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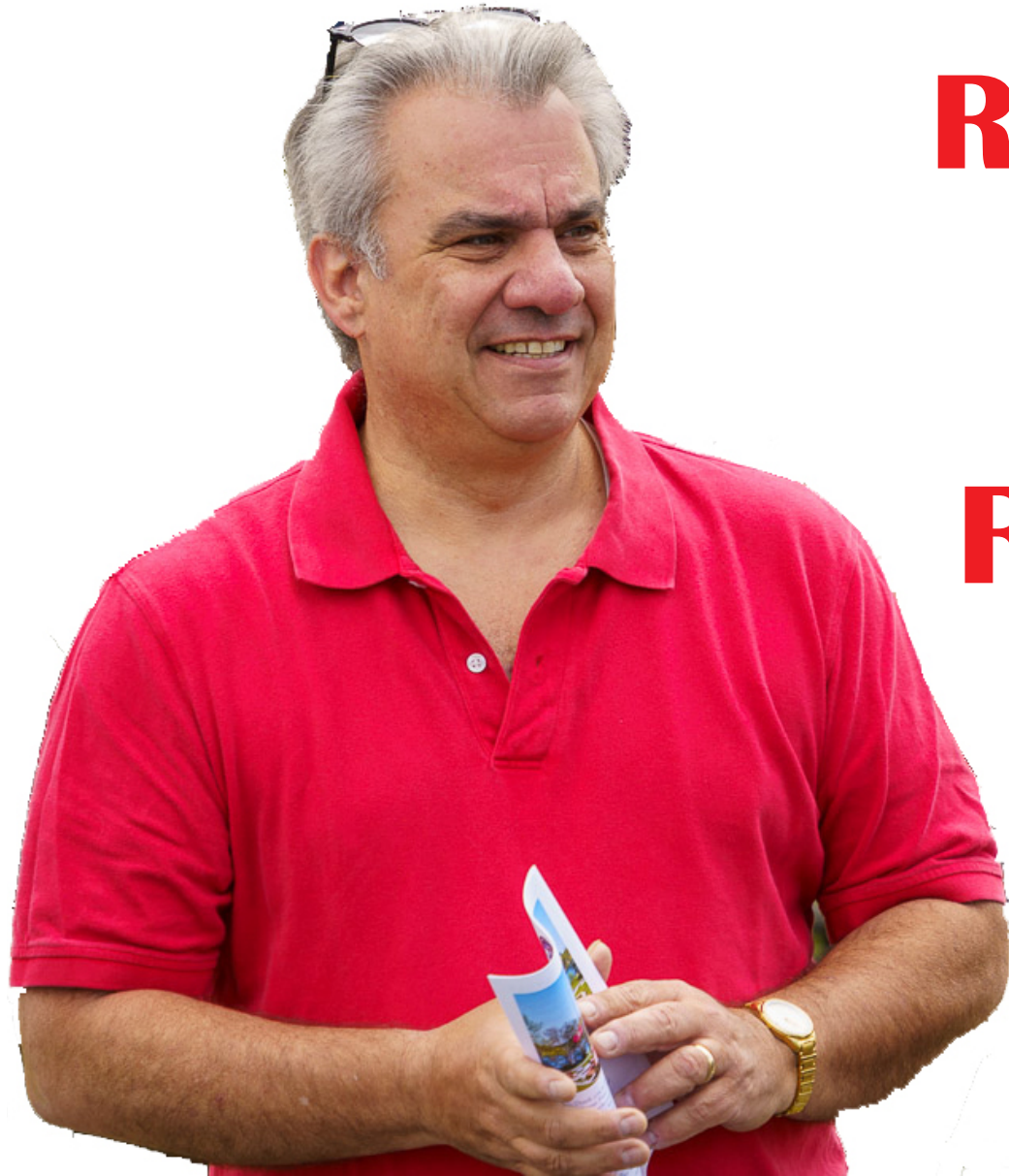
Thousands attend Fourth of July events in Ocean Pines

Ocean Pines was a popular place on July 4, drawing thousands of residents and visitors to three big events.

The day started with 200 runners taking part in the annual “Freedom 5K” run that began and ended at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines. For race results, visit <https://resultscui.active.com/events/Freedom5K>.

