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Young Anglers - The Ocean Pines Anglers Club hosted over 50 kids as well as with parents and grandparents at the annual Teach A Kid to Fish event on Saturday June 18 at the South Pond in Ocean Pines. Event coordinator Lee Phillips and Angler members manned stations where the aspiring young anglers could learn lure identification, knot tying, fish identification, casting instruction and basic fishing rules from Department of Natural Resources representatives. Bait was provided so the children could test their newly learned skills in the pond. A surprising number of fish were caught by the group including some impressive large mouth bass .

Above: **Logan Lawson** shows off his catch, a large mouth bass. See more pictures on page 22.

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A message from OPA President Colette Horn:

A history of Independence Day in Ocean Pines

The first mention of Fourth of July fireworks in the “History of Ocean Pines” book written by Bud Rogner was in 1988, during the 20th anniversary of the community.

Rogner wrote, “Many events were held during the year-long celebration, including several which were continued in later years, such as the OPA sponsored fireworks display on the Fourth of July and the annual boat parade, originally sponsored by the Tennis Club.”

However, those who lived in the community said the fireworks and Fourth of July festivities actually began during the 1970s.

Tim McMullen and his late wife, Mary, helped found the Recreation and Parks program in Ocean Pines. They also had a hand in early Independence Day events.

“We did a big cookout for the kids during the youth program. We would have a cookout and a day in the park, and things like that,” McMullen said. “This would have been 1974 to around 1978.”

McMullen also remembers Boise Cascade, the developer who founded Ocean Pines, hosting fireworks displays over the Yacht Club during the late 1970s.

Alta Weiss was the second editor of the Ocean Pines News publication and her husband, Fred, was an early member of the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department.

Fred believes the fireworks were originally launched during the mid-1970s from an area near the Swim and Racquet Club, which first opened in 1971.

“The fireworks were basically THE thing for the Fourth of July,” Alta said.

“They also had a stand there for hot dogs and cheeseburgers, and they had a snack bar,” Fred added.

Marlene Ott, another early Ocean Pines settler, remembers watching fireworks from a “widow’s watch” area off the Yacht Club roof. The Yacht Club opened in 1975.

Ott also remembers a different launching place.

“They used to shoot them off from Tern’s Landing, before it got built up,” she said. “Later, we combined with Ocean Downs, and they shot them off there.”

Ott said a few hundred people may have watched the early fireworks displays.

“It was an alternative to going into Ocean City to watch the fireworks, but Ocean Pines spent a lot of money. They might have spent \$100,000 on fireworks – it was crazy,” she said. “It was a serious display and it rivaled Ocean City.”

“It was a big deal – it wasn’t just a couple of firecrackers,” Ott added.

That was a time when the community was in its infancy. Houses and infrastructure were still being built and many decisions about the future had yet to be made. Because of that, Ott said those early celebrations were truly a remarkable sight.

“It was awesome – we were just caught up in the awe,” she said. “You could really feel the thud of the bangs and hear the whistling ones.

You couldn’t have gotten that by watching the fireworks going off over in Ocean City.

“Everything that Ocean Pines did had a first-class, optimistic quality to it,” Ott continued. “When you look at how many millions of dollars Boise Cascade had invested in here, there was never any idea of doing something halfway or just good enough. It was always a big deal.”

Debbie Donahue has helped organize Fourth of July festivities for the last 12 years, including the last four as the Recreation and Parks director.

Today, the Independence Day events include the Freedom 5K race in the morning, carnival games, bounce houses and food vendors during the late afternoon, and fireworks at dusk over the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.

“Every year, the Fourth of July just seems to be one of our biggest,

please see history on page 23

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Pines offers fireworks celebration

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will once again host a Fourth of July fireworks celebration at Veterans Memorial Park on Route 589 and Cathell Road.

The event this year is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. on Monday, July 4, with carnival games, dry slides and bounce houses for children, plus live music and food and drink vendors.

Children's wristbands are \$10 and are good for all slides and bounce houses. Wristbands will be required for those attractions only. All sales will be cash only.

General admission is free and open to the public.

Fireworks are scheduled to start at 9:15 p.m. and go until roughly 9:45 p.m.

The fireworks will launch from the north side of the pond, by Cathell Road. A viewing zone will be fenced off from Manklin Creek Road to the Veterans Memorial. There will be no viewing along Ocean Parkway, from Cathell Road to Manklin Creek Road.

There will also be a "safe zone" marked by an orange fence, from the pond to the firehouse. No one may enter the marked area.

Guests may bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Parking will be available in the area near the Ocean Pines Library

and Taylor Bank. Parking will not be allowed along Ocean Parkway. Limited handicapped parking will be available in a marked area just south of the Sports Core Pool.

Police will close Ocean Parkway from Manklin Creek Road to Offshore Lane about 20 minutes before the fireworks begin. That area will remain closed until the Fire Marshal deems it safe.

Additionally, police will close Cathell Road from Ocean Parkway to the entrance of the Sports Core Pool at around noon, when the fireworks company is scheduled to arrive. The area will remain closed until the fireworks equipment is loaded back up.

Police and fire department personnel will help direct traffic throughout the day, and it is strongly encouraged that motorists follow their directions. Pedestrian traffic is highly encouraged.

At the conclusion of the fireworks, pedestrians will have preference over motorists. Residents and guests should expect delays throughout the day.

In case of inclement weather, the fireworks display will move to Tuesday, July 5.

For more information, contact Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks at 410-641-7052, or visit www.ocean-pines.org.

Courier Almanac

On June 29, 1972 in *Furman v. Georgia*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled by a vote of 5-4 that capital punishment, as it is currently employed on the state and federal level, is unconstitutional. The majority held that, in violation of the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution, the death penalty qualified as "cruel and unusual punishment," primarily because states employed execution in "arbitrary and capricious ways," especially in regard to race. It was the first time that the nation's highest court had ruled against capital punishment. However, because the Supreme Court suggested new legislation that could make death sentences constitutional again, such as the development of standardized guidelines for juries that decide sentences, it was not an outright victory for opponents of the death penalty.

Why isn't July 2 the day to celebrate American independence? The Declaration of Independence and July Fourth are indelibly linked. But you may need to be an American history buff to know that the link is less direct than it may seem.



The Continental Congress declared American independence on July 2, even though the final wording of the Declaration of Independence had yet to be approved. That approval came two days later, which is why American independence is celebrated on July 4. Furthermore, the Declaration of Independence now on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., was not signed on July 4. The signatures on that document, which have been a source of pride for descendants of the signers

for centuries, were written on August 2, a full month after the Congress declared its independence from Great Britain. And in a reflection of life in the 18th century, Great Britain did not even receive the declaration until November of 1776.

Short film challenge returns

The Ocean City Film Festival presents the 5th Annual Ocean City Film Challenge to filmmakers and aspiring filmmakers across Delmarva and beyond. Registration is free and now open at www.OCMDFilmFestival.com, and the deadline to register is July 23.

