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Annual book sale to return

The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library (FOPL) will hold its annual book sale July 27 through July 30.

Taking a look back at the *New York Times* best seller list 10 years ago, you will see that authors writing then are still writing today. Most prolific, of course, is James Patterson with four books on the 2008 *Times* list. Janet Evanovich had two books and others such as Stephen King, John Grisham, Jodi Picoult, Lee Child and Michael Connolly had at least one. If you are interested in these writers and their other works, the FOPL book sale is the place to find them.



If fiction is not your cup of tea, visit our newest section on hand to find, collectible and autographed books, as well as first editions. Nonfiction categories include gardening, sports, travel, history, family, biography, reference, home school/ education, large print, westerns, classic, poetry, humor, religion, animals & nature and science fiction. Looking for holiday gifts, visit our holiday-related, craft and cook books.

The very large and popular children's section will return, as will sections with music CDs, DVDs and audio books. Again, many coffee table books covering films, photography and art as well as thousands of paperback books will be available.

The sale will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 27 for the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library, although you will be able to join at the door for \$5 (individual membership) and \$10 (family membership). On Saturday, July 28 the sale will be open to the general public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with books ranging from 50 cents to \$2 (specials as marked) and on Monday July 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., all books will be sold at half price. Cash and checks only.

This sale is the single biggest source of income for the friends. The funds are used to help the Ocean Pines library in many ways, including the purchase of books, upgrades of the computer system and electronic system, as well as providing funds for the children's and adult programs.



O'Connor recognized

The Pine'er Craft Club announced Barb O'Connor as the Crafter of the Month for July.

Barb and her husband John moved from Long Island to Ocean Pines after she retired from Chase/Chemical Bank. She has always been interested in glass so she found a person to teach her the art and began taking lessons. She joined the craft club and started selling at the shop and participating in craft shows. Her interests broadened to other areas such as jewelry, fusing glass, melting bottles and glass flowers.

She has been part of the club for many years and ran and participated in the craft fair over the years.

You can see her projects as well as those from other talented artisans at the Pine'er Artisans and Craft Shop located at White Horse Park. It is opened year-round Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesdays 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. July thru August.



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Community Calendar

JULY

AGH to co-sponsor health resource fair

Atlantic General Hospital is co-sponsoring HOPE for Worcester, a Behavioral Health Resource Fair on Friday, August 31. Co-sponsors for the health fair include the Worcester County Health Department, Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction, Worcester County Sheriff's Office, and the HOPE House Mobile Unit on behalf of the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

This free event is being held at the Ocean Pines Community Center between noon and 4 p.m. and is open to all in the community. The health resource fair will offer education on substance use trends, signs and symptoms and behavioral health services. The HOPE Mobile Unit will be stationed outside of the health fair and will offer a walk-through simulation on discovering how drugs can be easily hidden in a teenager's bedroom. You must be 18 or older to enter the HOPE Mobile Unit.

Kids' crafts and face painting will be available at the Kids Corner.

For more information, contact Donna Nordstrom, Atlantic General Hospital Director of Community Health, at 410-629-6820 or dnordstrom@atlanticgeneral.org.

Gospel dinner is Sunday

The Germantown School Community Heritage Center will host its annual Gospel Dinner Cabaret featuring Alfreda Dennis Bowyer. She will perform praise music, accompanied by a pianist. The event will occur Sunday, July 22 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each; call 410-641-0638.

Church to host indoor yard sale

The Church of the Holy Spirit will hold an indoor yard sale on August 25 from 7 a.m. till noon. The church is located at Coastal Highway and 100th St. Call the church office at 410-723-1973 for more information.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <small>Canada Day</small>	2	3	4 <small>Independence Day</small>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Best wishes - *Friends and well wishers said goodbye to Ocean Pines library branch manager Patti Fentress who retired last Friday. Patti started at the library in 1999. The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library hosted a reception in Patti's honor.*

Monday

Ocean Pines Poker Club
Poker players wanted in Ocean Pines area for Monday evenings. Call 410-208-1928.

Sweet Adelines

The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Call 410-641-6876.

Monday/Tuesday

Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge
Open bridge games Monday at 12 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. at OP Community Center. Call Mary Stover 410-726-1795.

Tuesday

Families Anonymous
From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at room 37 in the the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Rte. 589. For more information call Carol at 410-208-4515.

Tuesday/Thursday

Poker Players wanted for Gentlemen's Poker in North Gate area Ocean Pines. Game played every Tuesday & Thursday evening 5:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. on Pinehurst Rd. Ocean Pines. Call 410-208-0063 for more information.

Wednesday

Kiwanis Club Meeting
Weekly meetings at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open 7 a.m.

Elks Bingo

Ocean City Elks in Ocean City (behind Fenwick Inn) open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 and bingo at 7 p.m. Call 410-250-2645.

Rotary Club

Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held at 5:45 p.m. at the Captains Table in Ocean City. Contact Stan.Kahn@carouselhotel.com.

Square Dancing

The Pinestepers have introduction to square dancing at the OP Community Center at 7 p.m. Call Bruce Barrett at 410-208-6777.

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

Wednesday Night Bayside Beginnings Al-Anon family meetings are held at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Story Time
Stories, music and crafts at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 at Ocean Pines library. Call 410-208-4014.

Beach Singles

Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna's at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577 or Kate at 410-524-0649 for more activities. BeachSingles.org.

Legion Bingo

American Legion in Ocean City opens doors at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7. For information call 410-289-3166.

Gamblers Anonymous

Group meets at 8 p.m. at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Call 888-424-3577 for help.

Friday

Knights of Columbus Bingo
Bingo will be held behind St. Luke's Church, 100th St. in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Call 410-524-7994.

First Saturday

Creative Writing Forum
Every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Berlin Library. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, non-fiction, and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciation, market leads, and writing exercises.

Disabled athletes organization receives donation

An Ocean Pines resident, who is a former National Wheelchair Basketball Association player, scores big when his newly launched non-profit organization has been gifted a donation by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

The department recently donated \$750 to the Ocean Pines-based organization Achilles International - Maryland, which provides support and competitive training to local athletes with disabilities on Delmarva.

"Achilles International - Maryland could not be more honored and

proud to have the support of Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks," said Jeremy Goetzinger, chapter president. "Not only is the recreation department our first major supporter, but we feel that Recreation and Parks goes hand-in-hand with what we do - providing opportunities for individuals to participate in mainstream and local sports and recreational programs."

The donation was presented at the annual Freedom 5K Race in Ocean Pines on July 4, where a competitive team of three disabled runners made history. Goetzinger,

Tom Gorman and Mark Flounlacker, all of Ocean Pines, were the first disabled athletes to compete in the annual 5K race.



sports and recreation," said Goetzinger. "That's when we started Achilles International - Maryland."

Since the start of Achilles Inter-

national - Maryland, the organization has attracted about ten local athletes. Many of those disabled athletes have never competed or trained.

"We cannot stress the importance of having more local disabled athletes participating in local races," said Goetzinger. "Not only does it help them promote personal achievements, enhance self-esteem, and lower barriers to living a full life but it will encourage and inspire our local community to strive for greatness, kindness and provide important opportunities for all."

For more information about Achilles International - Maryland, contact Jeremy Goetzinger at achillesmaryland@gmail.com.

