

# The Courier

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**Grant award** - The Art League of Ocean City was awarded a matching Community Arts Development Grant of \$3,000 to support artist awards at its monthly exhibitions. **Rina Thaler**, executive director of the Art League of Ocean City, received the award from **Sharon Sorrentino** of the Worcester County Arts Council on First Friday at the Ocean City Center for the Arts..

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# Pines experiences record-breaking holiday

By **Josh Davis**

Although the weather didn't always cooperate, a sunny Sunday on July 4 and big crowds all around led to a stellar holiday weekend in Ocean Pines.

During that span, the Association posted record numbers at several amenities and drew the largest-ever audience for a fireworks display.

## Fourth of July events

Independence Day happenings started early on Sunday, with the return of the annual "Freedom 5K" race.

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said 225 runners took part. Race results were posted online, at <https://www.raceentry.com/results/ocean-pines-association-freedom-5k/view/2021>.

"It was a beautiful day and perfect for a 5K," Donahue said. "That went really well."

Later that evening, Donahue and the Recreation Department oversaw the return of the annual July 4 celebration at Veterans Memorial Park. She said the largest crowd yet –

roughly 3,000 people – came out to enjoy the huge inflatable slides and bounce houses for children, along with carnival games, food vendors, and music for people of all ages.

An accidental fireworks discharge in nearby Ocean City led to the cancellation of two planned fireworks displays there. Donahue said that likely contributed to the enormous amount of people who watched the fireworks on Sunday night in Ocean Pines.

"Ocean City's unfortunate situation probably contributed to our big crowds, and there's no way to tell how many people were parked in surrounding areas and probably watching from their homes," she said. "It was a spectacular event."

Donahue said the seamlessness of the July 4 celebration was thanks to behind-the-scenes efforts by Ocean Pines Police, Public Works and Volunteer Fire Department.

She also thanked Schaefer Fireworks, Inc. for putting on a successful and well received fireworks display. Video of the fireworks finale, posted on Facebook

(<https://fb.watch/v/gV9jscfJm/>), was viewed 23,000 times as of Tuesday afternoon.

"I want everybody to know that it takes all of us – it's not just a Recre-

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"Traffic made it out perfectly at the end of the night, and everything was

and everything went really well."

Police Chief Leo Ehrisman credited work by a pre-preparation team that also included Public Works, Recreation and Parks, the Ocean Pines Vol-

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# Election-time satire

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**

Election time in Ocean Pines is always interesting. This year four candidates are vying for two three-year terms on the seven-member Board of Directors.



The election takes place against a recent backdrop of discussion by the Strategic Planning Committee about possible bylaws changes regarding how directors are elected and how long they serve. For example, some on the committee believe terms should be longer. Many might argue governance would improve if terms were shorter.

Board member Colette Horn suggested board member turnover is a “big source of angst for association staff” who wonder if the election will impact their jobs. There is no basis for that speculation, except perhaps for the staff position of General Manager. The committee wants to spend a chunk of your assessment dollars on yet another survey, proving again that a camel is a horse designed by a committee.

Back to the actual election, let’s take a perhaps satirical look at what the candidates have written about themselves and why they deserve your vote. Here we go, in the order the candidates will be on the ballot:

**Frank Daly**

Daly wrote, “I bring Proven Per-

formance. Candidates run on promises. Incumbents run on their record.” This was also his theme at the first Candidates Forum. “During my tenure your assessment has increased ten dollars. In the same time period, we have rebuilt aging facilities, repaid \$2.1 million in losses from the Hill/Bailey era, strengthened homeowner protections and value, improved our amenities, and introduced Comcast to the community.”

As a board member, Daly was forecasting a financial disaster for Ocean Pines as the pandemic took hold. He now writes, “As most realize the current pandemic significantly impacted amenities last season.” The plain fact is that OPA had a profitable year even without the PPP gift from American taxpayers. With the gift from taxpayers, OPA made the most profit in the history of the association.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of what Daly wrote for his re-election campaign is what he apparently never mentioned — his relentless and leading role in trying to bring about a controversial Declaration of Restrictions change related to short-term rental businesses and allowing the board to impose fines on association members. Whatever one thinks about short-term rentals, the proposed solution is an expensive waste of time and money whether association members approve any changes or not.

Daly voted with his fellow board members to reject the board spending limitation petition and not hold a ref-

erendum on the petition - a decision costing association members over \$25,000. A court upheld the petitioner, and association members, in a major defeat for the board, overwhelmingly passed the subsequent court-mandated referendum.

Daly is a full-time resident.

**Stuart Lakernick**

Lakernick wrote, “During the past year we witnessed some troubling events unfold. For example, a member had to take legal action against the board and the court ruled in his favor. Our star employee resigned because of how she was treated in the workplace.”

Then there is this doozy, “This year, perhaps more than ever before, who you elect will determine the long-term success of Ocean Pines!”

Lakernick says his two top priorities will be drainage and employee morale. As a full-time resident/owner in Ocean Pines for over 30 years, candidates focusing on drainage is nothing new to this commentator. In fact, it is surprising when a candidate does not mention drainage.

As for employee morale, one can only wonder what impact it has on all current OPA employees when Lakernick says OPA lost its “STAR” employee. One can only assume all those remaining don’t qualify for star status as far as Lakernick is concerned.

Lakernick talks about top-down

versus bottom-up budgeting. He writes, “We abandoned this (top-down) with our current GM to a bottom-up approach utilizing our department heads to come up with the budget. This way they are accountable for their individual budgets.” Again, as someone who has closely watched and attended budget-setting board and GM sessions over many years, department heads have always participated in preparing departmental budgets for the General Manager. Department heads have pretty much always made in-person budget presentations to the board.

Lakernick is not a full-time resident.

**David Hardy**

Unlike the other three candidates, David Hardy does not seem to have much knowledge of OPA politics. Maybe that is an advantage.

With regard to his two top priorities, Hardy writes, “Recently two issues have been discussed by residents and occupied much of the agenda of OPA board meetings. These are the Federal Payroll Protection Funds loan and issues concerning short-term rentals.”


