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Recognition - *Kathy McDaniel (right) is presented the Crystal Apple award at American Legion Auxiliary Convention in Ocean City July 14. Kathy is an 8th grade math teacher at Stephen Decatur Middle School in Berlin. She was recognized as outstanding teacher in the state by American Legion Auxiliary Department of Maryland.*

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Graduates - Worcester County law enforcement officers who graduated in the 88th entrance-level law enforcement class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury are shown, from left, **Ray'Ovonte Fitchett** of the Pocomoke City Police Department, **David Megafu** and **Austin Mora** of the Ocean City Police Department and **Benjamin Cropper** of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

A message from OPA President Colette Horn

Golf course safety

Our beautiful, 18-hole Ocean Pines Golf Club features some of the best greens on the Eastern Shore and is the only championship course on the Eastern Shore designed by the legendary Robert Trent Jones, Sr.

Staff, led by PGA General Manager of Golf John Malinowski and Golf Course Superintendent Justin Hartshorne, work hard each day to make sure the course is in peak shape, and that players have the best experience possible.

They also rely on both golfers and residents to adhere to safety rules when playing on the course or walking or biking in the community.

It is important to remember that the golf course is just that – a golf course, and not a walking path or biking trail. It is extremely dangerous to be walking or riding bikes on the course with golfers playing and hitting golf balls.

The golf course is for the use of registered and paid golfers only, and everyone's help and adherence to that policy is very much appreciated.

According to Malinowski, "We continue to have close calls with both adults and kids almost getting hit with golf balls. I cannot think of anything much more tragic than someone being hit and killed

with a golf ball while walking or biking in areas they should not be. Fortunately, this has not happened here yet and hopefully will never happen, but it does happen at golf courses."

Our golf course management, marshals, starters, bag drop staff, Golf Shop staff and maintenance team are committed to monitoring the course to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. Part of that commitment also involves making sure that non-registered golfers do not use the course.

The course has always been restricted to golfers and has for many years had signs indicating that. Although additional replacement signs were recently erected, the policy has remained the same.

"Unfortunately, our maintenance team daily deals with the damage done by people who use the course for things such as walking, biking, running, playing sports, playing in sand bunkers and more. Additionally, because our maintenance team works all hours of the day, and golfers often play until it is dark, it's important to make sure that the public is not in danger from machinery and flying golf balls, which can cause serious injury or death to humans and pets," Malinowski said.



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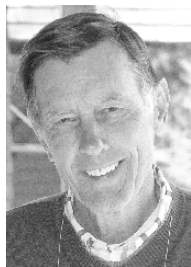
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Commentary

Campaign spending

Commentary by **Joe Reynolds**
OceanPinesForum.com

A Facebook group under the name "Ocean Pines ~ Get Involved" may have just set a new spending record attempting to elect individuals to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors.



Sources say the group was originally founded by former board member Esther Diller and former OPA employee Colby Phillips. A mailing from the group says the founding date was March of 2020. Facebook says it was originally created on February 27, 2021, as "Ocean pines get involved" with the name changed to "Ocean Pines ~ Get Involved" on February 28, 2021.

In recent days, many, if not all, Ocean Pines association member mailboxes contained a letter from "OPA Get Involved" supporting OPA board candidates Stuart Lakernick and Monica Rakowski. Lakernick is the spouse of Esther Diller and Rakowski's mailing address in Ocean Pines is shown on the envelope as the address of "OPA Get Involved."

Why is Rakowski's address used as the mailing address for a sender named "OPA Get Involved" when the name of the group is "Ocean Pines ~ Get Involved?" The return address label might lead some recipients to think it was sent by OPA.

Monica Rakowski purchased the names and addresses from the Ocean Pines Association for the Get Involved mailing, something anyone can do. The envelopes were mailed with "forever" stamps that look to cost about \$0.28 each. Depending

on the number mailed, the candidate endorsement could have cost in excess of \$4,000.

Over the years any number of candidates or candidate support groups have purchased the OPA official mailing list for campaign use. The most notable was perhaps the mailing around 2004 by a group called OPEG, or Ocean Pines Election Group. OPEG supported Dan Stachurski, Heather Cook, and Glenn Duffy. All won a seat on the Board of Directors.

This latest candidate endorsement says Lakernick and Rakowski are committed to, "Work towards renewing our current GM John Viola's contract, as his management and leadership has made our association financially sound."

This is somewhat of interest in that the current board already renewed Viola's contract. Not to mention that sources say the Get Involved group was far from a Viola support group when it was founded.