Pines to host Big Beach Party

Celebrate Ocean Pines' 50th anniversary at the biggest beach party along the Atlantic Seaboard in Ocean City. Residents and nonresidents are invited to commemorate the community's golden anniversary at the Ocean Pines Beach Club, located at 4901 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, on Sunday, July 22 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"Having the opportunity to look back to that time and to enjoy how far we have come as a community is very exciting. The Beach Bash is a perfect celebration," event organizer Vicki Harmon said. "My family built a house here in 1971 and my favorite memory of coming to Ocean Pines was the trip to the Beach Club."

The Ocean Pines Beach Club, which opened in 1971, has long been a resident-favorite among the impressive list of Ocean Pines amenities. Known for its Luau Hawaiian parties in the 70s, the Beach Club will soon transform into the ultimate beach bash with the promise of overflowing "splash-tastic surprises" during the anniversary celebration.

Tickets, which include a buffet of food, music, pool use, transportation, parking, giveaways and more, are \$25 per person for adults, \$12.50 per person for children ages three to 12 and free for children ages two and under. Limited on-site ticket sales will be available at the entrance of the beach club parking lot on July 22.

Harmon said the event offers something for everyone. "You can get involved in an active game of volleyball or Cornhole, or just enjoy the fabulous food and music."

Event-goers are encouraged to dig their toes into the sand or dip their feet into the pool as the sounds of a beach-themed dance party fill the salty air. DJ Wax, a well-known disc jockey in Ocean City, will provide the music for the party.

Then after working up an appetite on the dance floor, attendees will be invited to indulge in a buffet including a seafood boil, pig roast, hamburgers,

hot dogs, fried chicken, and desserts.

"How often do you have a chance to enjoy local seafood, and an authentic pig roast at the same event?" asked Harmon.

A cash bar with happy hour prices will be available at the Beach Bash from 2 – 6 p.m. and at the after-party,



which will also take place at the Beach Club, from 6 – 8 p.m.

Limited parking will be available at the Beach Club for Beach Club parking pass holders on July 22. The limited parking will operate as first come first served. Those with Beach Bash event tickets will be permitted to park at the Beach Club on July 22 at no additional cost.

Two 18-passenger shuttle buses will travel from the Worcester County Library- Ocean Pines Branch to the Ocean Pines Beach Club from 1:30 – 8 p.m. on July 22. The shuttle service is at no additional cost for event ticket holders.

The Beach Club pool will open at 2 p.m. to Beach Bash event ticket holders only. Those without an event ticket, even swim members, will not be permitted to access the Beach Club Pool on July 22. Beach Club swim members can use their pool passes at one of the other Ocean Pines pools on July 22. The Oasis Pool, Mumford's Landing Pool, Swim and Racquet Club Pool and the Sports Core Pool will all be open on July 22.

The dining area of the Beach Club will be closed for the entire day on July 22 to non-ticket holders. Only event ticket holders will have access to the dining area on July 22.

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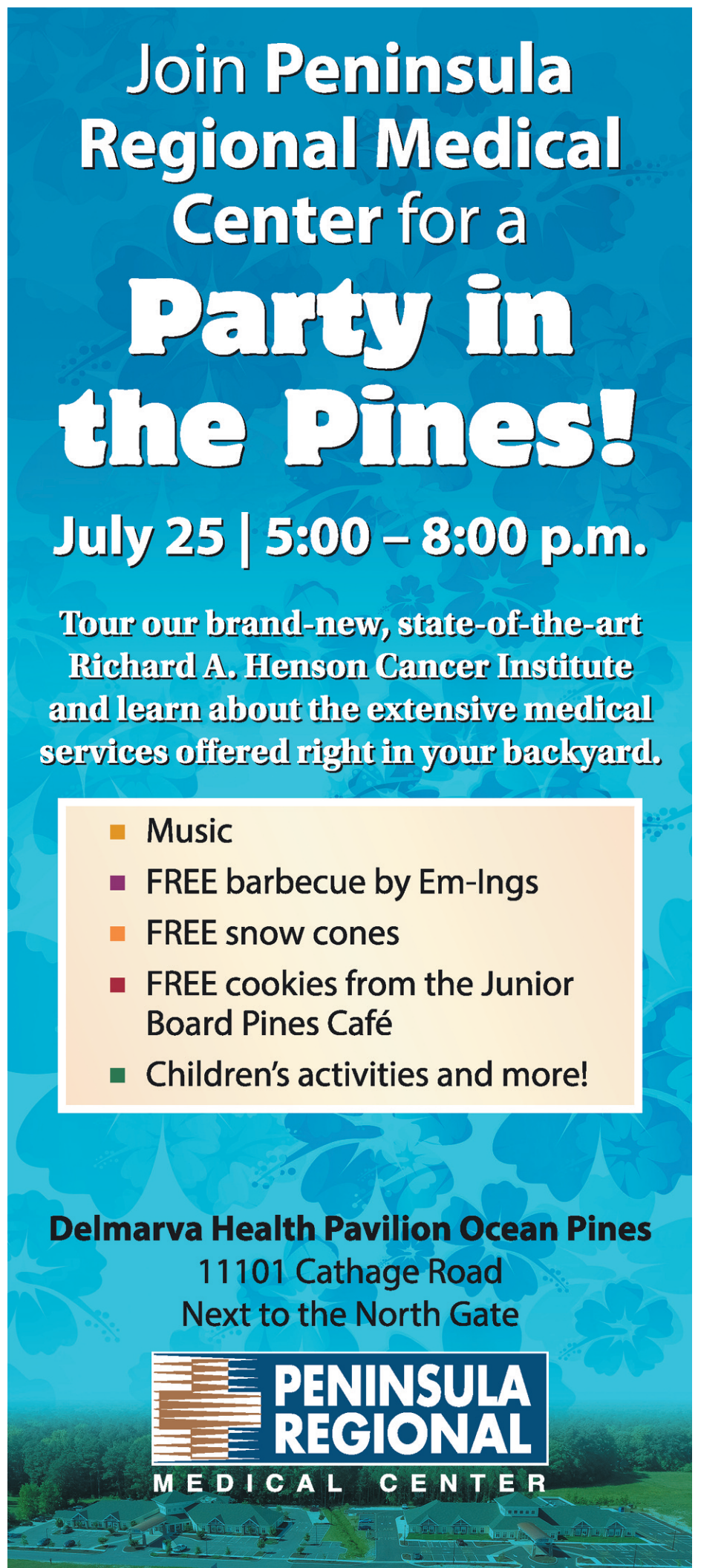
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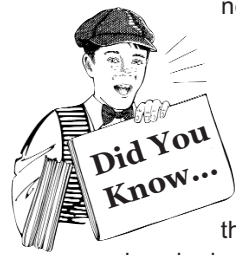
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According to the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor, adding square footage to a home can cost homeowners anywhere from \$7,000 to \$100,000. When adding square footage to a home, homeowners may



need to knock down an interior wall or walls, the cost of which can vary widely depending on the walls being

knocked down. Load-bearing walls are needed to support the home, and while such walls can be removed, homeowners may need to hire structural engineers at additional cost to orchestrate such removals. In addition, homeowners can expect to pay more when knocking down walls that contain ducts or electrical wiring. It also can be costly for homeowners whose homes are old to knock down walls. HomeAdvisor notes that the wall-removal process in old homes that contain lead paint or lath-and-plaster walls is more intricate and may cost homeowners more money.