It is surely questionable that the PPP loan occupied much of the agenda of recent board meetings. Short-term

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## Courier Almanac

On July 14, 1968, Atlanta Braves slugger Henry "Hank" Aaron hit the 500th home run of his career in a 4-2 win over the San Francisco Giants.

Henry Aaron was born February 5, 1934, in Mobile, Alabama. The third of eight children, Aaron was a star football player, third baseman and outfielder in high school, and signed with the Negro League's Mobile Black Bears while still a teenager. He joined the Indianapolis Clowns in 1952 at age 18 and helped them win the Negro League World Series. The next year, his contract was sold to the Milwaukee Braves of the National League. On April 13, 1954, Aaron became the last former Negro League player to make his debut in the major leagues.



The first International Special Olympics Summer Games were held at Soldier Field in Chicago on July 20, 1968. The games were the brainchild of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who first proposed the idea of nationwide sports contests for young people with intellectual disabilities in November of 1966. Kennedy Shriver had spent years advocating for young people with intellectual disabilities, even opening a summer camp for such youngsters at her home in suburban Washington, D.C. in June of 1962. More than 200 events were offered at the first Special Olympics, including water polo, the 100-yard swim, the 50-yard dash, the broad jump, and the high jump.

# What the survey reveals

Several years ago, the question, “Is that your final answer?” became ubiquitous thanks to Regis Philbin, host of “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.” The answer to that question could mean the



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

By **Chip Bertino**

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difference between winning a lot of money or going home with a lifetime supply of canned tuna fish.

Maybe not all the time, but through the years, some television game shows have captured our attention. I was reminded of this reality when in last week's *Courier*, the “Something to Think About,” feature by Jack Barnes included quips from the popular game show of the 1960s and 1970s, “Hollywood Squares.” You're going to reveal your age if you admit honestly to remembering the original show that included Paul Lynde, Rose Marie and Charlie Weaver among the cast of celebrities who answered questions asked by host Peter Marshall. Well, I remember and I admit to laughing aloud at Jack's compilation. It got me thinking about the Squares and other game shows from my youth.

“Hollywood Squares” was a viewing habit in our house each evening after the “CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite.” My brother and I would lay on the floor in front of the television; our parents sitting behind us on the sofa. As soon as the guests were introduced, my brother and I would scream at the television for the contestant to pick Paul Lynde in the center square. And we'd squeal with delight when our suggestion was heeded. We started laughing as the question was asked. Then the camera would go to Paul whose facial expressions were just as funny to us as anything he might say. We'd all be laughing. It was only later when I realized our parents were laughing at innuendos and double entendres that did not register with my brother and me, yet we laughed just the same.

All these many years later, I remember a question Peter Marshall asked of one of the celebrities, I don't remember which. This was the ques-

tion: “If you had just one picture left in your camera while walking through the woods and on your right was a deer with a doe and to your left was a couple making whoopie, which would you take a picture of.” Before the celebrity could answer, my six-year-old brother blurted out, “I'd ask the two to move over with the deer.” I don't think I ever heard my parents laugh so hard and for so long together. My brother had no clue why what he said was so funny.

Neither did I – then. But the laughter behind was proof he said something quite extraordinary

“Match Game” with host Gene Rayburn was another show we watched regularly. Richard Dawson was to that show what Paul Lynde was to the Squares. Richard delighted in proffering an often risqué answer that busted up the other celebrity panelists. Although we didn't always understand why Richard's response was so funny, my brother and I learned in time that the harder our grandmother laughed, the naughtier what he said must be. There was also the back-and-forth antics between Brett Sommers and Charles Nelson Reilly who always seemed to have more fun than anyone else. A question I remember was this: “During an episode of ‘Quincy,’ a power surge interrupted the program with an episode of ‘Match Game’ so it appeared that Dr. Quincy was performing an autopsy on (blank).” There were a lot of guffaws and chuckles over that question. The reason? Brett Sommers was married to Quincy actor Jack Klugman. How many of you knew that?

Then of course, there was “Family Feud” hosted by the aforementioned Richard “*Survey Says!*” Dawson. My grandmother never liked that Richard made a point of kissing all the female contestants. She was also the loudest in the room shouting what she thought the survey would reveal. Except one time when she was overcome by waves of laughter. The reason? Richard asked what the survey would reveal to this question: “Name something a man keeps in his pants.” Neither then nor now, do I know what the survey revealed because my grandmother's laughter spread to me, my brother and my grandfather. We laughed hard and we laughed long.

Those were some fun days.

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# JKMF receives state award

Every year, Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot recognizes one agency in each county that demonstrates “an unwavering commitment to helping others.” The 2021 award for Worcester County was given to the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund (JKMF) for its work in suicide prevention education and support for local mental health services and training.

The Jesse Klump Memorial Fund was founded in 2009 following the death by suicide of a 17-year-old Snow Hill High School senior. In the years since, the fund’s Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness & Prevention Program has become the leading nonprofit on the lower Eastern Shore focusing on suicide prevention, with a variety of services, classes and a support group for those who have lost loved ones to suicide.

“We are delighted that the Comptroller has chosen to recognize our work,” said JKMF President Kim Klump, “but the real reward comes when someone says to us at a class, or at a community event, that we have saved lives and given others hope of a brighter future. Those kind words, plus the honor of this award, are the things that keep us committed to protecting other families from the tragedy suffered by mine.”

Following a year that tested the mental health of many in our seaside communities, the JKMF plans to strengthen and broaden outreach as opportunities for teaching and counseling open again. “In the coming school year, the JKMF will make possible the implementation of a new program with the aim of healing those families of elementary-aged students that have experienced severe trauma.

‘Bounce Back’ is a proven counseling practice that, with the help of our partners at the Board of Education and the Health Department, will be in place in two Worcester County elementary schools, with the hope of expanding to every school in years to come,” said JKMF Corresponding Secretary Ron Pilling.

To learn more about the work of the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, including news about the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Jesse’s Paddle fellowship and fundraising gathering in September, visit [www.jessespaddle.org](http://www.jessespaddle.org).