Later that afternoon, more than 2,000 people attended the Fourth of July carnival and fireworks ceremony, also at the Veterans Memo-

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Chip Bertino is a consistent conservative advocate in County Government



Reelect Commissioner BERTINO

Ocean Pines District 5

GOP Primary Election July 19, 2022

Authority: Bertino for Commissioner; Susan Bertino, Treasurer



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from page 1

rial Park. Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said many more people watched from the Ocean Pines Racquet Center and other surrounding areas.

Donahue said virtually every Ocean Pines department contributed staff, time and effort to the day's events. Many volunteers also aided in the effort.

"I want to thank all the employees of Ocean Pines, from the staff at the Recreation Department, to the numerous staff members from Public Works and Police. Without them this

event would not take place," she said. "They truly do make this event spectacular and safe."

Donahue singled out "always there volunteer" Carol Ludwig.

"Thank you so much for all your help," she said. "You are truly an asset to my department as well as Ocean Pines."

Donahue also thanked DJ Rupe, who helped turn the carnival into a fun, party atmosphere, and all the vendors who contributed to the event.

"To the vendors, thank you for attending, and I hope to see you again next year," she said.

"And what a great fireworks show,

put on again this year by Schaefer Fireworks company. Thank you to the ladies and gentlemen from Schaefer's that do an amazing job at setting off the fireworks display," Donahue added.

She also thanked major sponsors Bank of Ocean, Seaside Plumbing, the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, and The Power of Two Team.

Donahue said the Fourth of July celebration is the largest event put on by the Recreation Department, "and it takes a lot of time and people to make it happen."

"I cannot say enough about the employees of Ocean Pines and how they step in and take care of their

designated jobs and those that just pop up," she said. "The South Gate Pond and Veterans Memorial area is the best location and the most beautiful area to have our fireworks display, and it has proven to be enjoyed by many."

"Thank you to General Manager John Viola and the Board of Directors for their support and believing in this crazy idea I had to bring the fireworks to the Veterans Memorial area," Donahue continued.

"And thank you to all that joined us throughout the day. We hope that you enjoyed the event and I look forward to seeing you again next year," she said.

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Worcester County Commissioner, District 6

AUTHORIZED BY ELISABETH H. BUNTING, TREASURER

VOTE

Early Voting

July 7 - July 14
including Saturday & Sunday

Voting Hours

7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Location

Worcester
Preparatory School
at the Field House

508 S. Main Street, Berlin

*There will also be a **ballot drop box** located at the school for those voting by mail to place their ballots if they prefer not to mail them. Ballots will be picked up daily.*

Primary Election Day

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

For questions or concerns, please call
the Worcester County Board of
Elections office at 410-632-1321.

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New Kiwanis members

New members **Lyle Dillon** and **Elisabeth Prichard**, Membership Chair **Diane Spartzak** and Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, President **Tim Lund** after the June 15 induction.

Courier *Almanac*

On July 13, 1978, Ford Motor Company chairman Henry Ford II fired Lee Iacocca as Ford's president, ending years of tension between the two men.

Born to an immigrant family in Pennsylvania in 1924, Iacocca was hired by Ford as an engineer in 1946 but soon switched to sales, at which he clearly excelled. By 1960, Iacocca had become a vice president and general manager of the Ford division, the company's largest marketing arm. He successfully championed the design and development of the sporty, affordable Ford Mustang, an achievement that landed him on the covers of *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines in the same week in 1964.

Anyone who has ever bought fish at their local grocery store knows that skinning a fish is a talent and not a skill everyone has mastered. Some grocery store seafood counter workers can skin a fish with the best of them, while others may mangle the fillet or leave much of the skin on. Shoppers who want to skin their own fillets can follow this advice, courtesy of cookbook author Andrew Schloss.

To remove the skin from a fish fillet, place the fillet skin-side down on a cutting board, long side facing you. Have the tail end closest to your knife-holding hand. Slip a thin-bladed boning knife between the skin of the flesh and the tail end of the fillet. Holding your knife blade parallel to the board and angled slightly toward the skin, run the blade between skin and the fish flesh, sawing gently to strip the skin from the flesh. Try to leave as little flesh on the skin as possible.