These days it would be the kiss of death for any candidate not to support Viola.

Another somewhat curious statement on the mailer says Lakernick and Rakowski are committed to reducing "frivolous law suits."

OPA has not filed any frivolous lawsuits. In fact, other than the normal filings of court cases involving homeowner violations of the Declarations of Restrictions, it does not seem OPA filed any lawsuits in recent years.

The goal of controlling the OPA Board of Directors has become intense... and expensive. OPA reports the mailing list was also purchased by candidate Steve Jacobs, but there are no reports as yet of an actual mailing to association members from Jacobs.

Courier Almanac

On July 20, 1969 at 10:56 p.m. EDT, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, speaks these words to more than a billion people listening at home: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Stepping off the lunar landing module *Eagle*, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.

The American effort to send astronauts to the moon has its origins in a famous appeal President John F. Kennedy made to a special joint session of Congress on May 25, 1961: "I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth." At the time, the United States was still trailing the Soviet Union in space developments, and Cold War-era America welcomed Kennedy's bold proposal.

Socialization in midlife can have a profound impact on individuals as they approach their golden years. A 2019 study led by researchers at University College London



found that being more socially active in your 50s and 60s predicts a lower risk of developing dementia later in life. The study used data from a previous study that tracked more than 10,000 participants between 1985 and 2013. Participants in the study completed cognitive testing from 1997 onwards. Researchers found that someone who saw friends almost daily at age 60 was 12 percent less likely to develop dementia than someone who only saw one or two friends every month.

Strong associations between social contact at age 50 and subsequent dementia were also uncovered. The study supports the idea that remaining socially active in one's 50s and 60s can benefit long-term cognitive health.

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Neither victory nor defeat

As I write this, the results of this year's primary election are unknown. For many local races the results of the primary election will determine the overall winner because there are no opponents in November's general election. So, who will be the winners? It remains to be seen. As I'm sure you're aware I am running for reelection as Worcester County Com-

tabulated, life will go on.

I spent time in the Worcester Prep parking lot during the eight days of early voting. The Democrats had a tent. The Republicans had a tent. Each were manned by volunteers and candidates. It was not uncommon for one or more people to cross the "partisan divide" which was in actuality a couple of parking spaces, to talk or share food and bottles of water during scorching afternoons. When asked, we'd take pictures of each other's groups. It was very nice to see, it was nice to experience. Because let's face it, our community is only so big. After the election,



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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missioner so I'm very interested in the results. Will I continue in the job? I won't know until after this edition has gone to press.

Deciding to run for office, any office, is not an easy decision to make. It requires sacrifice, dedication, determination and just plain old hutzpah. It also requires the support of family and friends. I respect and empathize with anyone who makes such a decision, regardless if I agree with them; regardless if they're of my party. Running for office is not for the faint of heart. It's tough and requires a thick skin and perseverance.

To varying degrees, I know the candidates running for office this year. Others I have gotten to know during the campaign. In some instances, I've gotten to know their families. The shared experience of campaigning forges relationships. When I first ran eight years ago, I met and got to know many other folks running for office. It was an enjoyable experience and helpful when I took office. For the most part, the candidates I've met are motivated by good.

Despite what's reported on television, on the local level the relationships among the candidates and between the parties, is cordial and respectful. There have been exceptions but they've been few and far between. There can be disagreement on issues and opponents take opposite sides of what is the right thing to do, but the bottom line is that we're all still part of the same community. When this election is over and the results are

after campaign emotions fade, we're going to see each other in the supermarket or at church or at the park or wherever.

Whether reporting on public officials as I did for many years for the paper, or being a public official as I am now (and hope to continue to be), I've always believed that individuals who have the courage of their convictions to stand before their community and say, "I am a candidate for office and this is what I believe," deserve not just credit but the thanks of the community they seek to serve. Even when a candidate is unsuccessful, the community as a whole benefits because he or she ran.

I close with words that resonate more than a century since they were written by Theodore Roosevelt.

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."



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Neighborhood Watch plays part in safest community

The Ocean Pines Neighborhood Watch has been something of an invisible backbone of the community for many years.

The volunteer group, active at least since the early 1980s, has been in the background of virtually every big event, helping to direct traffic and keep the flow of people safe and orderly. They also, as the name implies, help to watch over the community that is consistently ranked one of the safest in the United States.

Jim Hamlin joined the Neighborhood Watch a decade ago, in June of 2012. The New York native and U.S. Army veteran came to Ocean Pines in 1998 after a career working for the Exxon/Esso corporation.