## Fishing contest is Saturday

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will host the annual Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest on Saturday, July 17 at the South Gate Pond, near the Sports Core Pool in Ocean Pines. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the contest will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Youths should bring their own fishing rod and reel. Bait is provided. There are three age groups; 4-7, 8-11, 12-16. A trophy will be awarded for the biggest fish in each age group with special awards for the top three.

Children younger than age four can fish but will not be eligible for a trophy. A drawing will be held for two grand prizes: a deep-sea fishing trip aboard *The Angler* and a custom Mike Vitak fishing rod. All registrants will receive a prize compliments of the Anglers Club and the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club. This is a free event. For more information call John McFalls at {610} 505-1697.



### Kiwanis receives donation

Judy Nelson has donated many trophies to the Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City Kiwanis Club in memory of her late husband Bill Nelson who was a founding member of the Ocean City Cruzers. This recent donation also celebrates the club’s first annual car show to be held on July 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial Park. Pictured above presenting the donation is Judy Nelson with **Steve Cohen**, president of the Kiwanis Club.

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# Women in transition

Contributed by **Sherri Holder**  
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This year marks the last of my forties. Age has never bothered me much; I've always focused more on how I feel and subsequently what in my life influences my feelings. As I've transitioned from young mom, to career woman, to baseball mom, to empty nester, and now to grandmother, it's easy to see that one trigger of my emotional age is financial security and stability.

More to the point, having a strong sense of self-confidence has always been important to my overall well-being. At this stage in my life though, that means putting confidence in people I trust. Believe me, that's harder to do than it is to write because it immediately sparks a sensation of vulnerability that I've spent a lifetime trying to avoid. I like to be in control, and I am somewhat private about my personal matters. I suspect I am not alone in this which is why I am being so candid about my own thoughts and fears.

Women, especially, should consider their financial and estate planning health as they transition through the various stages of life. And whether your assets are generous or modest, whether you have children or not, you do, in fact, have an estate to plan for. The key to good planning is to first identify your goals and then understand your options. But a note of caution: Assuming you don't need guidance is short sighted and may be counter intuitive to your independent nature. Meaning, without a good plan now, you could become dependent on others later or end up losing control completely.

What is financial and estate planning? It's creating a cohesive plan to meet your objectives during life, through disability, and at your death. Let's start with the directives. A Durable Financial Power of Attorney allows you to name an agent who will act on your behalf in the event of your incapacity. This commonly discounted directive is perhaps the most important financial planning instrument you can create. An Advance

Health Care Directive is equally important because it not only appoints a representative to make medical decisions on your behalf, but it provides your instructions for life-sustaining efforts. The unintended consequences of not having these directives in place range from family strife to unnecessary expenses and loss of assets.

Creating a will puts you in control of what happens to the assets in your individual name. A will is only effective at your death and does not provide management control during disability or incapacity. Furthermore, depending upon your assets, a will may require probate which is the court

process of overseeing the instructions of the will. For those reasons, it may be important to create a Revocable Living Trust. A trust provides for the management of your assets during incapacity and after death. A properly funded trust will also avoid the pro-bate administrative process which provides privacy and expediency. Certain types of trusts can also offer protection to ensure your assets are available to provide the legacy you envisioned.

Way back when I landed my first real job, I remember meeting with the

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### South Gate Pond at Veterans Park

Funding support provided by the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club, the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Dept, and the Atlantic Coast Sportfishing Association.

For more information, please call John McFalls at (610) 505-1697.

# Library book sale returns

The Ocean Pines library is announced that the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will host their annual Book Sale on Friday, Saturday and Monday, July 23, 24 and 26 at the Ocean Pines library located at 11107 Cathell Road. The sale will feature over 20,000 hard and soft cover books, CDs, DVDs and audio books, all priced 50 cents to \$2 each. Topics include children's, fiction, nonfiction, history, art, music, self-help, biography, science fiction, westerns, animals and nature, foreign language, home school and

Pines library with equipment and other needs that cannot always

be included in the Worcester County budget. Recent purchases include new book return boxes on the porch, a smart board used for



education, cookbooks, crafts and hobbies and many more. There will also be a specials room where you may purchase antique, author signed, first editions, rare, collections, historical, local interests, reference and more which are all priced individually. Over 100 volunteers are scheduled to assist with setup, monitoring, selling, tear down and coordinating of the sale with approximately 800 hours of volunteer time.

meetings and classes and an audio-visual sound and projection system for the meeting room.

Between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday, July 23, the sale will be open to Friends members only. You may join at the door for \$5. Hours on Saturday, July 24 at 9 p.m. to 4 p.m. On Monday, July 26, everything will be half price including the specials room.

Only cash and checks are accepted. There are no limits and dealers are welcome.

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# Albrecht named Crafter of the Month

The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines has announced Ginny Albrecht as the June crafter of the month.

Albrecht grew up in Rochester, New York. Her mother taught her how to sew when she was 8 years old, which started a lifelong journey of sewing and crafting.

Albrecht later taught herself wa-

tercolor painting and how to create sterling silver jewelry, and she, her husband and their friends sold jewelry and other art at festival and fairs for many years. Seven years ago, she moved to Ocean Pines.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Albrecht again picked up a new self-taught craft, this time working with fabric wrapped in coiled baskets. She joined the Pine'eer Craft Club this year and sells her baskets and other items in the new craft shop.

"It has been a wonderful opportunity to be a part of this talented and nurturing community of artists," she said.

View Albrecht's projects and other handmade items at the Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park, on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. The shop is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# Don't let investments go on vacation

Submitted by **John Bennish**  
Financial Advisor, Edward Jones



John Bennish

Now that we've gained at least some space from the COVID-19 pandemic, summer travel is heating up. But while you might be eager to hit the road, you won't want your investments to take a vacation – you need them to work hard for you consistently. But how can you make this happen?