The challenge is for filmmakers to produce an original short film about Ocean City that is no longer than 10 minutes and made between July 1 and July 31, 2022. Prizes include an Ocean City hotel stay, swag bag, tickets to the 2023 OC Film Festival, and cash prizes. The winning films will be screened during ArtX at Northside Park August 20-21, 2022 and at the Ocean City Film Festival in March 2023.

The challenge is open to any artist who wishes tell a story about the resort, preferably suitable for viewing by all ages. Films must be shot in Ocean City or be about Ocean City and follow a cinematic narrative.

"This means that a film can be produced in Ocean City, in a way that is visible within the film," B.L. Strang-Moya, creative director of the OC Film Festival, said. "Or the film can be shot outside of Ocean City, but Ocean City has to be central to the premise of the film. The film must tell an actual story in the form of a fiction narrative. We cannot

accept any vacation footage, music videos, or any such media that would not be considered traditional cinema."

Final cuts are due on August 8, and submitted online along with other deliverables.

"Ocean City is a beautiful landscape, and there's so much that artists can take advantage of right here in town," said Strang-Moya. "There are many ways to tell a story through motion picture, and the challenge pushes filmmakers to explore these boundaries."

Contact the Film Festival at OceanCityFilmFest@gmail.com with questions.

Sportfishing Assn. to meet

The July meeting of the Atlantic Coast Sportfishing Assn. will be held at the Berlin American Legion Post 123, located on Old Ocean City Blvd. in Berlin on Tuesday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. This month's guest will be Senator Mary Beth Corozza who will speak on the proposed shrimp fishery in local waters. As always, the public is cordially invited. For information and details contact ridgegrass@hotmail.com.

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The right cast of characters

I am proud to be a citizen of the United States of America, the greatest nation on earth. Compared to the nations of Europe, our history is short but no less colorful and dramatic. When you consider the confluence of events and characters that came together at the same time to forge this nation it makes one pause.

Men and circumstances of the 18th century gelled in such a way that a nation, like no other in the history of man, was born. Through the de-



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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termination of unafraid and selfless personalities, this nation was founded: George Washington, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, Samuel Adams, Thomas Paine and the list goes on and on. The collective contributions of these men are greater than their singular offerings. It is only fitting that our nation pay tribute to the enduring legacy of these men and the results of their labors.

As I think about the Fourth of July, I can't help imagining what the process for creating document that would birth a new nation might be if it fell to those living in the 21st century.

Fade to imaginary scene in a high school gymnasium. Men and women are milling around.

"Ladies and gentleman, can we please settle down and get started. We've been meeting for two months and haven't gotten much done," says the Chairman as he leans forward on the table set up at the front of the gym. "Please take your seat and silence your cell phones."

The men and women reluctantly take their seats. The metal folding chairs clank on the gymnasium floor. A hush finally comes over the crowd.

"Thank you. Okay, we have some very important business to take care of to move this process along. Can I see a show of hands of how many want the lunch special with potato salad on the side?"

About 30 hands shoot up.

"Madam Secretary, are you getting all this? We'll put the rest of you down for Cole slaw.

"The next thing on the agenda is scheduling days we will be in session. A motion was made yesterday that we be in session Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon, with adjournment 4:30 each afternoon. Those in favor?"

The vote is unanimous and the motion passes.

"Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman."

"The Chair recognizes the gentle lady in the second row."

"I'd like to register a complaint that it's too hot in here. I'm roasting. Can someone check the air conditioning? I can't be expected to work under these circumstances."

"Duly noted."

"Now let's please review quickly what we agreed upon yesterday. When we adjourned, it was decided that we were in favor of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of feeling good. We also agreed that these rights are endowed by the Creator."

"Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that 'feeling good' be changed to 'Living the Good Life Free of Responsibility.' I asked my Twitter followers and they like that better."

"Mr. Chairman, if that wording is changing, I recommend we strike the words 'by the Creator' and replace them with 'endowed by a multi-denominational deity or deities if you so believe.' This way we don't offend anyone and are not accused of promoting one specific superior being or beings."

"We can have only one motion on the floor at a time. Do I hear a second on amending the 'feeling good' to 'Living the Good Life Free of Responsibility?'"

The motion is seconded and passes.

"Moving on to the second motion. Uh, hold on a second my cell phone is ringing."

"Hello. Yes, Anderson we're working on it right now. No, I'm not sure whether I'll be able to be a guest on your show tonight. I see. You have already booked George the Third. I'll have to get back to you Anderson."

"Everyone! That was Anderson Cooper. He wanted to know whether we might have anything resolved so I can debate King George tonight on his show."

"Don't talk with Anderson. Chat it up with Tucker. He has better demographics," said someone in the back.

"Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion we adjourn. Drew Barrymore is hosting a very special reunion show with the cast of 'Saved by the Bell.'"

"Ladies and gentlemen, we have not gotten very far. We have a lot of work to do before this Declaration of Feeling Good is completed and ratified."

The Chairman is unable to keep the group in session. The crowd moves toward the exits, some talking on cells phones, others posting on TikTok and some heading to the Starbucks across the street.

The Chairman slumps in his chair, lowering his face to his hands. He cannot help think it would be easier to remain loyal to the Crown.



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Saturday, July 23 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. General Sale with all books, audio and DVD's priced 50 cents to \$2.

Monday, July 25 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. General sale continues with all books sold at half price, including the Specials Room

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Kiwanis awards scholarships

All year, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City, MD works hard to raise money to fund its programs for local youth. On June 7, eight Stephen Decatur High School graduating seniors attended the club's weekly meeting to receive their Kiwanis Scholarships. Pictured (L-R) **Mary Fogle**: \$500 - Salisbury University, **Meredith Eitel**: \$1000 - St. Leo University, **Megan Wheeler**: \$1000 - University of Lynchburg, **Hannah Short**: \$500 - University of Maryland, **Kendahl Parsons**: \$1000 - Salisbury University, **Skylar Griffin**: \$1000 - University of New Haven, **Sommer Smith**: \$1000 - Salisbury University and **Emma Sperry**: \$2000 - North Carolina State University.



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Charlotte Kerbin Cathell, chair of the AGH Board of Trustees, was first sworn into office as the Register of Wills for Worcester County on December 3, 1998, retiring in 2018. A lifelong resident of Worcester County, Cathell is married to Judge Dale R. Cathell (retired). She is a member of the AGH Foundation and the Corporate Board. Cathell was a founder and president of Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a former longtime member and president of the Worcester County Commission for Women and is on the board of directors of Taylor Bank. Cathell has resided in Ocean Pines for more than 40 years and is the first countywide-

elected official from Ocean Pines. She was named the Citizen of the Year by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce in 2019.