I just smiled

Executing a plan of action with two children is a lesson in patience.

That's what I learned recently spending quality time with my grandchildren whom I invited to go fishing. The night before when I suggested the idea, they were excited. When they woke up, they were excited. The experience was a little different.

My seven-year-old grandson was at my side to help as I readied the boat. He climbed

they would have never made it into the store. Yet, now, well, I just smiled and thought how cute the two kids in front of me were.

The boat gassed up and loaded, Chooch in the front seat, kids in the back, we headed to the Mumford's Landing boat ramp. There was no one there so we quickly launched the boat and headed out against a light breeze. The kids and Chooch sat up front enjoying the ride.

When we stopped, I prepared their rods and baited their hooks. Each casted their lines. One minute. Two minutes. During that time, my granddaughter reeled in and casted three times. I suggested she keep the line in the water to attract fish. Although she agreed, she repeated the process several times in the next ten minutes until she casted the last time and the



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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aboard and I handed him the rods, net and bait. So far, so good. My 10-year-old granddaughter was in the house getting some stuff together. When she returned, she had her water bottle in one hand and Chooch's leash in the other. Chooch was pulling her along, eager to jump into the truck.

As I explained to my granddaughter that Chooch had to go back in the house because we first had to go to Royal Farms to get gas for the boat, I was interrupted by the blare of the boat horn. "Okay, Ben, thank you. The horn works."

With two red, five-gallon containers loaded in the back of the truck and the kids buckled in their car seats, off we went to Royal Farms. No one was at the pump so we quickly filled the tanks - \$52.88. There was a time when I could run the boat all season for just a little more than that. But I digress.

"Nino, can we go inside to get a snack to take on the boat?" I agreed. They know I'm a soft touch. I just smiled.

Inside the store, they quickly found the snacks and began debating which snacks were best and then started bargaining with one another. "If you get this and I get that, then we can share." That sounded like cooperation to me until they started drilling down into minutiae, negotiating how many Life Savers equals how many chocolate-covered pretzels. The conversation got tense quickly, requiring Nino's adjudication: "Enough!"

We went to the register where they each scanned their items. For what looked like to me \$2.99 worth of snacks, I paid \$11.59. I smiled at my grandchildren as I inserted my card into the reader, thinking back to when their mother and uncles were their age. There would have been no way I would have spent \$11.59 on snacks for my own children. Heck,

line snapped, hurling her rig through the air - splash!

It took me a little time to rerig her line as I had to maneuver the boat because of a fast drift and dodge my grandson making several trips to the cooler. Once ready, my granddaughter cast perfectly. Unfortunately, she didn't lock the reel and within minutes her line played out escaping into the water below. Within twenty minutes of lines in, two rigs had



been lost along with a spool of line, my grandson had consumed many of his snacks and Chooch was looking at me, like, "What's going on here?"

Apparently exhausted from the labors of nearly a half hour of fishing, the kids asked if we could have lunch at De Lazy Lizard, which at that moment we were drifting passed.

I just smiled, stowed the gear and headed to a slip. We ordered nachos. They each got a Dr. Pepper, something they are not allowed to have with their parents. I just smiled. The nachos arrived in short order and were devoured in short order. I think I had one or two.

We spent the rest of our time cruising, burning up \$52.88 worth of gas and more. I just smiled.

It was a good afternoon. Even Chooch thought so.

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Tuesday, July 19, 2022
7 am until 8 pm

Vote to Re-Elect Matt Crisafulli For Sheriff

Authority: Friends for Matt Crisafulli; Gwen Crisafulli, Treasurer

Ocean Pines Anglers Club Presents:
Annual Art Hansen Memorial

Youth Fishing Contest
Saturday,
July 16, 2022



Please register at 8:30am.

Contests will be from 9:00-10:30am.

3 Age Categories: Boys & Girls ages 4-7, 8-11, & 12-16.

Please bring your own fishing rod and gear. Bait is provided.

A trophy will be awarded for the biggest fish caught in each age group, and there will be awards for the top 3. Children younger than 4 years old can fish, but will not be eligible for a trophy. All registrants will receive a prize.

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.