Here are some ideas:

**Know your destination.** “If you don't know where you want to go, then it doesn't matter which path you take.” This bit of wisdom, paraphrased from the classic children's book, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, may be appropriate for, say, hikers exploring a new landscape. But as an investor, it matters a great deal which path you take. If you only dabble in investing, occasionally putting some money into one investment or another, it will be difficult to build a portfolio that's consistently working in your best interest. It's important to create a long-term investment strategy based on where you want to go in life – that is, how long you plan to work, what sort of retirement lifestyle you envision, and so on.

**Match goals with investments.** Some investments are designed to achieve certain goals. To illustrate: When you contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, you're investing for one specific, long-term goal: a comfortable retirement. While you can tap into these accounts for other purposes – though doing so might incur immediate taxes

and penalties – they are designed to provide you with income during your retirement years. Similarly, you may have other investments for other purposes, such as a 529 education savings plan. Here's the key point: Goals-based investing, by its nature, can help ensure your portfolio is always working on your behalf, in the way you intended.

**Invest for growth.** Ideally, hard work produces results, and one of the main results you want from your investments is *growth* – that is, you want your investments to appreciate in value so they can eventually help you meet your goals. But if you are over-concentrated in vehicles such as certificates of deposit (CDs) and government securities, you may end up lowering your growth potential. That's not to say that CDs and Treasury bills are in some sense “lazy.” They can provide you with income and help you reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. But to

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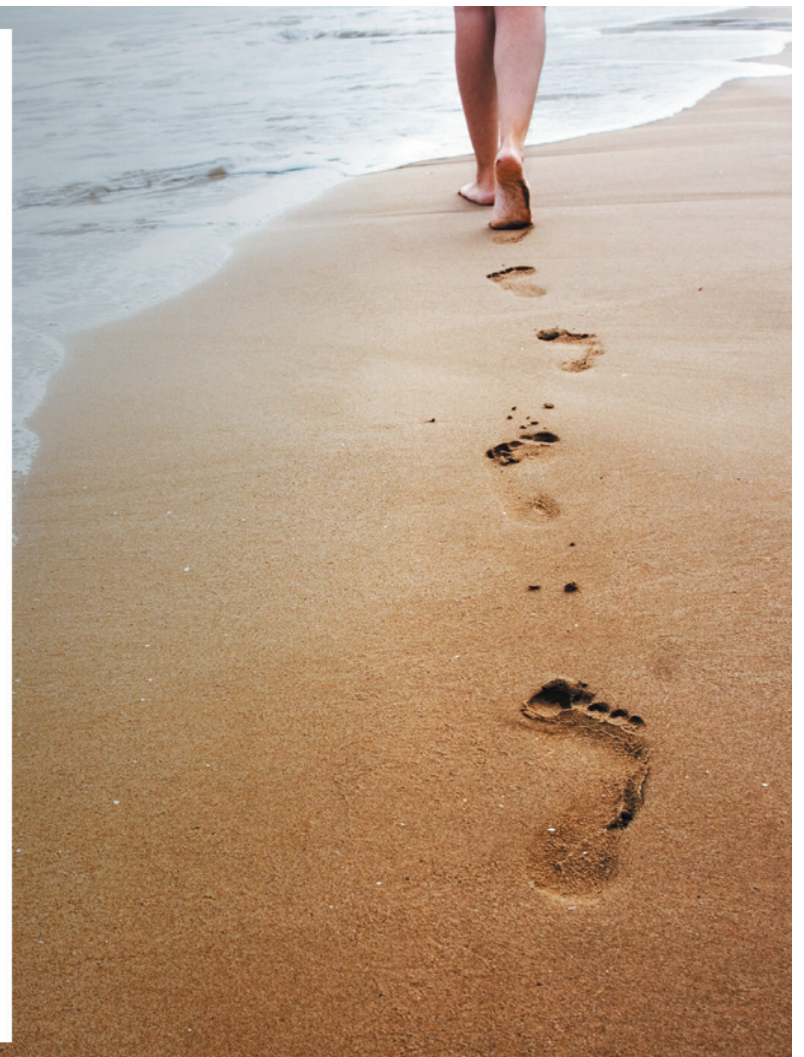


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# Cleats

One of the two 'Knots' in the column title, Knots & Knots, deals with tying line (or rope if you're on land). Arguably, the most popular knot is the bowline. This is used to create a loop of fixed dimension as opposed to a lasso. A loop on the end of a line is extremely versatile and one of its most useful tasks is to secure a docking line to a cleat.

Cleats are fittings that are either on the dock or on the boat's deck that are used to conveniently secure lines such as docking lines. A loop on one end is an easy way to start the process while taking up the slack and "making" the line at the other end keeps the boat at the desired relative position to the dock.

Therefore, a dock line typically has one loop on the "standing end" while the other end, the "working end," is void of any entanglements and is ready to be used to adjust the length and eventually be secured (tied, made) to the opposing fitting.

Each requires different handling techniques. The loop end is the first connection. It's the easiest and the quickest but there are at least three ways to connect a loop to a cleat.

The first is simply to place the loop over the horns of the cleat and take some tension so it won't pop off. In an emergency or a very fluid situation where you are trying to get control, this is a good start but not a permanent hitch. The loop can pop off if tension on the line is lost and the boat moves. If you use a simple flop of a loop to get control, you need to double back and better secure the line when the situation stabilizes.