GM provides more info on Canada Geese reduction

Ocean Pines General Manager John Bailey is providing the community and its surrounding public with more information regarding Ocean Pines Association's decision to reduce its resident Canada geese population.

"As with everything, there is always more to any topic. The goose issue at Ocean Pines is but one example," said Bailey. "A little history helps shed light on what unfortunately led to the recent removal of most of the geese population."

Bailey said that in September of 2014, the Association's Environment and Natural Assets Advisory Committee, made up of Ocean Pines residents, presented a three-pronged approach to the Ocean Pines Board of Directors to mitigate the damage to the environment caused by non-migratory Canada geese.

The approach consisted of three non-lethal control measures:

1) Create a no-mow area and install appropriate landscaping around the north gate and Memorial ponds to help discourage geese from frequenting the ponds and install monofilament lines to block easy access for the birds;

2) Enter into an agreement with the Department of Agriculture to treat, remove and destroy Canada geese nests to help control the resident goose population;

3) Apply the product "Flight Control" to approximately two acres near the Memorial to test its effectiveness.

A motion was made at the Sept. 27, 2014 Board of Directors meeting to formally adopt this three-pronged approach, and the measure passed unanimously.

The following was reported by the Environment and Natural Assets Advisory Committee in its annual report to the Board of Directors for 2015:

Monofilament line was strung around both the North Gate and South Gate ponds. The domestic geese were not deterred by the line and broke through them. Also, some members of the community cut the lines. Therefore, there is a continuous maintenance issue. The conclusion is that action did not work.

Allowing grasses to grow high at the edges of the ponds deters the geese from entering the ponds because they cannot see and fear predators. Currently, the grasses are growing, but there are complaints from the community that it does not look good. The

committee was divided at that time whether the no-mow effort was working.

Goose egg oiling was done on a small scale at the North Gate pond. The result was that only 5 goslings were hatched. No eggs were oiled at the South Gate pond, and we saw an increase of 38 new goslings in the spring of 2015.

Flight Control substance has been spread on the area around the Veterans Memorial in an effort to stop the geese from grazing there. It appears to work but should be reapplied after each rain and it is expensive.

Conclusion: all of these actions will help slow down growth of the goose population, however, the resident Canada goose problem remains. The domestic goose flock increased by 5 and is not good for the pond environment. Health and safety hazards, fish kills, algae blooms are all major concerns.

By March 2016, the Board formally rescinded the three-pronged approach, also by unanimous vote.

"The non-lethal measures were directed to be abandoned," said Bailey. "Fast forward two years and we have the resulting growth of the goose population to over three hundred, with future growth unmitigated."

Bailey said there are a lot of facts about geese that the public needs to consider.

"For example, most people do not know that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources does not authorize the capture and relocation of Canada geese."

He added, "Furthermore, it should

be noted, again, that the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services is the governmental branch that the association, and many other entities, contracted with to conduct removal of geese." Wildlife Services staff conducted the removal of resident Canada geese as a part of the USDA's wildlife damage management project. The staff of the Ocean Pines Association did not participate in the action by which 290 geese were removed.

"Wildlife Services is made up of people who care greatly about the environment, and they are not just going to capture and euthanize anything unless they understand it to be an unfortunate but viable part of a mitigation effort," said Bailey. "No one gets any joy or comfort from having to take such mitigating actions. The Association will continue to try to abate the problems associated with geese, particularly its population growth, by as many means as we can, and we would much prefer that other options be successful. Unfortunately, history isn't very promising – however, just as science continues to shed light on all subjects – maybe it will provide us a means by which we can avoid more difficult decisions in the future."

For more information about controlling conflicts with resident Canada geese in Maryland, log onto Maryland Department of Natural Resources' website at http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/ResGeeseProblem.aspx.

Fowl turns to foul

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

In an arrangement with the United States Department of Agriculture, the Ocean Pines Association had nearly 300 resident Canada geese rounded up and killed. This was the culmination of several years of trying other methods to control the population and reduce the associated risks to human health and water quality, particularly in the area of the Veterans Memorial Pond at the South Gate.



Association members owe the Board of Directors a vote of thanks. However, not all association members agree. Some apparently prefer the slimy mounds of goose poop blanketing the area around the pond. Conditions were disgusting at a recent Teach-A-Kid-To-Fish Day. It was impossible to be in the area without coming in contact with the poop. Some were suggesting children should not even be in the area.

A part of the community believes the geese take priority, despite the ob-

*please see **foul** on page 15*

Snake bitten

Several weeks ago, I wrote that my wife and I were celebrating our thirty-first wedding anniversary. Many nice things were written by me about my wife. Three days later she left me.

This news may come as shock to many of you but the separation was

installing hardwood floors in our living room and hallway. We had purchased the flooring just before my wife's trip. It was available for pick-up three days after she left. To be fair, she halfheartedly said that I shouldn't start the project until she returned.

But, she knows me and she knew I wouldn't be able to just wait, doing nothing for the nearly three weeks she was gone. So, I ripped up the carpeting and the padding. There were a lot of staples that had to be removed. While I was on my

hands and knees, bloodying my fingers removing staples, I received a text message photo showing my wife playing Trouble with our grandkids. How nice.

Once the staples were removed installation commenced. It was slow going at first because of the special cuts necessary to seamlessly fit the new floor with the adjacent floors of the dining room and kitchen. Over the next couple weeks, working on it when I could between doing laundry, mowing the lawn, tending to the garden, talking with HVAC contractors, food shopping and a host of other responsibilities, the new floor was laid. Plank by plank, cut by cut, nail by nail, the project drew nearer to completion.

Then, when I was cutting on the table saw one of the last planks, there was a little kick-back and my index finger was nicked by the saw. What could have been a real tragedy, resulted only in the partial loss of a nail and a lot of pain. Nonetheless I persevered, hoping to get the project completed by the time my wife returned.

Then, the following evening (the night before my wife was to return) while I was cutting an onion on a new-fangled slicer my mother had given us for Christmas, I sliced a portion of my ring finger badly. There was a lot of blood and a lot of pain. Let me write that again – a lot of pain. After about an hour of trying unsuccessfully to stop the bleeding, my son drove me to

urgent care where the doctor sewed three stitches.

I called my wife the next morning telling her that I blamed her not at all for my woes or the fact that had she been home I wouldn't have been cooking and therefore would not have sliced my finger. She was buying none of it. But she did tell me that I was not allowed to use any sharp objects at least until she returned.

Despite the fact that she already had travel arrangements secured to get home from BWI Airport, I drove to pick her up myself. I gave a lot of thought to meeting her wearing a neck

collar, supporting myself on crutches, sporting a fake arm cast and having my head wrapped in gauze. Instead I met her holding a bouquet of flowers in my very bandaged hand.

Obviously, my run of unfortunate luck began with my wife's departure. I'm pleased to write that since she's returned I've not cut myself once, meals taste better and the flooring project is complete.