He remembers calling the police after watching a group of teenagers in Teal Bay acting suspiciously.

"There were three teenagers with leaflets in their hands, and I noticed that they only went into homes with garage doors open and no one there," he said. "They were looking in the garage and coming out, not leaving any leaflets or anything, so I just called the

Ocean Pines Police Department and said, 'I think you ought to check this out.'"

Police arrived and escorted the teenagers out of the area. Hamlin said the Police Department later put him in contact with Charlie Watson, who at the time ran the Neighborhood Watch program in Ocean Pines.

"I got involved, and the next thing I knew he asked me to be the treasurer," Hamlin said. "Unfortunately, Charlie had a brain aneurysm in 2014 and he passed away. Unbeknownst to me, everything from his house [related to Neighborhood Watch] was put on my deck one day when I got home. So, I thought, 'I guess I'm the new person in charge.'"

Hamlin said Lt. Greg Schoepf, affectionately known in Ocean Pines as "LT," became his point of contact at the Police Department.

"If he needs something, he calls me and says, 'Ocean Pines is having something at White Horse Park,' which they do quite a bit. [Recreation and Parks Director] Debbie [Donahue] has a lot of events there," Hamlin said. "And it

seems to always be on a Saturday, when they have the Farmers & Artisans Market."

It can be challenging, he said, to help hundreds of motorists find park-

ket is open," he said. "We'll have someone there telling people, today only, you're going to be exiting out the back gate, because there's too many kids and there's too many people."

Hamlin said Schoepf, like clockwork, sends a "thank you" email after each event, which he then forwards to the other Neighborhood Watch members.

"It lets them know that they're appreciated," he said. "We know the Police are shorthanded, so we do what we can to help."

The group also works with the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation

during events, including Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, and the recent The Wall That Heals visit. All the current Neighborhood Watch members are veterans.

"We just had the Memorial Day

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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

This popular, Annual Book Sale offers over 20,000 books that have been donated throughout the year by patrons, community members and businesses. Books will be available in over 30 categories including fiction, non-fiction, biography, history, religion, art, music, science, animals, children's, cookbooks, gardening, home school education, foreign language, poetry, classics, science fiction, westerns and many others. There will also be a large selection of CDs, DVDs and audio books and special sets.

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. The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library is a certified 501, C3 non-profit organization that exists solely to support the library.



Chamber car show returns

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce announced they will host their 8th Annual Car Show on Saturday, September 3. The show will be held at Veterans Memorial Park located on the corner of Cathell and Racetrack roads. Several food trucks will be there as well as Radio Ocean City for entertainment.



For more information on registering for the car show or becoming a vendor please call the chamber at 410-641-5306 or stop in at 11047 Racetrack Road in Berlin.

The Car Show will begin at approximately 10 a.m. with trophies awarded by 1 p.m.

There will be trophies awarded in these categories; Classic, Antique, Hot Rod, Modern, Customs, Jeep and People's Choice.

Pre-registration is available online for just \$15 or \$20 the day of the show. Registration will be at Veterans Memorial Park beginning at 8:30 a.m. All cars must be registered by 10 a.m. to participate in the car show. Register on line at: www.OceanPinesChamber.org.

Peach pie baking contest returns

Love to Bake? Enter a Pie in the 14th Annual Berlin Peach Festival Pie-Baking Contest.

The Berlin Heritage Foundation is looking for bakers to enter the peach pie-baking contest at its fourteenth annual Berlin Peach Festival on Saturday, August 6, on the grounds of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 North Main Street. First, second and third-place prizes will be awarded.

In 2021, Susan Simpson of Seaford, DE won first prize. Kendall Whaley and Nicole Masenior, both of Berlin, won second and third prize respectively. Judges were Jim Keely, Shanieka Nicolls and Jayden Waters.

A maximum of 12 entries will be accepted and bakers must sign up in advance. The registration deadline is August 5. Pies must be delivered on the day of the festival between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and include a list of ingredients. Worcester County Health Department rules stipulate pies with perishable ingredients such as custard, ice cream or whipped cream may not be entered. For more information or to sign up, contact the Museum at 410-641-1019 or email curator@taylorhousemuseum.org.



Craft time - On summer Saturdays, beginning at 11 a.m., the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 94th St. bayside, hosts free children's craft projects with unique new projects every week. The projects are outside in the Arts Center's waterfront courtyard, weather permitting, and move indoors on rainy days. All ages are welcome, but an adult must accompany the child.