The second method is to slip the

loop through an opening in the base of the cleat, if possible, and wrap the loop over each of the cleat's horns. That way the strain is through the hole in the middle of the cleat and unlikely to cause the loop to come undone. If, however, the cleat does not have a middle hole or the line is too thick to



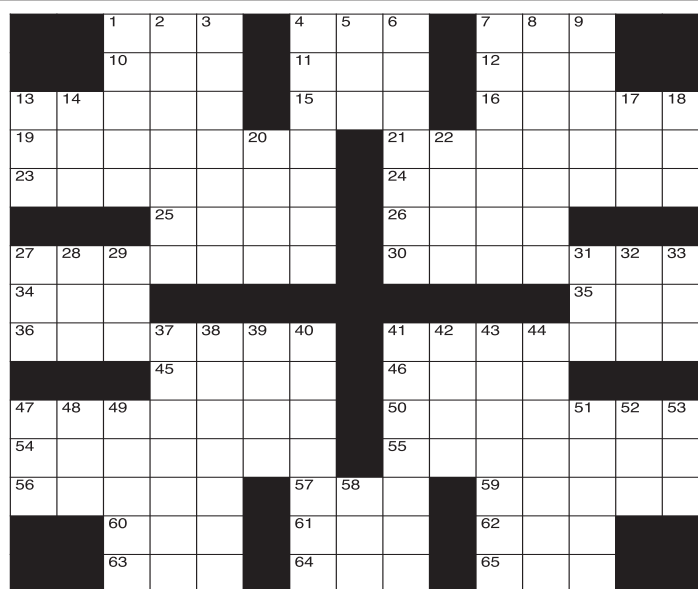
Here is loop made with a bowline knot and used to secure a line to a cleat that is too small for the line's large diameter.

pass through the hole, then another method is required.

The third method is surprisingly easy and very efficient. It simply requires bending the loop under the horn of the cleat that is farthest from the strain and looping it onto the horn that is closest to the strain. See photo. This configuration is less likely to pop off like the first simple loop and is easier to break when it's time to take in (or cast off) lines.

At the other end, you need to secure the line with a cleat hitch, not a loop. It cannot be another loop because you need to have the ability to adjust the length. To make a cleat hitch, you wrap the line behind the horn of cleat that is farthest from the strain – just like #3 above – and complete a 360° turn around the base of the cleat. Then bring the line over the top of the cleat and put 2 or 3 figure eights over the top of the cleat and behind the horns. Then form an underhand loop and slip that loop over

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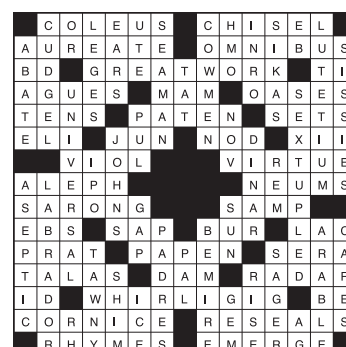


## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sr. enlisted Army member
- 4. Payroll firm
- 7. Monetary unit of Macao
- 10. Cooking vessel
- 11. Cow sound
- 12. Hairpiece
- 13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument
- 15. Mother
- 16. Remove from record
- 19. Foolish
- 21. Mailman
- 23. Unit of data size
- 24. Stirred
- 25. Deceptive movement
- 26. We all have one
- 27. Direct from pasture beef animal
- 30. A person's own self
- 34. Helps little firms
- 35. Deep, red-brown sea bream
- 36. Tumbler
- 41. A short section of a musical composition
- 45. Young woman (French)
- 46. Wings
- 47. Wine bottles
- 50. Thin layers of rock
- 54. Opposite to
- 55. American state
- 56. Uncertainty about something
- 57. Basics
- 59. Indian seaport
- 60. Owed as a debt
- 61. Buffer solution
- 62. Unit of work or energy
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. One point south of due east
- 65. Born of

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small stem bearing leaves
- 2. Female Bacchanalians
- 3. Mediterranean city
- 4. Measures electric current
- 5. Arrived extinct
- 6. Edible butterfish
- 7. Causing wonder or astonishment
- 8. Behaviors showing high moral standards
- 9. Ancient Irish alphabets
- 13. Footballer Newton
- 14. Utilize
- 17. Sum of absolute errors
- 18. Opposite of the beginning
- 20. Shoe company
- 22. Algerian port city
- 27. Girls organization (abbr.)
- 28. Type of cell (abbr.)
- 29. Swiss river
- 31. When you hope to get there
- 32. Fall behind
- 33. Expresses distaste, disapproval
- 37. Volume containing several novels
- 38. Less sharp
- 39. Food for the poor
- 40. Having made a valid will
- 41. Royal estates
- 42. Relating to wings
- 43. Japanese three-stringed lute
- 44. Taking something through force
- 47. Angry
- 48. Before the present
- 49. Showy ornaments
- 51. Norway
- 52. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 53. Consume
- 58. Founder of Babism



Answers for July 7

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unteer Fire Department, and the local neighborhood watch. He said the Worcester County Sheriff's Office also helped direct traffic before and after the fireworks.

On July 4, Public Works Director Eddie Wells said the first workers arrived at around 6 a.m. to set up for the Freedom 5K, and the last left just after midnight.

Among their duties, Public Works staff helped block off roads, and shuttled food and water for the countless workers and volunteers.

"We took care of the police, and the neighborhood watch guys and anybody else that was working," Wells said. "We were riding around with coolers of water and food and keeping everybody happy."

July 4 also marked the first major event since the COVID-19 outbreak shuttered many happenings in 2020, including the fireworks last year.

Donahue said it was awe-inspiring to see so many people back outside and enjoying themselves.

"I just kept saying, 'Where are they all coming from? What am I going to do with all these people?'" she said with a laugh. "It was very cool to have all the people back out again and having a normal Fourth of July, with everyone joining us and the kids having a great time. It was a perfect day to get back to some normal type of holiday fun."

**knots**  
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the horn of the opposing cleat and pull tight. This pins the free end under the last loop.

One last issue that many of us have faced when getting underway: How do you untie the cleat on the dock and have time to get on the boat before it drifts too far away? That can be a big issue when the wind and current are getting you underway before your line tending crew are on board.

A good technique is to 'single up' your lines while you are still safely moored to the dock. What that requires is to unfasten your dock lines - one at a time - from the dock side cleats, then bend each 180° around the cleat and lead them back to the line tender on the boat. The net result is that the end of the line that is attached to the boat is still secure and it leads to the cleat on the dock where the line

### **Marina, Racquet Sports and Aquatics come up big**

Elsewhere in Ocean Pines, Donahue said the Marina had an outstanding holiday weekend.

"From Friday to Sunday, they did really well and they were quite busy throughout the entire time," she said.