Petition effort successful

The People for Fiscal Responsibility Committee announced last week that its countywide petition drive to bring to referendum the question of whether Worcester County should issue a \$11.2 million bond for a proposed sports complex was successful. A total of 5,093 valid signatures were accepted, which is 599 more than the required number. As a result of the petitioners' efforts all registered voters in Worcester County will be given the opportunity to vote on Bill 22-8 related to the funding of the Sports Complex project.

Population swells can cause poor cell service

Population swells in resort areas, such as Ocean Pines, can lead to heavy cellular traffic and cause poor cellphone service.

On average, there are more people in Ocean Pines during the summer months than winter months, meaning local cell phone towers can become overwhelmed. Dropped calls and slower load times on cell phones are often the result.

If issues arise, Ocean Pines residents are encouraged to contact their cellular service providers directly. For a list of contacts, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/living-here>.

Church to host quarter auction

The Church of the Holy Spirit is having a Quarter Auction at the church on July 19. You buy a paddle (or two, or more) and then bid on items offered at one, two, three or four quarters, based on the value of the item.

The committee is collecting a lot of prizes, including gift certificates, home décor items, wine baskets, and some just for fun. The doors will open at 6 p.m., and the games start at 7 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$10 and include a paddle. Additional paddles are \$2 each, or three for \$5. They are limited, so get yours now.

The church is located at 100th St. and Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Call Jackie at 443-735-4275 for further information and for tickets.

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Ocean Pines Milestones

1968

- Road construction begins, July 12 is the opening day of sales

1969

- Boise Cascade purchases 3,500 acres of land.
- First home sold to John & Mickey King.

1970

- Jerome & Gloria Richards are the first year-round residents to occupy their home.
- Route 90 opens.

1971

- Beach Club, Swim & Racquet Club and Equestrian Center open.

1972

- 18-hole golf course opens. • OPA formed.

1974

- Community Hall built.

1975

- Yacht Club & Marina built. • Sports Core Pool and tennis courts open

1981

- New South Side firehouse dedicated.

1986

- Pines Plaza opens.

1989

- New pavilion built in White Horse Park.

1991

- Tennis Center at Manklin Meadows opens
- Rehabilitation of North Gate bridge completed
- Public Works facility begins
- New water tower built



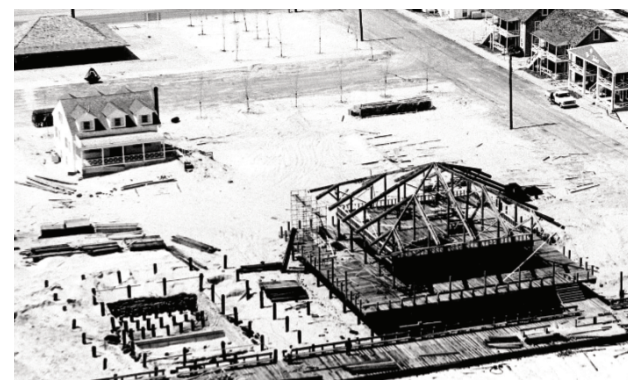
The Amy Ross paddleboat shuttled residents between Ocean Pines and Ocean City.



Ocean Pines Yacht Club under construction



A double-decker bus offered free tours of Ocean Pines.



1992

- Cathell Road extended

2003

- Community fundraising efforts led by resident Barbara Kissel and volunteers results in Manklin Meadows playground.

2005

- Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines dedicated.

2009

- Ocean Pines Skate Park opens

2012

- Ocean Pines Farmers Market opens
- Ocean Pines Dog Park opens



2013

- New Yacht Club construction begins
- Greens renovation at Ocean Pines Golf Club

2014

- New Yacht Club opens

2017

- New pickleball and platform tennis courts open in Manklin Meadows

2018

- Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary

2019

- New craft building opens

2020

- New Golf Club and Police Station construction completed



Boating at 7,700 feet

This may be the shortest K&K column that I have ever written. This past month I knocked off a bucket list item with a trip to Yellowstone National Park that had been planned and re-planned three times thanks to covid. Nancy and I entered the park through the east entrance. The maps showed two lakes, a small lake and a fairly large one and the tour books described great boating and fishing so I had a grand illusion of writing about ‘Boating at 7,700 feet.’