And best of all, the folded laundry is again magically appearing on the edge of the bed. As for my injuries? They're healing just fine.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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long in the making. When it finally happened neither my wife nor I was surprised. She packed her bags and left in the middle of the night, leaving me to live alone.

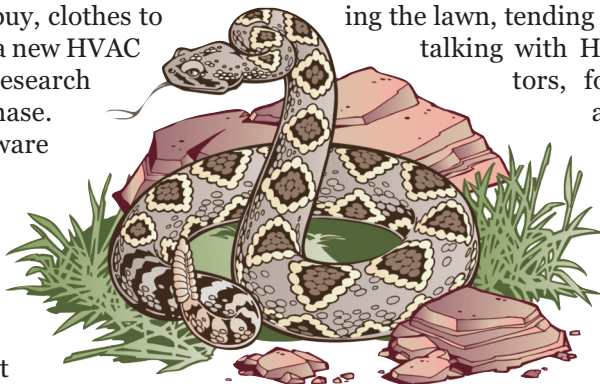
And live alone I did for the 17 days she spent visiting our grandchildren in Texas. While she was getting hugs and kisses from our six-year-old granddaughter and soon to be four-year-old grandson, I was left to care for our two dogs, a cat, tropical fish and all things dealing with our home. There was food to buy, clothes to launder and a new HVAC system to research and purchase.

Were you aware that laundry is something that has to be done on a regular basis and, it doesn't miraculously appear folded on the bed to be put away?

My wife wasn't out the door an hour when it seemed as if my luck had been snake bitten. For every three steps I tried to take forward, I was pushed back two, sometimes three, sometimes four.

One of our two HVAC systems finally reached its full life cycle and died, not with a whimper but with a bang. Thus, arrangements had to be made to get replacement estimates. Over a week and a half, four companies visited, confirmed what I already knew (the system was dead) and gave an estimate for a new system. All of them were more than I wanted to pay. But, really, does anyone ever want to pay for a new HVAC system?

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Burbage Cancer Care Center officially opens

Atlantic General Hospital recently held a ribbon cutting and grand opening for the John H. 'Jack' Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, more than 250 community members and supporters of Atlantic General Hospital gathered for remarks from hospital leadership and Jack Burbage himself. Burbage addressed the community about the importance of opening the cancer center, stating, "If we only save one life – it's worth it."

Those who attended the grand opening received guided tours and had the opportunity to meet the staff of the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center, including medical oncologists Roopa Gupta, MD, and Rabindra Paul, MD, and radiation oncologist Manoj Jain, MD.

The Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center was developed based upon the unique needs of the community as well as decades worth of cancer research, and support by the Campaign for the Future. Cancer treatment has changed and improved dramatically in recent decades, so

that most cancer care in the country is now delivered in community hospital settings.

"Creating a cancer care facility where all of the care can be received on one campus, in a comfortable, convenient and accessible location, means that the best cancer care out there is now available right here," stated Michael Franklin, the president and CEO of AGH.

Under one roof, the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center offers the latest in radiation therapy, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, genetic counseling, nutrition counseling, financial support services, and massage therapy and other supportive care services for cancer patients.

The Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center is located at 9707 Healthway Dr., Berlin, Maryland, 21811. For more information on the cancer care services offered, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/rccc. To make an appointment, call 410-641-6888.



From left: **Jeff Kukel**, Pharm D, AGHRx RediScripts Manager with **Sheriff Reggie Mason** and **SGT. Matt Crisafulli** of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

Ocean Pines' new tees make golf fun

Ocean Pines Golf Club's new family tees have recently received an upgrade with plaques signifying the course's affiliation with the PGA of America's Family Course program.

The tees, which were installed last fall, are now marked with plaques that appear in the fairway and on the cart path of each hole on the course.

Designed to make golf accessible to more players, the Family Course program offers an alternative for juniors, those new to the sport and anyone interested in playing a shorter course.

The family tees at Ocean Pines Golf Club range in distance from 65-250 yards per hole for the shorter set and 85-300 yards for the slightly longer set. The course scorecard now includes the yardages for the family tees as well as for the five other tees available.

Ocean Pines PGA Director of Golf John Malinowski said the new tees are one example of how the golf course is working to make golf appealing to as many people in the Ocean Pines community as possible.

"Ocean Pines is lucky to have seen increased play in the past few years, and our junior golf and new player instructional programs have been thriving. The new tees allow us to offer an alternative to those who are developing their skills or who don't have the time or energy to commit to playing a long course," Malinowski said.

Malinowski commented that the new tees are ideal for allowing mixed-age groups to play golf together. "The multi-generational component of the PGA Family Course program is perfect for Ocean Pines. Now, for example, a parent, grandparent and child can all play golf together more easily," he said.

The golf course also offers special rates for juniors. Children ages 15 and under can play for free after 3 p.m. with a paying adult. Before 3 p.m., the junior rates are \$15 for nine holes and \$25 for 18 holes.



Drug disposal receptacle installed

Thanks to a gracious donation from the Worcester County Sheriff's Department, championed by LT. N. J. Passwaters, SGT. Matt Crisafulli and Sheriff Reggie Mason, Atlantic General Hospital and AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacy announced the installation of a Medsafe Drug disposal receptacle.

In the state of Maryland only one public controlled substance disposal location for medications is available for every 32 pharmacies. Yet in 2017, there were over 66 million prescriptions filled at retail pharmacies with over 26 million of these prescriptions left unfinished.

The need for expanded drug disposal solutions is overwhelming and contributes to stockpiles of unused and unwanted medications in home medicine cabinets as well as improper disposal of prescription medications. These leftover prescription drugs in the home can be a ticking time bomb. When left accessible to the wrong hands, they can lead to temptations that can have dire consequences.

Since the beginning of June 2018, the Medsafe Drug Disposal receptacle has been in place in AGH and available to our community members to drop off their unused and unwanted medi-

ations 24 hours a day, 365 days per year for safe disposal and destruction through the process preferred by the DEA, FDA, and the EPA. While the vast majority of commonly prescribed medications can be disposed of through the Medsafe Drug disposal receptacle, certain restrictions. Items unacceptable for disposal include aerosol sprays, alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, needles, syringes or sharps containers, more than four ounces of liquid, trash, mercury thermometers, batteries, chemicals, or durable medical equipment supplies.

For more information about safe drug disposal options or to inquire about how Atlantic General Hospital and AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacy can help more effectively access and manage the medications needed to stay healthy, please contact a member of the AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacy staff on the main campus of Atlantic General Hospital at 410-641-9240 or by email at Rediscripts@atlanticgeneral.org.

The Medsafe Drug disposal receptacle is located in the main lobby of Atlantic General Hospital near the reception desk.



Successful Kiwanis pancake breakfast

A big thank you to the public for again supporting the Kiwanis Annual Summer Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, July 14. Pictured are the Kiwanis members and volunteers. The next event is the July 24 Duck Race at Frontier Town. Sponsor a duck for \$5 and win 50% of the total sales up to \$3,000. Call 410-973-1233 for tickets or get them at Thursday Night Ocean Pines Concerts in the Park where the Kiwanis "Dawg Team" serves up hotdogs and other refreshments before and during the concerts. All proceeds from these events benefit the youth of the community.