Donahue said the Ocean Pines Racquet Center was also busy, especially because of a record number of pickleball players.

"There was lots of racquet sports traffic coming out of all three sports," also including tennis and platform tennis, she said. "But pickleball, especially, had people lined up to play."

"It was a very well-attended holiday weekend, everywhere in Ocean Pines," she added.

Aquatics Director Kathleen Cook said rain on Friday shut down Ocean Pines' four outdoor pools early, but the rest of the weekend was a success.

"Friday was a wash and we moved everyone indoors [to the Sports Core Pool], and we had a big day there," she said. "During the rest of the weekend, all of the pools were pretty much at capacity."

"Most people were pretty kind and understanding" of the large crowds, Cook said. "The most important thing is it was safe. Everyone behaved and we guarded appropriately."

### **Packed at the Yacht Club and Beach Club**

Ralph DeAngelus, cofounder of the Matt Ortt Companies that runs Ocean

wraps around the base of the cleat one time and returns to the line tender who is now standing on board.

When the command to take in the line is given, the line tender simply lets go of the line leading to the dock cleat and collects the line by pulling the other side that is attached to the cleat on the boat.

What I have described here is typical of the cleats that are found on recreational boats. Although the techniques are similar, the big boys have more robust fittings like bollards and bits and line handling procedures commensurate with their size and momentum. If you're ever on a cruise ship, don't offer to tend the docking lines. The pros know what they are doing.

Stay safe. Stay dry.

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Pines' food and beverage operation, said all three restaurants did well during the holiday.

"Except for the rain on Friday morning, it was a spectacular weekend at all three places," he said.

That included a new single-day sales record at the Ocean Pines Beach Club, on July 4.

"Obviously, good weather is always number one, but we also saw the desire for people to get back to normal," DeAngelus said. "We did a lot of large parties for dinner and saw a lot of families - a lot of groups of sevens and eights and nines and tens. People are getting together again for the holiday, which they weren't able to do last year."

Rain cut short a performance by Tranzfusion at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Saturday, on a night when the popular local band's bass player also broke a bone in his hand. Despite that string of bad luck, DeAngelus said business was good.

"The number that night was still strong," he said. "Even though the weather killed the band, people didn't leave."

Tranzfusion will be back at the Yacht Club on Friday, July 23.

On the following night, Sunday, July 4, a huge audience filled up the Yacht Club patio as another local favorite, Great Train Robbery, performed.

"July 4 at the Yacht Club was the best one we've been involved with," DeAngelus said. "If it hadn't been for that really, really bad rain on Friday we probably would have had an all-time

record for the whole weekend."

Like Donahue, DeAngelus also underscored the efforts of staff.

"Even with a pent-up demand, there's restaurants across Worcester County that can't do those kind of numbers because of the staffing issue," he said. "We're able to do those numbers because we've been able to retain a lot of staff members that come back because of how we and our customer base in Ocean Pines treats them."

During the height of the pandemic, the Yacht Club stayed open and ran on a skeleton crew of managers, and the restaurant got creative with family meal specials and home delivery. The Ocean Pines public were grateful, and the management team paid it forward by saving more than \$10,000 in tips for workers who had to be laid off.

It's a courtesy that DeAngelus said returning staff still talks about it.

"A lot of our success is because the employees who come back to work for us are good and strong and they care - and they work their butts off," he said.

General Manager John Viola said the entire holiday weekend was both a financial success for Ocean Pines, and a much-needed return to normalcy.

"Across the board, we saw people coming back out in large numbers to enjoy our amenities," he said. "Our team put in a lot of hard work and a lot of long hours behind the scenes. We were happy to see everyone again, we're grateful for the good weather on Sunday, and we're looking forward to a busy rest of the summer in Ocean Pines."