"It is my honor to accept the position of chair of the AGH Board of Trustees," said Cathell. "While the issues facing our entire hospital system have been great over the past few years, our sense of unity and resolve have never been stronger. Along with our CEO, Don Owrey, and our entire hospital system family, I am excited for what we will accomplish in the years to come as we strive to be proactive and make quality care more accessible to each and every one of our service area residents."

Greg Shockley, the outgoing board chair, is owner of Shenanigan's Irish Pub in Ocean City, Md. Shockley was the 2012 recipient of the Paul Hazard Award, named after one of the original Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association (OCHMRA) members. He is a founding member of the Board-

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Wor-Wic bids farewell to employees

Wor-Wic Community College recently held a reception for employees who retired after many years of dedicated service to the college. Dr. Ray Hoy, president of Wor-Wic, in the back row at far left, is shown with this year's retirees, from left, next to Hoy, **Deborah D. Fries**, assistant professor of mathematics, 37 years; and **Dr. Edward T. Taylor**, professor of biological science, 23 years. In the front row, from left, are **Georgia Cooper**, administrative associate III in the continuing education and workforce development division, 13 years; **Nora L. Lebois**, executive assistant to the president, 12 years; and **Rosemarie Bagnall**, administrative associate I in student services, 10 years. Not pictured are Dr. Reenie McCormick, vice president for institutional affairs, who was given the honorary title of vice president emeritus by the college's board of trustees in tribute to her 43 years of service, and Dr. Lynn M. Derickson, professor of nursing, also given the honorary title of professor emeritus in tribute to her 20 years of service.

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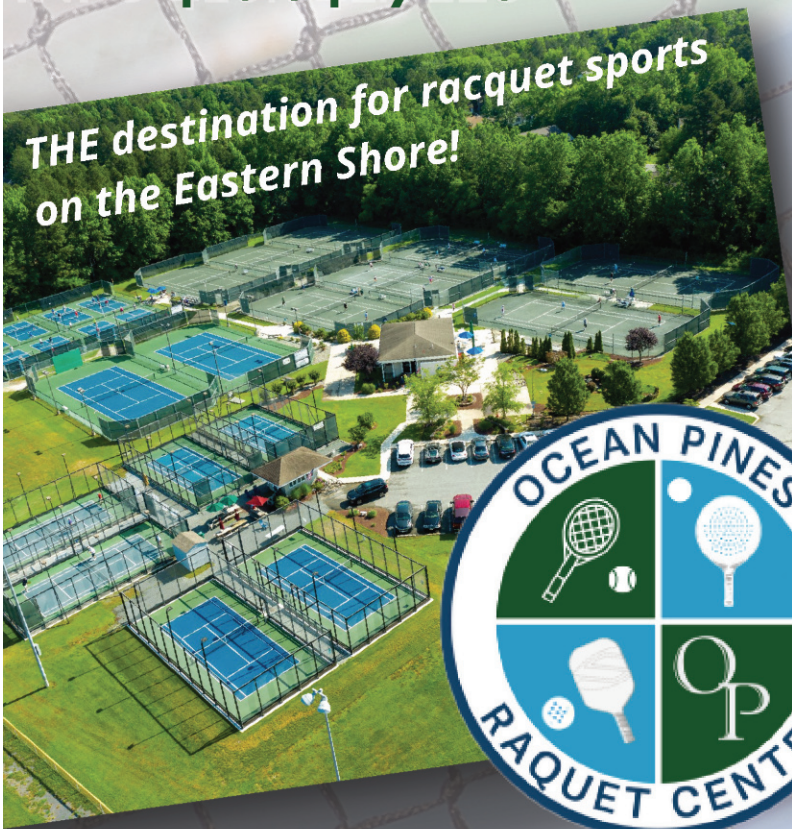
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Visiting

Sioux City, Iowa

By **Kurt and Jean Marx**

Sioux City, Iowa is a small city comprised of 85,000 people in the northwestern part of the state. The town is located across the Missouri River from Nebraska just a short distance from South Dakota. As you start your day, you can stop at Caribou Coffee and then head to Bacon Creek Park. The park has a playground, a lake for fishing, a dog park, and a flat 2.8-mile hike around the lake offering lots of shade and scenic views. After visiting the park, we enjoyed lunch at Jim's Burgers. The restaurant doesn't look like much from the outside, but the staff was friendly and helpful and the food was fantastic.

The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at 900 Larsen Park Road is a great place to learn about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. (A brief history lesson: The expedition spanned from May 14, 1804 to October 16, 1805. As the group wound their way through Iowa and Nebraska from late July to early September, 1804, they set up camp in Sioux City in mid-August. An interesting but somber fact is that only one of the members of the expedition passed away, and it was Sergeant Floyd River, who died on August 19 in Sioux City. A small museum and a monument that looks similar to the Washington Monument in Washington, DC were established in his honor). Getting back to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, kids will love the interactive exhibits and adults will find the exhibits very informative. Additionally, there are changing exhibits in other parts of the center. The center is closed on Mondays and offers free admission.

Outside the Interpretive Center, there is a hiking path along the river that you can pick up, although bear in mind that the path is unshaded. A short walk south on the trail takes you to a touching memorial to people who died in the crash of Flight 232 in July 1989. As you head north, you will see the Chris Larsen Park playground for kids, and a little further north is the Sergeant Floyd River Museum mentioned above.

For food and beverage options, Crave is a fairly upscale restaurant with a sushi bar; we enjoyed its eclectic menu and found the food to be delicious. Jolly's on the River is a relaxed grill with live music, drink

specials, great food and river views. If you like to gamble, there is a Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Sioux City. There are numerous restaurants and bars within walking distance of the casino. If you like hot dogs, you should try the Milwaukee Wiener House. The restaurant was started in 1918 and is a great place to grab a classic chili dog. We had dinner at Bodega 401. Our server was very friendly and we enjoyed our food while watching sports on numerous large screen TV's. Bodega 401 has both a Happy Hour from 3 to 6 and a Reverse Happy Hour from 10 to midnight.

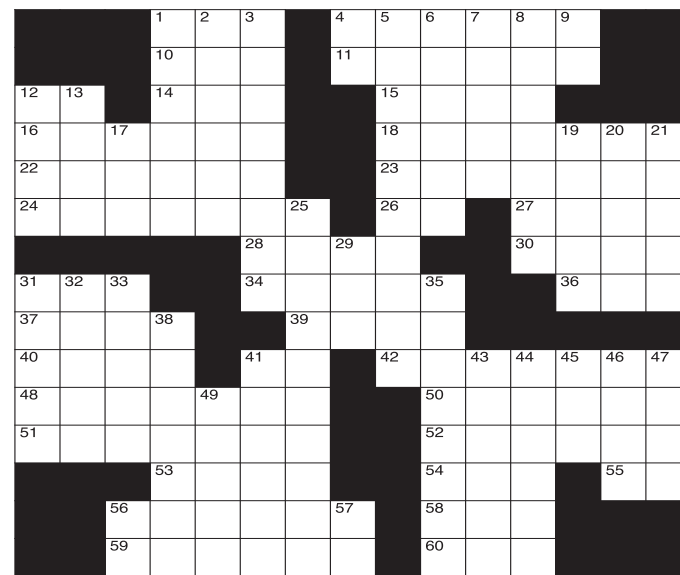
You should not leave Sioux City without going to Palmer's Old Tyme Candy Shoppe and Jolly Time's Coated Kernels Shoppe. Palmer's Candy Company was started in 1900 in Sioux City, and the company has been making candy in the area ever since. There are numerous bulk candies to buy, as well as fill-your-own candy bags and boxes of candy bars. All make great gifts for family and friends.