HELP

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City is a community service non-profit organization. It does many fundraising events for which three signs are posted to inform the public: one wooden one at St. Martins Lane & Beauchamp Road, another wooden one on Rt. 589 across from the North Gate and a third plastic A-frame sandwich board on the grass median at the South Gate on Manklin Creek Road. It's been at least 6 years that the A-frame has been used and undisturbed at that location. But, in 2018 the original A-frame was stolen/borrowed/removed on Saturday night April 7 - Sunday April 8 before the April 8th Italian Dinner. Therefore, Kiwanis purchased a new A-frame exactly like the missing one. It was advertising the July 14 Pancake Breakfast, but it's believed that sometime during the night of Saturday July 8 - Sunday July 9, the new one also went missing. Someone is at fault! It's too heavy to carry far. It likely went into a vehicle. If anyone knows what happened or saw anything, **please call Kiwanian Dave Landis at 410-641-7330**. Kiwanis is trying to raise money to support local youth, not to buy \$100-plus signs. It's a shame! HELP! Police and Ocean Pines Public Works have been contacted regarding knowledge of its whereabouts.

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Remembering a hero

Publisher's Note: On July 21, 1968 Lt. Colonel Sherman Flanagan was killed while flying a combat mission over Vietnam. What follows is an excerpt from a book I co-wrote for the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, "My Time, My Service." The book is a collection of biographies of some of the heroes honored at the Memorial.

In 2006 I interviewed Patricia Flanagan Arthur for the story I was writing about her brother Sherman. What follows is the story that appears in the book. This has been reprinted with permission from the Veterans Memorial.

-Chip Bertino

**SHERMAN E. FLANAGAN, JR.,
United States Air Force**
*(As related by his sister,
Patricia Flanagan Arthur)*

Family bonds and affection are never illustrated more vibrantly or are more heartfelt than when a younger sister remembers the character and personality of her older brother. Such is the case when Patricia Flanagan Arthur talks about her older brother, Sherman E. Flanagan, Jr.

Sherman was killed in Vietnam on July 21, 1968 making a strafing pass at a target while flying his F-100 as part of the 355th Tactical Fighter Squadron. He left behind a wife and two young children as well as a mother, father, sister and brother. Although it is hard to dwell on how Sherman died, it is understandable. It is, however, the way he lived his life and what he achieved that his sister Patricia remembers fondly.

Sherman was born April 8, 1930, the second child of Sherman and Elizabeth Flanagan. The Flanagans were a tight-knit family who enjoyed being together, traveling extensively around the country and Canada. Games were a favorite pastime. "We played a lot of bridge," Patricia remembers. Sherman attended Westminster High School and Charlotte Hall Military School, graduating in 1947. He then went to the University of Maryland majoring in business administration. He was also a part of the ROTC program at the school. When he graduated he went into the Air Force, serving one year in Korea as a jet pilot. He flew more than 50 missions.

Before going to Korea, he married his girlfriend Virginia, who was a nurse. When he left the Air Force, he and Virginia settled in Westminster, Maryland. He led a very full and hectic life. During the day, he worked at his father's insurance company. At

night, he went to law school at University of Maryland. This was in addition to taking care of his growing family (a daughter Donna was born in 1957 and a son, Sherman III, was born in 1960). He served as a captain in the Air Force Reserves and, eventually, as a major in the 121st Tactical Fighter Squadron in the District of Columbia National Guard.

Sherman graduated from law school in 1960 and took a position with the legal firm, Cable and McDaniel in Westminster. Patricia remembers proudly that her brother passed the bar exam on his first attempt. Sherman continued to fly. As Patricia remembers, "he loved his country and loved to fly."

Following the seizure of the USS *Pueblo* by North Vietnam, Sherman was one of those called up to active duty by President Lyndon Johnson. He was attached to the 113th Tactical Fighter Wing.

During the morning hours of July 21, 1968 Sherman, took off in his F-100 Super Sabre along with two other aircraft from Phu Cat Air Base, located about 20 miles northwest of the city of Qui Nhon. It was in a 10-mile lowland that stretched northwest from the South China Sea to the Central Highland mountains. Their target was located in the A Chau Valley in the northern part of South Vietnam. It is less than six miles from Laos and between two mountain ranges. The valley was a communist stronghold and had served as a launching point for the Tet Offensive on the northern provinces earlier in the year.

At 8:18 a.m., while making a strafing pass at the target, his aircraft was struck by hostile gunfire from the ground. The pilots of the other planes watched while Sherman's plane crashed. He did not eject, nor was there any radio communication from



Sherman E. Flanagan, Jr.

him. He is believed to be the first Guardsman called to duty during the period to have died in Vietnam.

A ground search to recover his remains was not possible because of the hostile activity in the area. He is listed as one of 26 Maryland POW/MIAs having served in Vietnam.

Sherman was scheduled to return home the following week. He was posthumously awarded the Air Medal and Purple Heart.

The Flanagan family pulled closer

together after Sherman's death. As Patricia recalls it was a difficult time for the family. In October, Sherman's father died of a heart attack while on a cruise through the straits of Gibraltar.

Sherman's mother, Elizabeth did all she could for her daughter-in-law, Virginia, and grandchildren. Virginia never remarried. Sherman Flanagan III graduated law school and is now a lawyer following in his father's footsteps.

In Sherman's honor, the Westmin-

please see hero on page 9

Remembering My Brother After 50 Years

By **Patricia Arthur**

Lt. Colonel Sherman E. Flanagan, Jr. was killed on July 21, 1968 in Vietnam. He was the husband of Ginny, father to Donna and Eddie III, son of Sherman, Sr. and Elizabeth and brother to Rita, Fran and me. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Westminster, MD (as was his father).

After his death the family and the Rotary created a Memorial Scholarship in his name. I want to thank the members of the Club for their tireless efforts to increase the assets to help young people achieve their goals. The first scholarship was awarded in 1969 at the Westminster High School where he and his children and his siblings attended. This year the Rotary Club awarded three two-year scholarships (giving \$1,500 to each student each year).

Ginny, Donna, Sherm III and I are proud of the life he lived and to the many contributions he made to his county and state and to his sacrifice for the country he loved to live in and died so the democratic way of life could continue. All three Shermans were lawyers and the youngest graduated from University of Virginia Phi Beta Kappa. Motto: Love of learning is the guide of life.

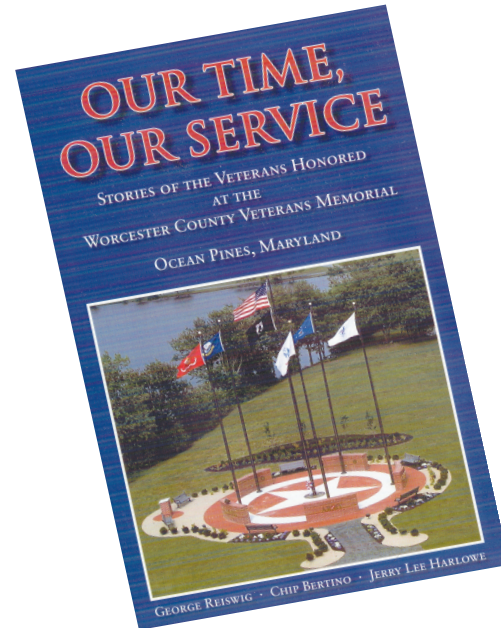
God bless America! Land of the free and home of the brave.