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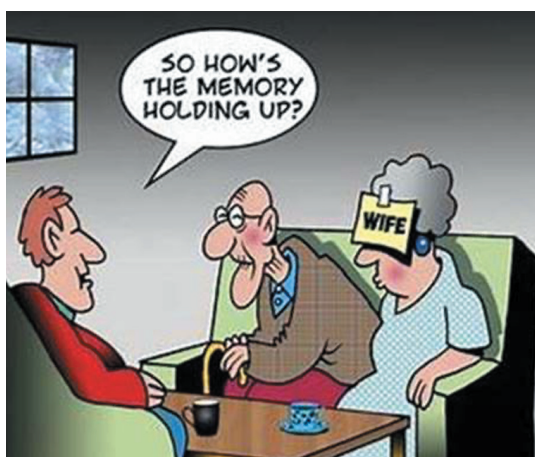
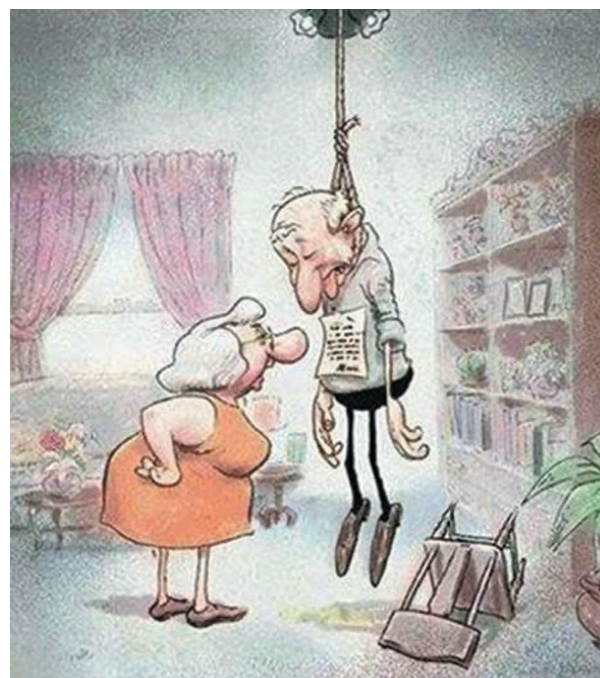
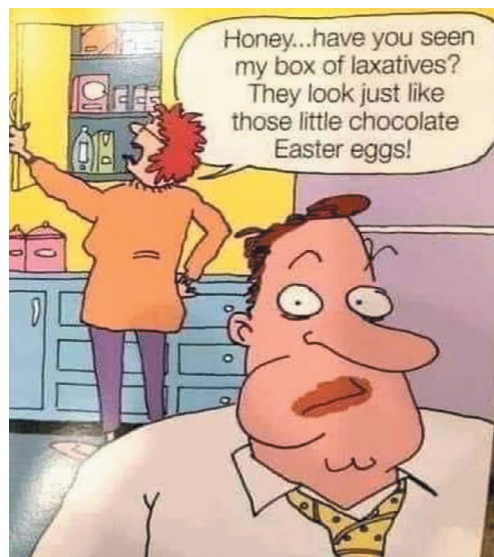
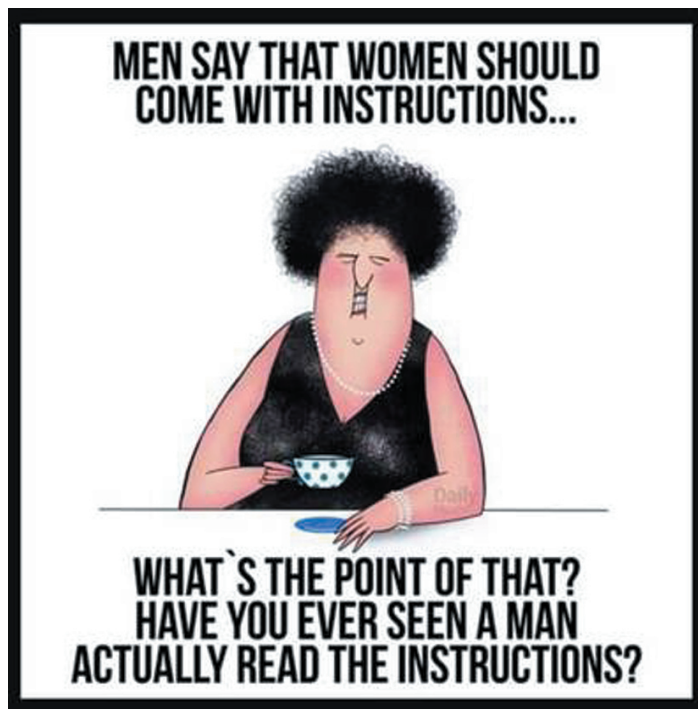
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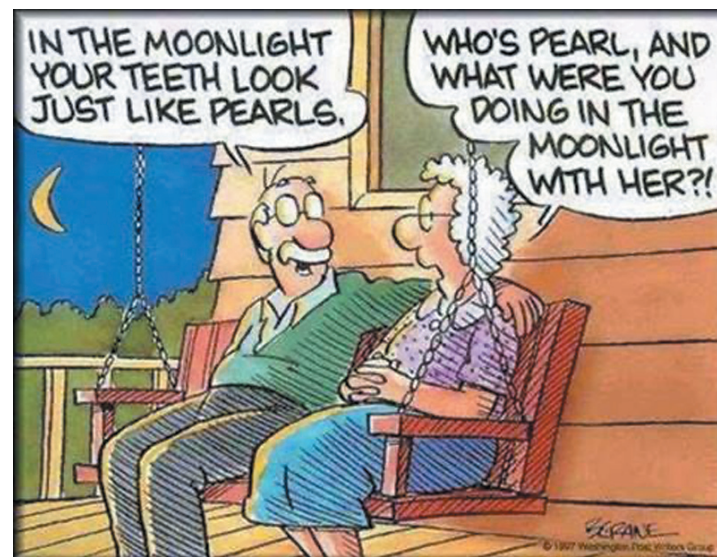
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# Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**



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## Harbor Day poster entries sought

Harbor Day at the Docks is taking place in the West Ocean City Commercial Harbor on Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Art League of Ocean City is issuing a "call for entries" for original artwork to be used on the 2021 official Harbor Day poster.

Located along Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City, this annual waterfront festival celebrates the area's rich history and maritime heritage, as well as the sport fishing and commercial fishing industries. Highlights of the day include seafood cooking demonstrations, crab picking contests, fish cleaning demonstrations, local fisherman displays, nautical artisans, educational exhibits, entertainment, food, kids' activities, and a traditional Blessing of the Fleet.

Poster artwork must pertain to the West OC harbor and/or local fishing industries. All media will be accepted, including photography, painting, drawing, mixed media,

etc., and the artwork must be an original image produced by the submitting artist. The Art League will award \$250 to the winning entry, which will also be professionally printed and sold as a signed, limited edition poster at Harbor Day.

The deadline to enter is July 30, 2021. Entries must be submitted as digital files to Art League Gallery Director Katie Brown at [katie@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:katie@artleagueofoceancity.org) along with name, address, phone number, e-mail address, artwork title, and medium. Images submitted must be suitable for printing, at least 300 dpi at 11x14-inches.

More information is available from Brown at 410-524-9433 or [katie@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:katie@artleagueofoceancity.org).

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**Recognition** - The Worcester County Commissioners kicked off Park and Recreation Month, which is celebrated nationally each July, by recognizing the diverse range of programs and services developed by Worcester County Recreation and Parks (WCRP) professionals to help build healthy communities and support active lifestyles. Those pictured include WCRP Recreation Facility Superintendent **Lisa Gebhardt** (front row, from left), Director **Kelly Rados**, Recreation Superintendent **Allen Swiger**, and Commissioner **Diana Purnell**; Commissioners **Jim Bunting** (second row, from left) **Chip Bertino**, and **Bud Church**; and Commissioners **Josh Nordstrom** (third row, from left) **Joe Mitrecic**, and **Ted Elder**.