Jolly Time Popcorn was started in 1914 by Cloyd H. Smith, and his descendants continue to own and operate the company. Jolly Time has locations throughout the U.S. and in 23 different countries. The Shoppe, located at 1717 Terminal Drive in Sioux City, includes a quaint museum that has a map on the wall where your family can insert a pin representing the town you are from. We were happy to put the pin in for the coolest small town of Berlin! The Shoppe has an entire wall of handmade, specialty popcorn with flavors such as chocolate marshmallow, butter, caramel crunch, and cheddar jalapeno. There are gift boxes, magnets, t-shirts and other merchandise for sale.

Sioux City offers a worthwhile place to stop and visit as you travel across the beautiful Great Plains.

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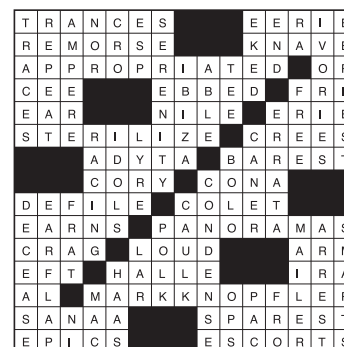


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- 41. Electron volt
- 42. Adjusting
- 48. Duct by the bladder
- 50. Small burger
- 51. Begin again
- 52. Unstuck
- 53. Jai ___, sport
- 54. Get free of
- 55. For instance
- 56. Hotel chain
- 58. A team's best pitcher
- 59. Extracts from various sources
- 60. Indefinite period of time

CLUES DOWN

- 1. St. Francis of ___
- 2. Supported
- 3. United in working
- 4. It cools your home
- 5. Predicting
- 6. Irritated
- 7. Popular talk show host
- 8. Fabric edge
- 9. A resource for employees
- 12. Broadway's Jackman
- 13. Small water buffalo
- 17. City of Angels: ___ Angeles
- 19. Asteroids
- 20. Tailless amphibians
- 21. German expressionist painter
- 25. What drives you
- 29. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
- 31. Gold coin used in British India
- 32. Have deep affection for
- 33. Ponds
- 35. Breaks between words
- 38. Hairstyle
- 41. Print errors
- 43. Family of iron alloys
- 44. Sidelined in bed
- 45. Many couples say it
- 46. Brazilian hoopster
- 47. Allman Brothers late frontman
- 49. German city
- 56. One hundred grams (abbr.)
- 57. One billionth of a second (abbr.)



Answers for June 22

Reelect Commissioner BERTINO

Ocean Pines District 5

Neighbors and Friends,

Ocean Pines is home. Since arriving here more than 30 years ago, Susan and I reared our three children who attended and graduated from our local public schools. We enjoyed attending countless school plays, seasonal children's concerts and sporting events. Susan taught Sunday School for 18 years and was a volunteer softball and soccer coach with Ocean Pines Parks and Recreation for many years. We started a business and have been active in local organizations. **This is our community.**

I am running for reelection to continue representing our Ocean Pines district and to serve the entire county as I have during the past eight years with a **conservative approach to county government.**

During my time in office, I believe I have demonstrated a **responsive, accessible, responsible and effective** approach to public service; valuing community involvement and taking a conservative perspective on taxpayer funded allocations.

I seek your support for another term to: continue advocating for the best interests of Ocean Pines and the county as a whole; to



continue **advocating for a limited county government** role in the lives of county citizens; and, to work through important community issues including ensuring the proposed sports complex is not a taxpayer-funded burden, shepherding the county-wide broadband initiative, managing the impact of the Blueprint for Maryland education mandates and developing a stable funding formula for Fire/EMT operations.

There is a prevailing belief that taxpayer money is an unlimited funding source for projects and initiatives that I believe fall outside taxpayer responsibility and expectation. As a consistent fiscal conservative and small business owner, I believe government must demonstrate a need for each taxpayer dollar spent. **The County treasury is not an ATM!** And I have voted accordingly.

Unfunded state legislature mandates and funding formulas unfairly siphon from the wallets of county taxpayers millions of dollars annually. Worcester is often victimized by Annapolis state lawmakers and activists who sidestep personal accountability, espouse dependency over self-reliance and who celebrate, promulgate and legislate wrong-headed ideas that threaten Worcester County values and local control. **I have and will continue to oppose these efforts!**

Whether it's hosting town meetings, responding to constituent concerns, speaking before different organizations, testifying in Annapolis or asking tough questions during Commissioners' meetings, **I take seriously the trust and confidence placed in me by our community and I'd like to continue that work.**

It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve on your behalf. **On Tuesday, July 19 I ask for your vote in the Republican Primary Election.** Early voting will take place at Worcester Preparatory School at the Field House located at 508 S. Main Street in Berlin between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. July 7 through July 14 (including Saturday and Sunday).

If you have any questions or comments or would like a lawn sign, please contact me at 410-251-2082.

Thank you for your consideration.

Authority: Bertino for Commissioner; Susan Bertino, Treasurer



Fire Dept. to host town hall meeting

The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department will host a town hall meeting to discuss the proposed south station renovation on Thursday June 30 at 6 p.m. at the South Station. All residents are encouraged to attend and learn more about the proposed renovation plans and why the renovation is needed.

The meeting will include a presentation from Fire Department leaders including Chief Steve Grunewald, President David Van Gasbeck as well

as a representative from Manns Woodward Associates. At the conclusion of the presentation, questions from the Ocean Pines Board of Directors will be fielded followed by an open Q&A from community members.

For those who will not be able to attend, a live stream option will be available and questions can be submitted in advance via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/XF3DzciS9N>.

Chambers host Congressional candidate forum

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce and Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce will host a public forum with the Maryland Congressional District 1 Democrat candidates on July 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will take place at the Old Firehouse located at 212 W Green Street in Snow Hill.

Heather Mizeur and Dave Harden are both vying for the Democrat vote during the upcoming primary election on July 19. The successful candidate will face off against the incumbent Republican Congressman Andy Harris in the general election in November.

The public is invited to attend and will have the opportunity to ask questions of both candidates.