28-foot cabin cruiser powered by a tiny trawling outboard

The smaller lake, Lake Sylvan, was still covered with ice in mid-June but there was one lone boat on the big lake, Yellowstone Lake. It was a beautiful 28-foot cabin cruiser powered by a tiny trawling outboard. He was setting a new standard for ‘no wake’ speed. End of story.

So, what else can I write to keep you entertained for the next 650 words? Let me spin off expounding about the bears and the bison and the elk and wolves and badgers and geysers and the dramatic impact on the credit card, all of which was spectacular.

The bison look just like the one on the back of the old buffalo nickel except much, much bigger. These 2000-pound behemoths look docile, if not lazy, grazing and sleeping everywhere but they are as dangerous as a novice Jet Ski driver and kill the occasional, naïve tourist who tries to get a selfie.

The deer and the wolves and the badgers were sufficiently skittish to

pose little danger. However, the female elk and moose can be quite protective of their young.

The bears – black and grizzly – are the least predictable and most dangerous. They are fast and they are temperamental. Since they can run at 35 MPH and climb up a tree after you, I now have a greater appreciation for the adage, “Don’t tease the bear.”

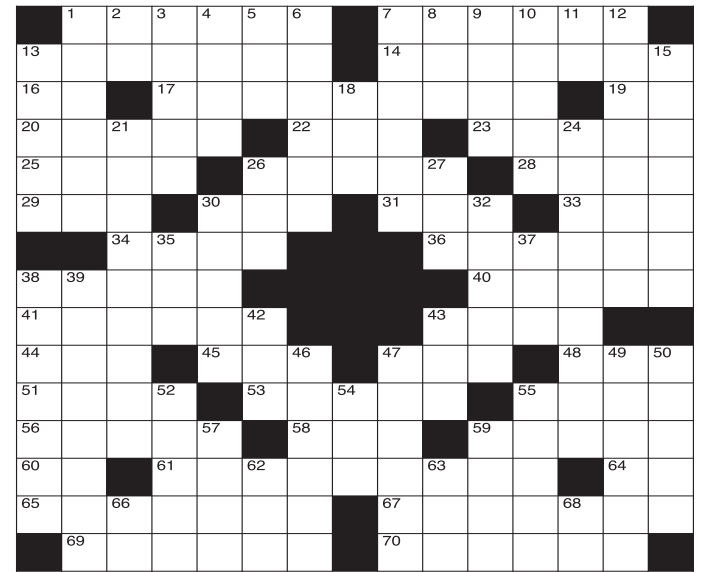
However, there were some very interesting water observations – if not boating - to be made.

The first was the waterfalls. In June, they are awesome with the winter snow runoff. They flow at ten times the rate that they will be by late summer. Or so we thought. The steepest one we saw was ‘Lower Falls’ on the Yellowstone River. It dropped 308 feet.

Standing high above the falls on one of the many strategically placed, ADA compliant, observation viewing points, I saw a fantastic example of one of the things that we teach in the Maryland Safe Boating Class. At the base of the falls there were three or four full size tree trunks – 20 to 30 feet long – trashing around in a violent whirlpool like they were toothpicks. There was no escape. Their bark had been ripped away by the spinning and colliding with one another. They would probably be there until August when the river flow rates settle back into the 20 years old Western drought. Or so we thought.

In the SBC we describe the problem of inadvertently going over a low head dam and being trapped in the turbulence at its base unable to escape its power. The problem is that it may take several minutes of being bounced around in the boil like those trees before your body – dead or alive – eventually floats free.

please see *knots* on page 14



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Eurasian shrubs
- 7. Strikes and rebounds
- 13. Group of advisers
- 14. Modern necessity
- 16. Top lawyer in the land
- 17. Philadelphia university
- 19. Of I
- 20. Functions as a laser
- 22. Basketball phenomenon Jeremy
- 23. Famed island
- 25. Parent-teacher groups
- 26. Distributes
- 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 29. Ad __
- 30. Circulation problem (abbr.)
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. A famous “Squad”
- 34. Stage actor Anthony
- 36. Violent seizure of property
- 38. Saclike cavities
- 40. Sound units
- 41. Counts on
- 43. Dad
- 44. Woman (French)
- 45. A digital tape recording of sound
- 47. Polish Baltic peninsula
- 48. Recipe measurement
- 51. Requests out of dire need
- 53. Precious stone weight unit
- 55. The immaterial part of a person
- 56. Anoint
- 58. Golf score
- 59. Supernatural
- 60. Northwest Territories
- 61. Can be made suitable
- 64. A professor’s helper
- 65. Having a toothlike edge
- 67. Got atop a horse
- 69. Judged
- 70. Static balance between opposing forces