## Good deed rewarded

Last November, when the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City was collecting toys and coats in the parking lot of the Ocean Pines Community Center, a woman walked up and donated a check for \$300. She said she normally attended all the Kiwanis events, like pancake breakfasts, hot dog sales at the Concerts in the Park and other events, but since COVID didn't allow those fundraisers to occur, she wanted to donate to the club. She gave the check to Kiwanian Dave Landis, who was also selling the 2021 Kiwanis "Lottery Raffle" tickets while collecting toys. She wanted nothing in return. Dave insisted she at least take a couple of tickets, which she reluctantly did. Low and behold, this wonderful lady's ticket #440 won the July 4th drawing for \$100. Good deed rewarded!



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17	High	2:33 PM
17	Low	8:41 PM
Su 18	High	2:51 AM
18	Low	8:55 AM
18	High	3:34 PM
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## Health Dept. partners with OC Chamber to offer COVID-19 vaccine

Additional COVID-19 vaccine clinics will be held at the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce located at 12320 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD 21842 for anyone age 18 and older. Vaccines are safe, convenient and effective.

Clinics will be held on the following dates:

-Wednesday, July 14, 2021 12 p.m.

### Car show scheduled

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City Car Show will be held Saturday July 24 between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial Park. The registration cost is \$15 per entrant; sign-in is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be judged classes, trophies and awards. Food concessions will be managed by the Kiwanis "Dawg Team." The club will also be selling their 2022 "Kiwanis Lottery Raffle" tickets for \$20 each with proceeds benefiting local youth. Purchaser has 365 chances to win.

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## RWWC to host fashion show

The Republican Women of Worcester County will host its 12th Annual Patriot Day Fashion Show Luncheon Thursday September 16 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Fashions are presented by Bruder Hill of Berlin. Cost of the luncheon

is \$35 per person. The registration deadline is September 1. For more information and/or to download the reservations flyer in our June newsletter, please go to [www.gop-womenofworcester.org](http://www.gop-womenofworcester.org).

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achieve most of your goals, you'll need a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments working for you, with the exact percentage based on your needs and life stages.

**Check your progress.** How else can you ensure your investments aren't just taking it easy? By checking up on them. If you follow a buy-and-hold strategy, your portfolio shouldn't require many changes if it already reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Too much buying and selling could jeopardize your ability to follow a con-

sistent, long-term strategy. However, "buy and hold" doesn't mean "buy and forget." By reviewing your portfolio at least once a year, you can determine if your investments are performing as they should. If they're not working for you as you'd like, you may need to make some changes.

If you're traveling this summer, relax and enjoy yourself – but keep those investments working hard.

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human resources person and filling out a beneficiary designation form for life insurance. I named my then infant daughter. The significance of this designation was lost on me as it is on many. I bring this up now to make the point that beneficiary designations are important and should coordinate with an overall estate plan. Not to mention, minors cannot manage an inheritance until they are at least age 18, which raises a host of other questions and con-

cerns. Also, to emphasize that these appointments are often made and then forgotten. As a best practice, beneficiary designations should be reviewed annually.

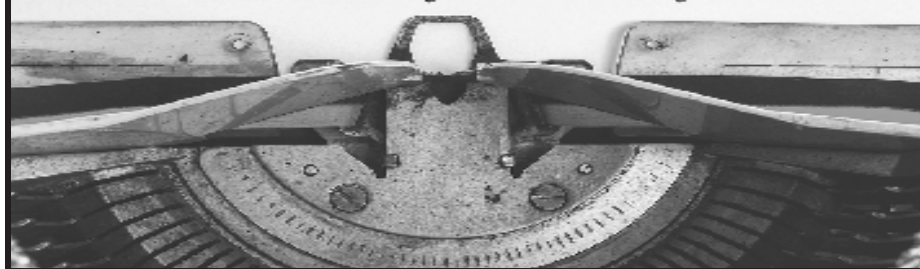
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rentals are a controversial issue but should hardly be a single-issue election focus. Hardy prefers working with Worcester County rather than seeking a DR change, certainly a better approach than the track taken by the current board.

Regarding the budget, Hardy writes, "My action will be to work towards policy where any budget is fully approved by the residents before any commitments are made by the board."

This shows a complete lack of understanding of OPA's governing documents and the budget process in OPA. He even says the budget process is not transparent. However, if there is anything absolutely transparent in Ocean Pines, it is the budget process. It is all done in the open and any association member can attend and

make comments/suggestions.

Hardy is not a full-time resident.

**Richard Farr**

Farr wrote, "If elected to serve our community, I pledge to listen to ALL our residents (PT & FT) with respect and take forward recommendations that are at the best interest of our community not individuals." Farr fails to mention any example of board actions taken for individuals and not the community.

As for Farr's two top priorities if elected, he writes, "Ensure that all the infighting among our current OPA Directors stops immediately. The infighting has cost our Ocean Pines residents thousands of dollars in legal fees which could have gone to much needed projects such as beautification of our neighborhoods and/or upgrading some of our amenities and services."

No one has succeeded in eliminat-

ing infighting among OPA directors for 50 years, but maybe Farr will succeed. Colette Horn gave it a try but failed miserably.

Farr writes, "I will propose to analyze the board's composition, skills, leadership, and diversity and openly assess the need to recruit directors that have the best interest of our community first." He suggests the board should, "...evaluate its own composition, including how it communicates effectively to the residents, its leadership, and effectiveness, to determine whether it aligns with the OPA objectives." Farr does not enumerate those OPA "objectives," but sounds more and more like Horn.

On the budgeting side, Farr seems in sync with Lakenick about some major recent change from top-down to bottom-up budgeting, something this commentator has not observed.

Farr is a full-time resident.

Moving away from satire, all four

of these gentlemen are qualified to sit on our Board of Directors. They should be thanked for volunteering to hold a position on our Board of Directors.

OPA's Director of Marketing and Public Relations Josh Davis, a star employee in his own right, created a place on the OPA website where you can read the full text of what each candidate wrote, view a video of the first Candidates Forum, and find information about the entire election process.

The Ocean Pines Elections Committee will host a second candidate forum, on Tuesday, July 13, for candidates for the 2021 Board of Directors election. The forum is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse on 100 Clubhouse Drive. As of the date of this commentary, word is Lakenick and Farr will not be participating.

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