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ster, Maryland Rotary Club has a memorial scholarship that awards two two-year scholarships each year. Sherman is also remembered at several Vietnam monuments around the country including the memorial in Washington, D.C. and the Punchbowl Cemetery in Hawaii. Looking back at that tumultuous period, Patricia says, "When he [Sherman] was in Vietnam, I felt he was there for the right reason."





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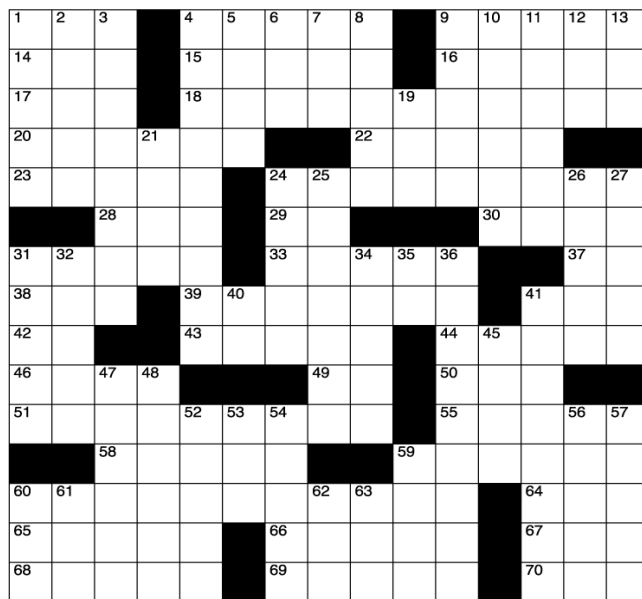
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- 4. Beef intestine
- 9. Expression of contempt
- 14. Expression of horror
- 15. Famed architecture couple
- 16. Escape
- 17. "The Raven" author
- 18. Chiefs' tight end
- 20. Removes
- 22. Pesto dish
- 23. One who roots against
- 24. Type of writer
- 28. Old woman
- 29. Early multimedia
- 30. This (Spanish)
- 31. Part of a play
- 33. Elephant's name
- 37. Home of the Flyers
- 38. Builder's trough
- 39. Tel
- 41. Google certification
- 42. Electric current
- 43. Belonging to them
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. Arranges
- 49. Commercial
- 50. Skywalker's mentor ___-Wan
- 51. Single-reed instrument
- 55. Voodoo
- 58. World of Warcraft character
- 59. Paddling
- 60. Most agreeable
- 64. Chafed
- 65. A way to analyze
- 66. Remove
- 67. Metal-bearing mineral
- 68. Remains as is
- 69. Large predatory seabirds
- 70. The Science Guy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Central Chinese province
- 2. The marketplace in ancient Greece
- 3. Covered the sword
- 4. Cleanser
- 5. Body parts
- 6. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 7. Mega-electronvolt
- 8. One from Asia
- 9. A superior grade of black tea
- 10. Thin
- 11. Circles of light around the head
- 12. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 13. Tiny
- 19. Evildoing
- 21. ___ Connery, 007
- 24. British sword
- 25. Type of cyst
- 26. Musical composition
- 27. Advises
- 31. Herring-like fish
- 32. Chocolate powder
- 34. Somalian district El ___
- 35. Indicates position
- 36. Refurbishes
- 40. Exclamation of surprise
- 41. Football field
- 45. Hilly region in India near China
- 47. Come to an end
- 48. Most mad
- 52. Sheets of glass
- 53. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 54. Stares lecherously
- 56. Consisting of a single element or component
- 57. Monetary unit of Zambia
- 59. Bones (Latin)
- 60. Frames-per-second
- 61. Tell on
- 62. Gall
- 63. Cologne



Answers for July 11

Book Review

Where We Belong

By **Jean Marx**

This 2012 book by Emily Giffin gives an inside story on the effects of adoption years after – 18 years after the baby was given up for adoption. The book starts out with Kirby Rose who is now 18 and is seeking out her birth mother. Her birth mother is Marian Caldwell, a 36-year-old successful television producer in New York City. It was when Marian was Kirby's age that she found out she was pregnant and was faced with the heart-wrenching decisions of what to do about it.

The book alternates chapters between Marian and Kirby speaking in the first person. Marian appears to be leading a charmed life with her boyfriend Peter Standish who happens to be her boss and CEO of the television network. Marian leads a talented group of writers tasked with continuing to develop lively, engaging new episodes.

The book starts out with Marian and Peter spending an evening together enjoying dinner and the sights and sounds of the city. After 2 years of dating Peter, Marian is feeling the ticking of her biological clock, and she becomes anxious to get married and start a family. Peter is not so anxious to get married again and have another child, as he divorced his first wife 4 years ago and he shares custody of their moody teenage son. Marian and Peter part ways that evening with Marian feeling angry and hurt as she confronts Peter about getting married with no encouraging response. The end of Chapter 1 is Kirby knocking on Marian's door and blurting out that she is Marian's biological daughter.

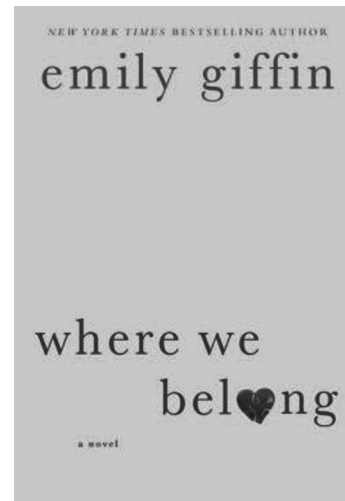
Marian has, of course, never forgotten what transpired 18 years ago. However, she has maintained her secret all these years as her way of coping with the difficult decision of giving Kirby up for adoption. The book goes back in time to the circumstances that led up to the fateful event. We meet Conrad Knight who had been Marian's childhood friend, but now he's a gor-

geous guitarist and singer in a local band. The setting when the love affair ignites is a party at the home of Marian's best friend Janie in Chicago during the summer following their high school graduation. Marian has been accepted into University of Michigan in the fall, while Conrad has no definite plans, other than knowing that his future plans do not include college. They talk for hours with drinking and

teenage hormones involved. Marian decides this is the night and that Conrad should be her first. What the pair don't realize is that they've conceived a child despite their attempt at using protection. Marian and Conrad fall in love over the next month and then Marian realizes she's late. She confesses this to Conrad, so they purchase a pregnancy kit together. However, Marian takes the test alone and she decides on the spot when she

sees the solid pink line that she is going to keep her pregnancy a secret from Conrad. She only divulges her secret to her mother, and while her mother accompanies Marian to the abortion center, Marian finds she cannot go through with it. All the while, she painfully shuts Conrad out, only telling him that she needs to get ready to head off to college. Conrad tries numerous times to contact and see Marian, but she rebuffs him each time and they proceed to go their separate ways.

Marian's mother assists Marian in keeping the secret even from her husband, Marian's dad. They tell the dad that Marian is off on her first year at college, but instead Marian has the baby in a cabin the family owns. Marian gives Kirby up to a midwestern family who desperately wanted to have their own child but couldn't. Kirby's adoptive parents do end up having a child of their own, whom they name Charlotte. Charlotte always looks up to Kirby, yet it makes Kirby always feel like an outsider. Kirby also finds she has a love and talent for music, but it is out of synch with her adoptive family's more traditional love for a good education, sports, etc.