All aboard - *William Whaley* and *Tom Pitts* show off train cars built by Mr. Whaley using 55-gallon plastic barrels which are pulled by a riding lawn mower. Mr. Whaley donated one of the train sets to Germantown School.



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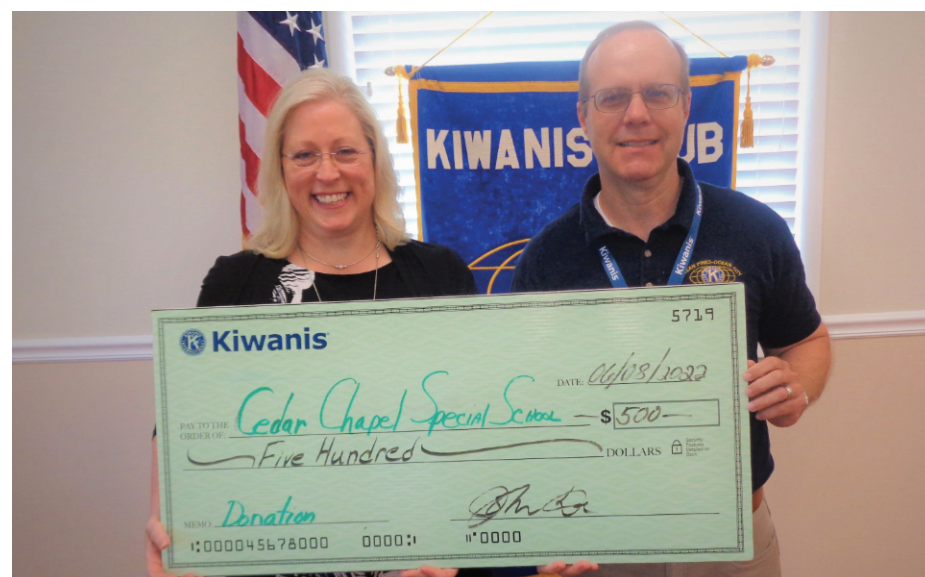
To honor volunteers whose contributions improve the quality of life locally, Worcester County residents are invited to nominate individuals, organizations, and businesses for the Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County awards. The nomination period is open July 1 through September 2, at 11:59 p.m.

“As we continue to serve our community during this pandemic, there are many outstanding residents, groups, faith-based, businesses, and nonprofits who are still working tirelessly to support the many needs in Worcester County,” Human Resources Specialist Kelly Brinkley said. “We have grown stronger and more resilient thanks to the efforts of those who continue to come together to roll up their sleeves and pitch in. We want to honor this exceptional display of selflessness over the past year.”

Volunteer Spirit nominations will be accepted for each of the following eight categories: individual, group/team, emerging leader, faith-based, nonprofit volunteer program, local business, veteran, and lifetime achievement.

Nominees should reside in and represent the volunteer spirit of Worcester County. Nomination forms are found online at www.worcestervolunteer.org. Once there, click on “News.” Nomination forms will also be available at the Human Resources Office, Room 1301, in the Worcester County Government Center in Snow Hill, or by contacting Brinkley at 410-632-0090 or kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us.

To highlight the outstanding services of the volunteers, the Worcester County Commissioners will be presenting award winners at the October 18 meeting.



Kiwanis supports Cedar Chapel Special School

Cedar Chapel Special School supports children ages three to 21 who have the “most significant needs”, as Principal Belinda Gulyas explained. Gulyas also spoke about the school’s 10 classrooms with about 5 to 6 students which are attended to by a teacher and two aides. Belinda started teaching at the school in 1995 and has been the principal since 2013. Pictured are (L-R) **Belinda Gulyas** receiving a \$500 donation from Kiwanis Club President **Tim Lund** at a recent weekly meeting.

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walk Development Association, helping to implement \$5 million in boardwalk improvements, and serves on the Maryland Tourism Development Board. He has also served as president of the Ocean City Development Corporation and the OCHMRA. Shockey held other roles on the Atlantic General Hospital Board of Trustees prior to beginning his term as board chair in November 2018.

Doug Cook has been named vice chairman of the AGH Board of Trustees. He is the chief lending officer and executive vice president at Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company. Over the years, Cook has been involved in Atlantic General Hospital by serving on the Finance Committee and also on the board for Atlantic ImmediCare. Cook also serves as a trustee member for the Life Crisis Center. Cook holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Salisbury University and a Bachelor of Science in finance from Regis University. He served in the United States Army as well. Cook and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Garrett and Austin.

William E. Esham, III, has been named secretary of the AGH Board of Trustees. Esham is an attorney with Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy & Almand, P.A. He graduated from Washington & Lee University in 1987. He was admitted to the bar in 1991 after obtaining his law

degree from University of Baltimore. He served as law clerk to the Honorable William R. Buchanan, Sr., and in Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Md., and is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association and Maryland State Bar Association. In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees at Atlantic General, Esham is a member of the Board of Trustees of Worcester Preparatory School, the Board of Directors of Ocean City Golf Club, attorney for the Ocean City Planning and Zoning Commission and past president of St. Martin’s Church Foundation.

Aaron Finney has been named treasurer of the AGH Board of Trustees. He was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2020 and serves on the Finance Committee and the Information Technology Steering Committee. A native of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Aaron returned to the area in 2000 with his wife, Kellie, and child to live in Ocean Pines, Md. He is president and CEO of TRGroup, Inc., a United States SBA certified information technology and security consulting firm that is focused on helping government and commercial institutions operate more efficiently and securely in today’s marketplace. Over the years he has demonstrated his love for helping others by volunteering for a number of organizations, currently dedicating over 70 hours per month in various outreach programs and hospital initiatives. He also serves on the

Wor-Wic Community College Computer Studies Program Advisory Committee and the Parkside Career and Technical Education Program Advisory Committee, as well as other technical steering committees. Finney began supporting the hospital as an AGH Foundation member, before serving on the Foundation Board of Directors for six years.

J Steven Green, chair of the AGH Foundation, has been appointed as a voting member of the AGH Board of Trustees. He joined the AGH Foundation in 2012, becoming a board member in 2014. He served as chair of the Membership Committee for seven years and Foundation vice chair for two years before becoming chair. Green’s involvement with Atlantic General started on a personal level. His youngest son, who has autism, experienced a severe acute dystonic reaction to a prescription years ago. With Atlantic General’s ER just one mile from his home, he and his wife were able to be educated immediately about the seizure he was having. The quick diagnosis of a bad reaction to a medicine and speedy treatment quelled a very traumatic experience for his family. In fact, within two hours of the reaction occurring, everyone returned home safe and sound, all thanks to the superior care of the ER team. It’s this first-hand experience and awareness of how critical a community hospital is for everyone that fuels his passion to volunteer at At-

lantic General. Green has been the publisher and editor of The Dispatch newspaper for 24 years.