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Flowing
- 2. Computer department
- 3. Lasts
- 4. DiFranco and Samsonyan are two
- 5. __ de sac
- 6. Merchant
- 7. Hosts film festival
- 8. State of agitation of fuss
- 9. A way to praise
- 10. Opaque gems
- 11. McKinley is one
- 12. Smallest interval in classical Western music
- 13. Famed designer Lauren
- 15. Occupies
- 18. Small island (British)
- 21. Misuse of the sacred
- 24. Covers with a thin sheet
- 26. Most valuable player
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Investigated discreetly
- 32. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 35. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 37. Music genre
- 38. Indicates one is in mourning
- 39. Secured forever
- 42. Bodily cavity
- 43. A dog is one
- 46. Chose to do something
- 47. Annoy persistently
- 49. Large hotel rooms
- 50. Beg
- 52. Docket
- 54. Subway dwelling rodent
- 55. Sources
- 57. Mild Dutch cheese
- 59. Spanish city
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Ballplayer’s tool
- 66. Midway between north and east
- 68. Atomic #3



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Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**

“To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable.” - Oscar Wilde

“The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.”
- Will Rogers

“We must recognize that, as we grow older, we become like old cars – more and more repairs and replacements are necessary.” - C.S. Lewis

“Old age comes at a bad time.” – San Banducci

“Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.”
- Jennifer Yane

“Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard there is nothing you can do about it.” - Golda Meir

“I’m so old that my blood type is discontinued.” - Bill Dane

“The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened.”
- Mark Twain

“Wisdom doesn’t necessarily come with age. Sometimes, age just shows up all by itself.” - Tom Wilson

“Always be nice to your children because they are the ones who will choose your retirement home.”- Phyllis Diller

“I don’t plan to grow old gracefully. I plan to have face-lifts until my ears meet.” - Rita Rudner

“I’m at that age where my back goes out more than I do.” - Phyllis Diller

“Nice to be here? At my age it’s nice to be anywhere.” – George Burns

“Don’t let aging get you down. It’s too hard to get back up.” - John Wagner

“First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down.” - Leo Rosenberg

“Aging seems to be the only available way to live a long life.”
- Kitty O’Neill Collins

“Old people shouldn’t eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get.” – Robert Orben

“Middle age is when you’re sitting at home on a Saturday night and the telephone rings and you hope it isn’t for you.” - Ogden Nash

“It’s important to have a twinkle in your wrinkle.” – Unknown

“At my age, flowers scare me.” - George Burns

“I have successfully completed the thirty-year transition from wanting to stay up late to just wanting to go to bed.” – Unknown



Welcome - **Pastor Dale Brown** of the Community Church at Ocean Pines welcomes **Rev. Christina Blake**, District Superintendent for the Lower Shore of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, to the first of ten Sundays leading up to the church’s grand 40th Anniversary celebration on September 18.

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The Sons and Daughters of Italy is now accepting new members. Visit our website at sonsofitalyocceancity.com for more information and our membership application.



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July 19 Republican Primary**

Book sale returns

The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library (FOPL) announced that they will sponsor their Annual Book Sale at the Ocean Pines Library July 22, 23 and 25. This event is open to the public and is scheduled as follows:

Tues., Wed. & Thurs. July 19-21, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Specials Room Sneak Preview

The specials room features rare, signed, vintage, 1st edition, small press, collectibles, odd and special interest books and ephemera priced individually.

Friday, July 22 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. FOPL Members Only sale. You can join FOPL for \$5 and enjoy first access to this year's books on sale.

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

All book sales are cash or check only. No credit cards will be accepted. All monies go to benefit the Ocean Pines library and its resources, programs and events.