Croaker, Fun to catch and fun to eat



Fishing Report: Fishing has been good for flounder all over in the bays and sea bass offshore when the weather cooperates. Jeff Kukel of Ocean Pines caught a nice Golden Tile Fish weighing 40lbs. Way to go Jeff!

What is a Croaker?
(Refer to the illustration)

The Atlantic croaker is one of the most abundant fishes in North American coastal waters and is important as a commercial fish as well as an important sport fish. Locally they can be caught from fishing piers as well as the surf and by boat in both the Ocean and Coastal Bays. They usually arrive in our waters in early to mid July or as late as August. Just keep up to date with the fishing reports to find out when the action starts. Croaker will not remain in the bays for long. Usually, 2-3 weeks at the most then they will migrate offshore to the shoals.

Croakers are bottom feeders and a close relative of Spot and red drum. They are given their name because of

the unique sound they make when caught. However, they are fun to catch and good to eat. Kids love to catch them because when they are biting it can be non stop action.

Maryland Regulations:

In the state of Maryland Croaker must be a minimum of 9 inches in length to keep and the limit is 25/person/per day. I must admit I usually do not keep Croaker less than 13 inches as I like to fillet Croaker and you need larger fish for a reasonable size fillet.

What type rig should you use?

Croakers are one of the easiest fish to catch as they are bottom feeders. The best way to catch them is with a standard two-hook high-low rig with a 2 – 3 oz bank sinker. Hook size is important as you need to use a smaller hook in the size 4 – 6 range.

Usually either a wide gap or (long shank) hook will do the job.

What bait should you use?

Expensive bait is not necessary when fishing for croaker. A small piece of squid, shrimp, cut bait such as spot or mullet or a piece of clam will do just fine for these hungry fish but like any other fish if you want a bigger fish put on a bigger piece of bait. If you are also fishing for flounder you can also catch them on frozen shiners and squid combination.

When is the best time to fish?

I personally have had my best luck on the early outgoing tide but most fishermen feel you should fish the same tide as you would for floun-

der. That is the last 2 hours of the incoming tide and the first 2 hours of the outgoing tide.

local regulations as to when and where you can fish. Behind the convention center and along the bulkhead from 2nd to 4th street. Also, check with your local tackle shops as they will give you great advice as to where the bite is best. If fishing by boat try the area around Harbor Island in 12 to 15 feet of water. Also, the thoroughfare, around the convention center and the south bay behind Assateague Island is a great location. Move around and watch for the concentration of boats as this is a good indication someone found a school of croaker.

My favorite Croaker Recipe:

Croakers make great fish and chips and they are a good tasting fish. I will cut the small fillets off each side and use the following simple recipe.

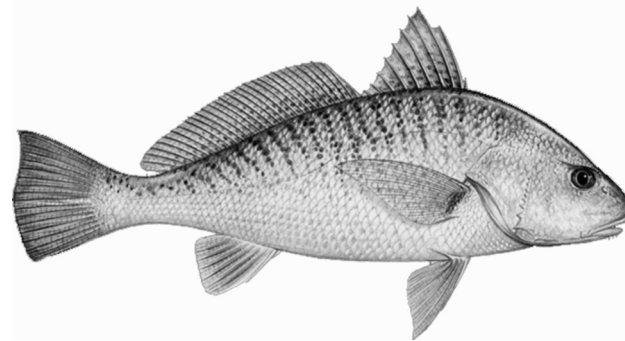
Ingredients:

- 1 small onion sliced thin
- 2 cloves garlic
- Juice of 1/2 fresh lemon
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. Old Bay or Cajun Seasoning
- 1 dash salt
- 1/4 lb. butter or margarine

Preparation:

Sautee the onion and garlic in butter in a medium size frying pan until tender, add the lemon juice to the pan. Combine the bread crumbs, Old Bay or Cajun seasoning along with a dash of salt in a bowl. Dip the fish in the butter mixture and roll in the bread crumbs. Arrange the fillets in a greased baking pan. Drizzle the remaining butter mixture over the fish and bake in a 350 degree oven until done and the fish flake easily usually 15 – 20 minutes but check it frequently. Serve with French fries and you will come back for more.

Remember to take a kid fishing.
Capt. Ron



Tides for Ocean City (Fishing Pier)			
Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Sunrise Sunset
Th 19	High	1:05 AM	5:52 AM
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	High	1:44 PM	
	Low	8:06 PM	
F 20	High	2:02 AM	5:53 AM
	Low	8:25 AM	8:20 PM
	High	2:47 PM	
	Low	9:09 PM	
Sa 21	High	3:02 AM	5:54 AM
	Low	9:17 AM	8:20 PM
	High	3:48 PM	
	Low	10:14 PM	
Su 22	High	4:01 AM	5:54 AM
	Low	10:09 AM	8:19 PM
	High	4:43 PM	
	Low	11:15 PM	
M 23	High	4:55 AM	5:55 AM
	Low	11:00 AM	8:18 PM
	High	5:32 PM	
Tu 24	Low	12:09 AM	5:56 AM
	High	5:43 AM	8:17 PM
	Low	11:48 AM	
	High	6:16 PM	
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The Ocean Pines Association (OPA) has mailed out the election ballots to its members in good standing on Wednesday, July 11. In accordance with the OPA By-laws, no member may vote if the member has failed to pay the annual charge, including any assessed interest levied by the Association. There are seven candidates to fill four open positions on the Board of Directors. You can vote for no more than four of the following candidates and write-in candidates are not allowed: Steve Tuttle, Frank Daly, Gregory Turner, Paula Gray, Esther Diller, Ted Moroney and Arie Klapholz

If you have questions regarding the status of your owner account, call OPA Administration on 410-641-7717. The Elections Committee will monitor the Elections telephone 410-208-3989 for questions and/or requests for replacement ballots.

Mailed ballots must be received at the Post Office by Wednesday, August 8. Ballots may be dropped off in the ballot box located inside the Ocean Pines Police Station at the OPA Administration Building no later than 5 p.m. on August

8. Votes will be counted and ballot totals will be announced on August 10 at 9 a.m. at the Marlin Room in the Community Center. Election results will be validated at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Saturday, August 11 at 10 a.m. at the Assateague Room in the Community Center. The Elections Committee encourages members to get to know the candidates before casting a ballot by visiting <http://www.ocean-pines.org/meet-the-2018-ocean-pines-board-of-directors-candidates/>.

The Board of Directors is a legislative policy-setting body of the Ocean Pines community. The affairs and business of the Association are managed by a board of seven and the terms of the Directors will be for three years and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

For more information, contact Ocean Pines Elections Committee Chairperson Steve Habeger at elections@oceanpines.org or Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at (410) 641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.

Kiwanis supports Worcester GOLD

Worcester GOLD (*Giving Other Lives Dignity*) is a non-profit community service organization located in Show Hill. At the June 27 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines- Ocean City, GOLD President Carol Jacobs spoke about where the money they receive is spent. Among which is the "Golden Vault," a room in the GOLD office provided by the Department of Social Services, where supplies are kept to help those in need. Pictured are (L-R) The Club's liaison to GOLD Jim Spicknall, Carol Jacobs and club President Ralph Chinn as a \$400 bi-annual Kiwanis donation is presented to GOLD.