Kevin Myers has been appointed to the AGH Board of Trustees. A resident of the West Ocean City/Berlin area, Myers is the internal certified public accountant and tax advisor for The Oxford Companies. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in accounting. He completed his master’s degree in taxation from Georgetown University. Myers began supporting Atlantic General when he joined the AGH Foundation in 2020 and currently serves on the Foundation Board.

Steven E. Sweigert has been appointed to the AGH Board of Trustees. A financial advisor and partner with Mitchell and Hastings Financial Services, Sweigert has over a decade of experience in assisting clients find financial prosperity. Sweigert graduated from Bloomsburg University with a Bachelor of Science in economics, and has earned the Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor designation. He is also a registered representative and investment advisor representative with Cambridge Investment Research, Inc. Sweigert joined the Board of Trustees in May, but he has been involved with the hospital for many years. He also serves on the AGH Foundation Board and plays a very active role, continuing to co-chair the annual Robert E. Warfield Memorial Fall Golf Classic.



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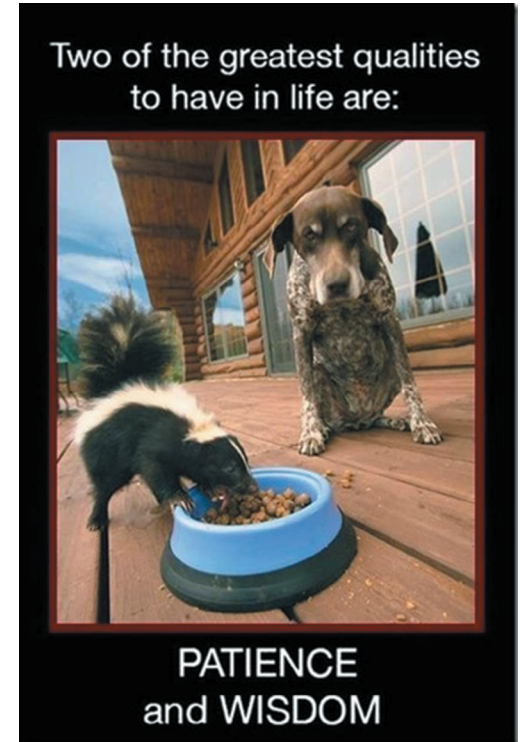
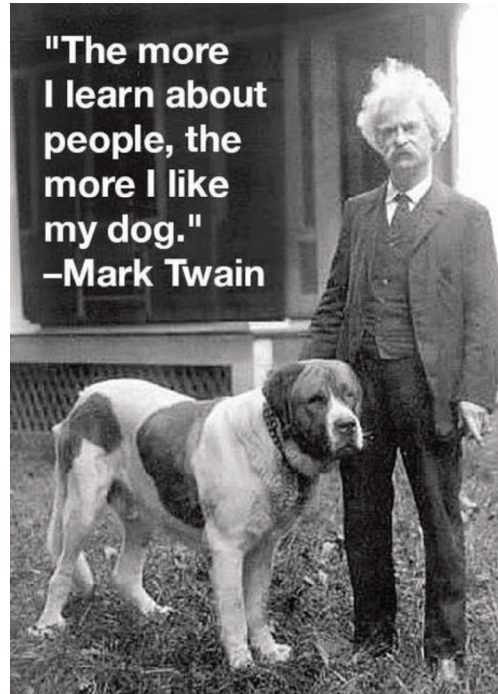
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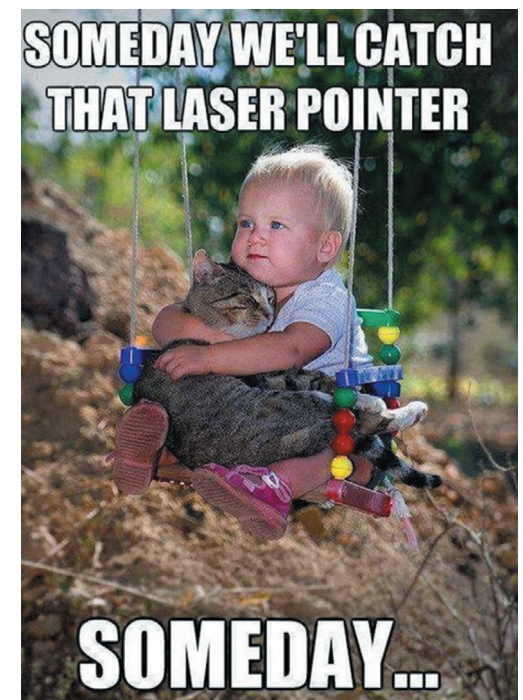
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Ortt Companies set OPA sales record

The Matt Ortt Companies officially set a new high mark for Ocean Pines' food and beverage profits for a single fiscal year, topping \$400,000 for the first time in Association history.

Fiscal year 2021/2022 combined facilities profits, based on the unaudited report, were \$403,554.

"With the Clubhouse Grille, Beach Club, and Yacht Club combining for over \$400,000 in bottom-line profits, not only did we set a record, but have now established a profit goal to break in 2023," Matt Ortt Companies cofounder Ralph DeAngelus said.

The good news continued in May, with the Matt Ortt Companies setting yet another record for combined bottom-line profits for that month. That includes all three food and beverage operations, plus weddings and banquets.

"Our banquet and event department are selling that beautiful Yacht Club ballroom at breakneck speed," DeAngelus said. "Additionally, this year's entertainment schedule is packed with unbelievable talent."

DeAngelus gave credit to his upper management team, including Lynda Huettner, Kearston Frey, Lia

Isel, and Judie Scotti.

"Lynda at the Beach Club, Kearston at the Yacht Club, Lia in events, and Judie at the Clubhouse have exceeded my expectations," he said. "They have put their entire heart and soul into their jobs and it shows, not only in profits, but in customer satisfaction levels as well"

Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola said the continued success of the Matt Ortt Companies is a credit to their entire team.

Among his first acts as general manager in 2019 was to extend the Ortt Companies management contact.

"Since they started here in 2018, the Matt Ortt Companies have transformed our food and beverage operations," Viola said. "They've done an excellent job in terms of service, quality and financial stewardship, and the numbers speak for themselves. So do the crowds every weekend at the Yacht Club.

"We couldn't be happier with their performance over the last several years, and we're proud to announce their record-breaking performance this last fiscal year," Viola added.

Recovery campus grand opening announced

All are invited to attend the grand opening of the H4R Recovery Campus on Thursday, July 7 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. The Recovery Campus houses The Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health, Worcester Goes Purple Against Addiction, Hope4Recovery Meeting Space and Resource Center, and Cove Recovery.

There will be a ribbon cutting at 3:30 p.m. followed by tours of the facility and light refreshments.

Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing services and programs which meet the needs of pregnant and parenting mothers in the community

Worcester Goes Purple is an awareness project to engage the community in preventing substance abuse and promotion of healthy life choices.