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FAQ about tree removal in Ocean Pines

Q. Where can I find regulations regarding tree removal in Ocean Pines?

A. Section 400 of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Guidelines has specific information about landscaping, including tree removal.

Q. Do I need a permit to remove trees on my property?

A. Yes, in many – but not all – cases. A permit is required to remove trees with a trunk diameter of 6 inches or more. Additionally, a permit is required to remove ANY native magnolia, holly, bayberry or laurel tree, regardless of trunk diameter, as they are protected plants.

Q. What are permissible reasons to remove a tree from my property?

A. Trees with a trunk diameter of greater than 6 inches may be removed if they:
-Are dead, dying, diseased or rotting

- Have been damaged by a storm
- Present a danger
- Are located within 10 feet of your home's foundation
- Are located within 3 feet of your driveway
- Are causing damage to a bulkhead

Q. I have a protected tree variety on my property, but it's diseased. Can I remove it?

A. Yes. Acceptable reasons for the removal of protected plants include diseased plants and those causing danger because they lean or impair the vision of drivers.

Q. I am building a home on an empty lot. Are there limits to the trees I can remove on my property?

A. Yes. Separate guidelines apply to those who are clearing lots for home construction. Section 400.3 of the ARC Guideline discusses this in more detail.

Q. How do I obtain a permit to remove a tree on my property?

A. An application for tree removal can be found at <https://www.ocean-pines.org/web/pages/cpiunder> "Applications and Documents." Applications also are available at the Ocean Pines Public Works/CPI Department at 1 Firehouse Lane.

Q. I have completed the application for tree removal. What steps do I need to take next?

- A. Once the tree removal application has been completed:
- Have it notarized if you will be mailing or emailing it to the CPI Department, a requirement that went into effect May 25, 2022.
 - Have it signed in witness of a CPI employee if you will be dropping it off at the CPI Department in person, a requirement that went into effect May 25, 2022.
 - Make sure the trees requested for removal are clearly marked for inspection.
 - Verify the tree removal contractor's property damage and liability insurance.

-Ensure that all stumps are removed or flush cut and covered with mulch after the tree has been removed.

Q. I submitted a permit to remove a tree, but approval was not given. Why am I not allowed to remove the tree?

- A. Property owners may not be given approval to remove a tree if it is:
- Alive and healthy
 - Outside the 10 feet foundation rule
 - Outside the 3 feet driveway rule
 - A protected species
 - Better suited for professional pruning
 - Within 100 feet of a waterway (requires approval from Worcester County for removal)

Q. What happens if I remove a tree without a permit?

A. Any tree with a trunk diameter of 6 inches or more that is removed without CPI Department approval will receive a violation and must be replaced with a tree or trees as determined and approved by the CPI Department.



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The next major water event is the geysers and in particular, Old Faithful, which shoots a huge plumb of water high into the Wyoming skies every 90 minutes or so. It is truly a quirk of nature that is worth seeing but Old Faithful is only one of about 20 geysers that can be seen by a comfortable walk along a boardwalk, well-kept by the National Park Services.

We decided to take the walking circuit through the geyser basin after one of Old Faithful's eruptions. Unfortunately, it was raining. In fact, it was raining a lot. We had to abort our sortie halfway through and return to the historic Old Faithful Inn to dry out. By now we were getting used to the rain. It had been raining for over a week. That's why the falls that we saw in the northern end of the park were gushing so vigorously.

So, the following day when we were again watching Old Faithful do its thing, we got a text message from Linda, our travel agent, in Ocean

Pines. It asked, "Are you alright?" It sounded silly but alarming. We gave her a call to learn the Yellowstone National Park was being closed. We were checked out of the Inn and heading south within an hour with thousands of other evacuees.

A reported 5" of additional rain over a 36-hour period had accelerated the spring snow run off after a week of rainy weather had already saturated the ground and swollen the streams. This caused roads to wash away and the Park Service to close the entire park for the first time ever. Even during the historic 1988 fires, parts of the park remained opened.

Yellowstone is quite an experience with or without a 500-year flood but don't go there if you are addicted to cell phones, TV, AM/FM radio, sports bars, or Starbucks. You will have sporadic panic attacks. Otherwise, it should be on your bucket list.

Stay safe. Stay dry.

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