and casts its shadow onto Earth. That’s when the sun is darkened by the eclipse in Greenland, Iceland and northern Spain.

In other news. In the final weeks of February, NASA had some successes and struggles with *Artemis II*. While difficulties with liquid fuel flow were resolved, still there are issues with helium gas to be addressed. The rocket was moved back to the Vehicle Assembly Building and the launch date has been adjusted to April.

This flight to the Earth’s bright satellite will mark the first manned visit to the moon since the final Apollo mission in 1972, about 54 years ago. The flyby mission is in preparation for a new series of human explorations featuring longer visits.

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# The Snowy Owl

When you see a snowy owl, it's clear how the bird probably got its name: they're snow-white. Males are generally whiter than females. As males grow older, they get whiter. The females never become completely white—remaining brownish with darker markings.

These large owls mainly live in the Arctic in open, treeless areas called tundra. Snowy owls perch on the ground or on short posts. From there they patiently watch for prey. Their favorite target is lemmings—small mouselike rodents—but they also hunt for other small rodents, rabbits, birds, and fish.

Snowy owls have excellent eyesight, but they obviously can't see their prey when it's underneath snow or a thick layer of plants. To capture those meals, the owl relies on its other keen sense: hearing.

In flight, snowy owls generally cruise low to the ground. Once they spot their prey, they approach it from the air, and snatch it up using the large, sharp talons, or claws, on their feet.

Most owls sleep during the day and hunt at night, but the snowy owl is active during the day, especially in the summertime. They tend to be most active at dawn and dusk.

Snowy owl pairs usually mate for life. Female snowy owls lay from three to 11 eggs at a time, in a nest built on

the ground. When there is plenty of food available, snowy owls tend to lay more eggs than when food is scarce.

Lemmings make up the main part of the snowy owls' diet, and lemming population numbers rise and fall naturally. Sometimes, if there is not enough prey around to feed baby owls, the adult pair won't lay any eggs at all until the supply of food improves.

The female snowy owl sits on her eggs until they hatch. The male feeds her while she keeps their eggs warm

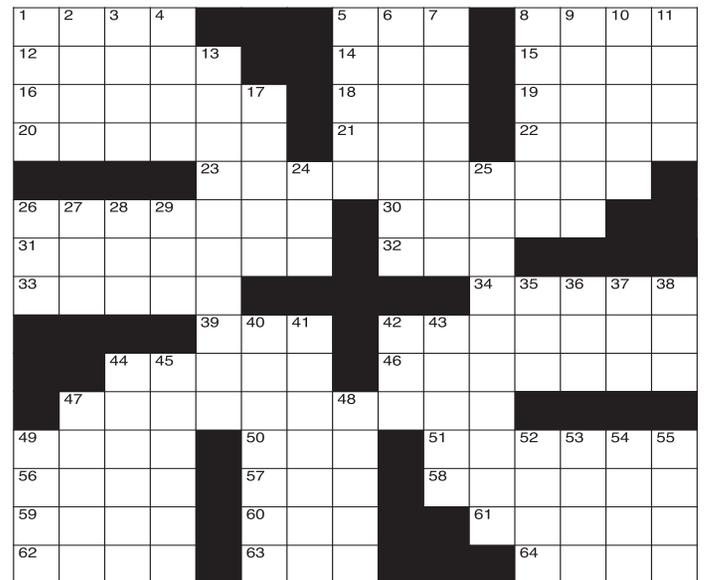


and safe. After about one month, the eggs hatch.

Babies are covered in soft white down when they hatch. As new feathers replace the down, the birds become light brown.

The young leave the nest less than a month after they hatch. By the time they're about a month and a half old, the young owls can fly well, but their parents take care of them for another ten weeks or more.

-National Geographic



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Unit of dry measure
- 5. One who defies authority
- 8. Social media giant
- 12. Render holy
- 14. "Much \_\_\_ about nothing"
- 15. Computer manufacturer
- 16. Creed
- 18. Immoral act
- 19. Mountain pass
- 20. Winged nut
- 21. Don't know when yet
- 22. Elected officials
- 23. Corrupt tendencies
- 26. Popular adult beverage
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Morally correct
- 32. Type of whale
- 33. Portable conical tent
- 34. Native people of the Congo
- 39. More (Spanish)
- 42. Classroom implements
- 44. Cognizant of
- 46. One who tells
- 47. Free from bondage
- 49. Thick piece of something
- 50. Containing two adjacent nitrogen atoms
- 51. Removed from the record
- 56. Legendary singer Turner
- 57. Broke up the earth
- 58. Hunting expedition
- 59. Contributes
- 60. Unit of work or energy
- 61. Wreckage on the sea bed
- 62. Affirmative! (slang)
- 63. Witness
- 64. Scrape (Archaic)

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. "\_\_\_ and flows"
- 2. Humble request for help
- 3. A position of leadership
- 4. Continent
- 5. Adherent of a particular religion
- 6. Things that can be eaten
- 7. Self-governing Netherlands territory
- 8. Long-tailed crow
- 9. Repeated
- 10. Bluish greens
- 11. Humanities
- 13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
- 17. Labor (Spanish)
- 24. Zero
- 25. Shared by involving three parties
- 26. Queens ballplayer
- 27. Consumed
- 28. Rest here please
- 29. Men's fashion accessory
- 35. American time
- 36. Sound unit
- 37. They \_\_\_
- 38. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 40. Places to play video games
- 41. A sudden attack of illness
- 42. When you hope to arrive
- 43. Charges
- 44. Actress Seyfried
- 45. A tributary of the Ohio River
- 47. Omit when speaking
- 48. Armored fish
- 49. Remain
- 52. From a distance
- 53. Adventure story
- 54. Geological times
- 55. Eat dinner



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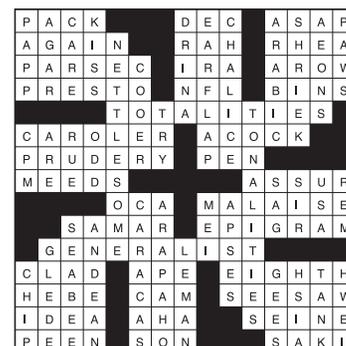
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# Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**



# Some random situations

## Bad Drivers

A senior citizen is driving on the highway. His wife calls him on his cell phone and in a worried voice says, "David, be careful! I just heard on the radio that there was a madman driving the wrong way on Route 280!"

David says, "I know, but there isn't just one, there are hundreds!"

## Medication

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed to me has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

## The police vs the senior citizen

A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. "Amazing," he thought as he flew down Route 50, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rearview mirror, he saw a

state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this," and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival. Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a State trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.



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**Boy aged 4:** Dad, I've decided to get married.  
**Dad:** Wonderful; do you have a girl in mind?!

**Boy:** Yes... grandma! She said she loves me, I love her, too....and she's the best cook & story teller in the whole world!!

**Dad:** That's nice, but we have a small problem there!!

**Boy:** What problem?!

**Dad:** She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother!!

**Boy:** Why not?! You married mine!!!!



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