Hope4Recovery is a nonprofit or-

ganization providing a safe, sober and structured living environment for those in recovery from substance use disorder

Cove Recovery, formerly J. David Collins and Associates is an outpatient provider of substance abuse treatment and mental health services in Wicomico, Dorchester, and Somerset counties.

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Diakonia welcomes new executive director

Having just completed 15 years as an officer in The Salvation Army, Kenneth “Ken” Argot is no stranger to non-profit leadership. With that in mind, the Governing Board of Diakonia, Inc. extended an offer for Mr. Argot to become its new executive director starting on



Ken Argot

June 27.

“We are honored to have someone with this level of dedication of service to others accept this position. Ken exemplifies what an executive director of a nonprofit should be. His experience and dedication to serve will have a lasting impact on our community and will truly create hope for tomorrow, as the mission statement for Diakonia states.” said Reid Tingle, chairman of Diakonia.

Ken served four years in The Salvation Army in Alexandria, VA, overseeing operations that included the city’s overnight shelter, as well

as a local transitional housing program for women released from correctional facilities. Following that, he served for three years in Roanoke, VA, leading the county’s only domestic violence shelter program, providing support to police and court systems in regard to community safety initiatives. For seven years he served in Atlanta, GA, at Atlanta Temple (a worship and service center located on the property of The Salvation Army’s Territorial Headquarters); and most recently he oversaw Salvation Army operations in Frederick County, where in both places, state and private foundation grants were secured to open and maintain new day center services to homeless persons in cooperation with downtown safety initiatives.

“No one ever said, ‘I want to be homeless when I grow up,’ or ‘I hope I need someone’s help to pay my bills when I get older,’” Argot said, “but life sometimes has a way of distracting us from our aspirations, derailling us from our achievements,

and sometimes, through circumstances beyond our control, throwing us into a darkness that leaves us unable to see our way forward without community intervention and support.”

As an officer, Ken has had impactful experiences in developing relationships, leading to new programs that strengthen the developmental capacity of homeless persons and families trapped in the cycle of poverty. In taking over leadership at Diakonia, he continues to do what he loves, helping those in our community gain independence and agency over their lives.

“I’m so thankful for the leadership of the board and for Bee Miller,” Argot said, “They have served admirably during one of the most difficult times in our nation’s history when it comes to human services. Our staff and volunteers have been tremendous in adapting, sacrificing, and supporting those in need in some very unusual situations. They deserve all the recognition here, I’m just here to support them.”

Ken completed a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1995, and since then, has pastored congregations, served as a family therapist for children and adolescents, and oversaw grant compliance for the Local Management Board of Dorchester County prior to joining The Salva-

tion Army in 2005. Ken is a gifted writer and speaker and was regularly featured on The Salvation Army’s Words of Life Podcast. He and his wife, Amy, have three adult children and have always considered the Eastern Shore their home.

“In The Salvation Army, you never knew how long you would be allowed to stay in one community. Officers moving from place to place is intrinsic to its overall stability, despite the upheaval locally. I am so glad, though, that I now get to put my feet down in a place where a long-term investment will be vital to the organization’s future success. Working in Ocean City is a dream come true for me. Our family has always loved the beach, and I really can’t wait to see the generosity of those in our community for those who want a better life for themselves.”

Diakonia will celebrate 50 years of service in Worcester County on November 4, with plans to launch an affordable housing initiative which will be part of the new campus being built on Stephen Decatur Highway, just south of the Decatur Diner. By continuing to provide food, clothing, shelter, and case management services, Diakonia hopes to continue to provide “Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow” for the Lower Shore Tri-County area.

Raccoon tests positive for rabies

Worcester County Health Department has confirmed a raccoon in Ocean City tested positive for rabies this week. The raccoon had attacked two people in the early morning hours of June 23 in the area surrounding 141st Street.

Health department officials warn that any person, pet or other animal that may have had contact with this raccoon could be at risk for rabies exposure. To report any contact with or exposure to the raccoon, call the Worcester County Health Department immedi-

ately at 410-352-3234. If you call after hours or on the weekend, call Worcester County Emergency Services at 410-632-1311 to reach the health department on-call staff.

If a person has been bitten or scratched, they should seek immediate medical care. Post-exposure treatment is necessary to prevent rabies. If not treated, rabies is fatal. If a pet has had contact with this raccoon, contact your veterinarian immediately.

For more information about rabies, please visit our website at <http://www.worcesterhealth.org>.



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Horseshoe Crab spawning season is underway

Notice an abundance of horseshoe crabs on our bay beaches lately? Horseshoe crab spawning season is underway, and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is promoting a horseshoe crab response team program this year to help protect this species.

Most aquatic animals, except aquatic mammals and reptiles, reproduce through a process called spawning. The spawning activity can be problematic for the horseshoe crab as there is a mortality rate that occurs due to excessive energy expenditure, and then to add to the mix, there are some areas in the coastal bays that have obstacles that cause the horseshoe crabs to become stranded while spawning. These strandings lead to mass casualties which is why MCBP is establishing a team of volunteers to go out to these locations and help rescue stranded horseshoe crabs.

Horseshoe crabs are referred to as "living fossils" due to their ancient roots. These funny looking creatures go back 445 million years. Although they are referred to as crabs, they are not crabs, they are more closely related to spiders.

Horseshoe crabs have nine eyes and are made up of three distinct sections: the head which contains all their major organs, the abdomen that contains the gills and muscles to move them about, and the tail which is called a telson. Horseshoe crabs are ecologically important and are harmless to humans. Their telson may look sharp, but it does not sting like a stingray; it is mainly used for maneuvering and helps to turn the crab upright when he or she gets flipped over.

A single female horseshoe crab can lay 90,000 eggs; only about ten of these babies will survive to maturity. What happens to the rest of them? Their tiny pearl-like eggs are a critical food source for many species of migrating shorebirds, turtles, and fish.

In addition to being an important food source to many species throughout the Coastal Bays food web, horseshoe crabs provide humans with a valuable resource to public health; *Limulus* amoebocyte lysate (LAL). This substance is extracted from the horseshoe crab's blue-colored blood, which is blue due to the blood being copper based instead of iron based like human

blood. We use LAL in the biomedical industry to test for the presence of bacterial toxins. The discovery of this life-saving substance occurred in 1971.

Since then, all vaccines, injectable drugs, intravenous solutions, and implantable medical devices that are certified by the Food and Drug Administration are required to be tested using LAL. Horseshoe crabs are also harvested to be used as bait for American eels and whelks.

If you see a horseshoe crab stuck in the rocks, feel free to pick it up by grabbing each side of the shell and put it back into the water, this will help it out tremendously. Never pick up a horseshoe crab by its tail (telson); this will result in injury to the animal.

And if you want to contribute to a larger initiative to protect this valuable species, join the MCBP Horseshoe Crab Volunteer Response Team. Contact Carley at ctoulan@mdcoastalbays.org or by calling 410-213-2297 ext. 103.