Public invited to STEM ceremony

The public is cordially invited to attend the Worcester County Economic Development (WCED) STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) summer programs ceremony at Worcester Technical High School in Newark on July 26 at 2 p.m.

"This program is all about connecting Worcester County students with STEM businesses and opportunities right here on the shore," WCED Deputy Director Kathryn Gordon said. "We want these students to know that they don't have to move away to chase down their dreams because area businesses offer a multitude of STEM career opportunities to utilize their individual interests and talents right here at home."

The ceremony will highlight the individual and group experiences of 49 Worcester County middle school, high school, and university students and how their experiences may affect their future academic and career goals.

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Knots & Knots

A different sort of bay fishing

By **Dan Collins**

I love fishing. I've fished twice, once when I was 9 years old and once at age 70. The results were the same – left over stinky bait.

I have solved my dilemma by switching to a more universally accepted bait – Visa. Occasionally, I'll switch up and use cash in those situations when I am dealing with small catches like happy hour hors d'oeuvres.

Many of my fishing holes on the bays behind Ocean City and Assateague are seasonal. Some close for the January/February freeze but when the fishermen return

in the spring, the calamari turns golden brown and the oysters shed the top half of their shells.

Some of the better fishing holes are inaccessible by boat but all have an overland path and parking lots. However, I'm a purist. I like to fish from one transient slip to another and when there are no slips, I rough it by tying up to the bulkhead.

Starting in the north, there are a couple nice fishing spots at the upper end of Assawoman Bay, just over the Maryland-Delaware border. Catch 54 is a bit of an oxymoron. If you don't fish there when the 'specials' are running, you'll need lots of bait but the caution is that you also need very little draft to navigate their shallow slips.

However, only 100 yards away, on the other side of the Route 54 Bridge, lies Harpoon Hanna's. There draft has a different meaning. It can be light, heavy, bitter or fruity and it's always cold but you need to avoid a 'boating-under-the-influence' bad day by not catching more than your quota.

The caution for H.H. is that there are no slips. You have to parallel park along the bulkhead in strong current in front of scores of fellow fishermen. I remember my first H.H. docking. I misread the water and approached with a 4-5 knot following current. After 3 missed attempts, a fellow fisherman yelled at me to approach by going against the current and a lady paused from her Caesar Salad to han-

dle our dock lines. Ah, the camaraderie of fishermen.

Further south in the bays, the fishing seems to have improved at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club this year but there are no transient slips. Visitors



Moored at Seacrets to fish the afternoon away

must tie up at the ends of the tee docks to the left and right of the fuel dock.

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*please see **fishing** on page 14*

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for you. It's a not-so-secret place where boaters can tie up to white mooring buoys and take the complimentary water taxi to shore. You will not be bothered by the ships-of-the-line from Sunset Marina because the depth of water at Seacrets is only 2-3 feet which also makes it alcohol friendly for tipsy fishermen. If you fall off you can just stand up. If you can't stand up, you better be wearing a life jacket. Of course, the designated boat driver always has the responsibility for the safety of all the fishermen and the security of the fishing gear.

Further down the bays, you'll probably run out of bait before you run out of fishing holes. The West Ocean City Commercial Channel alone must have 3-4 good fishing holes with slips, bulkheads and very little current. Try the Martin Fish Co. restaurant. A fifth generation family owned business, the

fish are literally right off the boat and the flies are friendly.

The Commercial Channel is also home to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police so you better observe the 6 MPH and no wake zones.

Now if you like the challenge of swift currents and lots of boat traffic, try the Lazy Lizard. The fishing is great, the slips and dockhands are friendly and the sunsets are spectacular.

Speaking of sunsets, the Sunset

Marina has bulk head docking and a lovely view of what really rich people do with excess wealth. I recommend the Aki Tuna appetizer. By my calculations, I need to order it three more times to qualify to fly a tuna fish flag in my pontoon boat.

One other noteworthy fishing hole is Hooper's Crab House. They have two older transient slips and three brand new ones but they are BYO – bring your own docking lines – and avoid the massive sand bar immediately in front that's almost as big as the

parking lot out back.

However, when you finally get to our southernmost bay, Sinepuxent, you may find the best fishing hole of all. Beach your boat on Assateague Island and enjoy a delicious peanut butter and jelly sandwich with the family in the presence of an occasional wild horse.

I love fishing.

Dan can be reached for comment at dancollins.oceanpines@gmail.com.



History Panel - Ocean Pines hosted a History Panel last Thursday at the Community Center. The event attracted a standing room only crowd. Panelists John Talbott, Marlene Ott, Tim McMullen, Edie Brennan, Marty Groff and Ginny Reister discussed their experiences during the early days of the community and when developer Boise Cascade was selling the first lots. The discussion was moderated by Dan O'Hare.

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vious overpopulation problems. One outraged goose advocate wrote: "This is an unspeakable evil perpetrated by viscious (sic) serial killers."

It is impossible to rationally deal with such emotional sentiments. Not all opponents are so irrational. Some just believe OPA should have issued a public news release prior to the capture of the birds. Would that have been a reasonable thing to do? Probably not. Most seem satisfied to see the population and the poop reduced.

Three hundred geese can produce up to around 700 pounds of poop every day, or 21,000 pounds a month. The gooey mess builds up on the grassy area and paths; rainfall eventually washes much of it into the Veterans Memorial Pond. A year or so ago the state posted the pond as unhealthy.

There is little point in discussing the differences between resident Canada geese and migratory Canadas and the need to reduce resident populations in some areas. The issue is simply too emotional for a few.

For several years, this now reduced population will alleviate the problems. However, the population will most likely increase again and require another population reduction.

The sight of migratory Canada geese in flight each fall is synonymous with Maryland's Eastern Shore. They are beautiful creatures. However, when the resident, non-migratory birds overpopulate an area, good environmental management, such as that employed by OPA and approved by the federal government, prevents Canada geese from turning from fowl to foul.



Success - Ocean Pines Boat Club Commodore Pat Marchesiello and husband Rich held a very successful Appreciation Picnic Saturday June 23 in White Horse Park in Ocean Pines for about 150 members and guests. (L-R) Rich and Pat Marchesiello and Jack Tellman who won the big 50-50. Photo by Anna Foultz.

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When Kirby confronts Marian, it sets off a fascinating series of emotions and events that ultimately expose each of their feelings about their lives over these 18 years. As Kirby and Marian begin developing their own relationship, they go in search of Conrad to tell him he had a daughter he never knew about. The book also describes the emotions the adoptive family is having as well. It is a well-done foray into all the conflicting emotions that exist when a baby is created and the decisions and repercussions for all involved.

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The Beach Club property, which dates back to 1971, features a dining area, bar and spacious decking, public swimming pool, lounge chairs and an upper level for private parties, weddings and banquets for Ocean Pines residents and non-residents.

"The Beach Club is not only a great place to enjoy the beach, but it is also a valuable asset to the community and it enhances the value of our real estate investment in our homes," said Harmon.

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