Freedom 5K race returns

Local and regional runners are invited to join the fun this Fourth of July during the 11th annual Freedom 5K, sponsored by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

This patriotic trot is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.

Runners will dash through scenic areas of the Pines and may show off their best U.S.A.-inspired outfits. Timing for the event will be supplied courtesy of RIP IT Events.

Awards will be given to male and female first- through third-place finishers in nine different age groups, from 10 and under to 70 and over. An award will also be given to the best dressed runner.

Preregistration, \$35, is open through July 3. Visit <https://www.raceentry.com/races/ocean-pines-association-freedom-5k/2022/register> to register.

Day-of-registration is \$40 and starts at 7:15 a.m. All sales will be cash only.

For more information or questions, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 or visit www.oceanpines.org.

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Getting to know the Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence is a formal document that served as the signatory colonies' statement that they were now "free and independent States." It is a vital document in American history.

On July 1, 1776, delegates from the original 13 colonies, making up the Second Continental Congress, met in Philadelphia to vote on Richard Henry Lee's motion for independence. After some deliberation, ultimately 12 of the 13 delegates voted in favor. In recognition of those 12 delegates, here are 12 facts regarding the Declaration of Independence.

1. The drafted document was officially

adopted on July 4, 1776, two days after freedom from Britain was approved. However, most delegates signed the document on August 2, 1776, while others signed on a later date. John Dickinson and Robert R. Livingston never signed the Declaration of Independence.

2. John Dunlap was the official printer of Congress at the time. He worked all night and into the morning of July 5 to produce the large, single-sided sheet, known as a broadside. About 200 copies of Dunlap's broadside were made.

3. The University of Virginia owns two copies of a rare early printing of the Declara-

tion. It is on display in the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library. It is believed the copy once belonged to George Washington.

4. Benjamin Franklin, George Read, Roger Sherman, Robert Morris, George Clymer, and James Wilson signed both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

5. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were hidden at Fort Knox during World War II, two weeks after Pearl Harbor was attacked.

6. Despite what the movie "National Treasure" will have one believe, the message on the back of the document is visible and reads "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776."

7. Richard Stockton, a lawyer from New Jersey, was a signer of the Declaration who later recanted his support of the American revolution. He subsequently swore his allegiance to King George III after being captured by the British.

8. In 1989, an original Dunlap Broadside was found hidden behind a picture a Philadelphia man bought at a flea market for \$4. It later sold for \$8.1 million. Ultimately, 26 copies of the original prints have been found.

9. The United States celebrates Independence Day on July 4th, even though inde-

pendence was accepted on July 2nd.

10. Early on, not everyone in America was supportive of the Declaration of Independence. Partisan politics led to discord. Federalist John Adams was feuding with Republicans and Thomas Jefferson. The anniversary date of the signing was not widely celebrated until the Federalists were no longer involved in politics.

11. The one-year anniversary of Independence Day and the celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence slipped the minds of Congress in 1777. When they remembered it was July 3rd, they planned a last-minute celebration on July 4th, and each year thereafter.

12. John Trumbull's painting "Declaration of Independence," which was made into a lithograph replica by Ralph Tremby, hangs in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. It is a fictional depiction of the five-man drafting committee presenting their draft to Congress, and not the signing. The painting shows 42 of the 56 signees, since Trumbull couldn't get likenesses of all involved. The men featured in the painting were never all in the room at the same time during the Declaration's debate and signing.

The Declaration of Independence is a key document in American history, and its words are celebrated each Independence Day.

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Declaration of Independence

WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodies at Places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their public Records, for the sole Purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People.

He has refused for a long Time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their Offices, and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries.

He has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harrass our People, and eat out their Substance.

He has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the consent of our Legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts

of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People.

He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the Works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction, of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People.

Nor have we been wanting in Attentions to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of Attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

Signed by Order and in Behalf of the Congress,
JOHN HANCOCK, President.

Attest.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

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Day	High /Low	Tide Time
Th 30	Low	3:33 AM
30	High	9:34 AM
30	Low	3:15 PM
30	High	9:59 PM
F 1	Low	4:11 AM
1	High	10:16 AM
1	Low	3:56 PM
1	High	10:40 PM
Sa 2	Low	4:50 AM
2	High	10:57 AM
2	Low	4:38 PM
2	High	11:19 PM
Su 3	Low	5:31 AM
3	High	11:39 AM
3	Low	5:23 PM
3	High	11:59 PM
M 4	Low	6:12 AM
4	High	12:23 PM
4	Low	6:11 PM
Tu 5	High	12:41 AM
5	Low	6:54 AM
5	High	1:09 PM
5	Low	7:05 PM
W 6	High	1:26 AM
6	Low	7:38 AM
6	High	2:01 PM
6	Low	8:02 PM

Images from the Anglers Teach a Kid to Fish event



Jace Matthews learns casting skills from Angler **Doug Murphy**.



Madeline Werner shows off her bluegill.



Odin and his Mom learn fish identification from Angler **Ted Glick**.



Angler **Buddy Seigel** helps a young angler tie a knot.



JoJo Hooper shows Dad her catch.

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Freedom 5K race returns

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Local and regional runners are invited to join the fun this Fourth of July during the 11th annual Freedom 5K, sponsored by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

This patriotic trot is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.

Runners will dash through scenic areas of the Pines and may show off their best U.S.A.-inspired outfits. Timing for the event will be supplied courtesy of RIP IT Events.

Awards will be given to male and female first- through third-place finishers in nine different age

groups, from 10 and under to 70 and over. An award will also be given to the best dressed runner.

Preregistration, \$35, is open through July 3. Visit <https://www.raceentry.com/races/ocean-pines-association-freedom-5k/2022/register> to register.

Day-of registration is \$40 and starts at 7:15 a.m. All sales will be cash only.

For more information or questions, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 or visit www.oceanpines.org.

best events that we put on, and we draw thousands of people," Donahue said. "It's a big family event. It has sort of a throwback feel with the carnival games, and then our fireworks over the pond are just beautiful."

Recreation and Parks, Police and Public Works prepare for weeks to run the events, and Donahue said virtually every department in Ocean Pines contributes.

She also said the effort is worthwhile, and that it's immensely satisfying to watch thousands of people staring up at the night sky in awe.

"The first time we did it over the

pond, it was amazing to see all the people sitting on the grass and looking up at that beautiful display," she said. "It's a pretty cool feeling!"

For locals, Donahue said perhaps the best place to watch the fireworks is from the ballfields by the racquet center.

"Bring your blankets and your lawn chairs. The ballfield is easy enough to get in and out of if you're watching the fireworks – and walk, if you can," she said. "If you're coming to the carnival, please just be patient. There are lines because of the amount of people."

"But really is one of the best events that we do. Although it's a lot of work, at the end of the day it's just awesome," Donahue added.

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