Above is **Charlotte Kulik** of Berlin.

Military ordnance recovered on Assateague

The Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office along with the Ocean City Fire Marshal's Office Bomb Squad and the United States Air Force 436th Civil Engineer Squadron - Emergency Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team based out of Dover Air Force Base responded to Assateague Island National Seashore shortly after 2 p.m. on last Wednesday for a suspected military ordnance that washed ashore.

Maryland State Park Rangers reported the suspicious device and called the Fire Marshal's Office and EOD teams to investigate. EOD technicians determined the ordnance, which had been in the ocean for an unknown amount of time, needed to be rendered safe in place.

After clearing the beach of bystanders, the ordnance was rendered safe and the beach was reopened around 8 p.m.

From 1944 to 1947, the U.S. Navy

and the U.S. Army Corps used the Maryland portion of Assateague Island as a bombing and strafing range. Air crews from Chincoteague, VA and Manteo, NC would fire practice rockets, bombs and machine guns from the air at targets on the ground.

If a member of the public observes any suspicious devices washed up on local beaches, immediately report it to local authorities for further investigation.

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Art Matters

South Point's sculpture garden is a father/daughter collaboration

By **Elaine Bean**

You come off the curve on Rte. 611 heading towards Assateague Island and bear right to South Point. Almost at the end of the road on the bayside, look for a group of Viking sculptures standing like sentries in the front of a long green yard. Drive back along the gravel path towards the bay, and be surprised by more metal sculptures tucked among the magnolia and fig

trees. And you're more than welcome to visit anytime.

This is the home and working studio of sculptor Tuve Tuveson who collaborates with his daughter, Tia, on their unique three-dimensional metalwork. Tuve turned 90 on July 6, but continues to turn metal into sculpture in the garage/studio next to his home, packed with old anvils and welding equipment and raw materials. His

long yard from street to bay is lined with sculptures: a tall smooth obelisk, a trio of swooshes, an abstract running figure, a blue bottle tree, cylinder bells with deep chimes. The roof of his studio reveals a Viking head and a Viking long ship – odes to Tuveson's Swedish heritage – along with a sun face, and a mosquito biting a long arm, displaying the subtle humor that is a hallmark of his work.

Tuve and Tia Tuveson just completed a show of their metal sculp-

tures at the Art League's Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. and have installed there in the courtyard a large, stainless steel weather vane that spins and shines with the breeze off the bay. In full circle, wife and mother Inga Tuveson was a mover and shaker at the Art League, elected to the Board of Directors as secretary in 1994, as president in 1995, and serving until 2006 in various board roles.

Born in Sweden, Tuve and his family moved to Pennsylvania when he was 4 years old to be close to his father's work as a tanker captain for Sun Oil Co. After high school, his father got him a job as an ordinary seaman on a tanker, but Tuve said, "The sea was not meant for me." He became a welder's helper in a refinery before being drafted into the army. His welding career continued with training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and then 14 months at Yung Dong Po, Korea with the 54th Engineer Field Maintenance division.

It was there he met a Korean welder whom Tuve "still thinks about to this day. He took a liking to me as I treated him as an equal. He showed me all the tricks of the welding trade. Being good to people never grows thin."

After serving in Korea, Tuve went back to work at the refinery, became a first-class welder, then a welding in-

spector, then in charge of the fabrication shop. But he was thinking about metal art all the time, and upon retirement, started making sculpture in copper and stainless steel with the help of his wife and now his daughter.

The Tuvesons purchased their South Point property in 1973 after years of camping in an old converted school bus on Assateague Island. Inga designed the house that they built themselves, and the family moved in permanently in 1984. Currently, daughter Tia commutes to the property from Pennsylvania, and hopes to move to South Point soon.

Tia worked for 30 years at the Sunoco Refinery in Marcus Hooks, PA. before the plant shut down in 2011. She then attended Delaware County Community College and earned an associate degree in graphic design. But she was exposed to art from an early age.

"My mother has always been involved with art and encouraged us to embrace creativity," she said. "She designed the pieces that Dad made until 15 years ago when she had a stroke. But she still is my final go-to when I need help choosing a design."

The first collaboration for the father and daughter team was the South Point sign they created in 2017 for the South Point Association, which stands right beyond the Rte. 611 turn-off. "It was very exciting to have a design accepted by a group for public display," Tia said. "We had been making and selling pieces through word of mouth until we connected with the Art League of Ocean City and had a very successful exhibit there in May."

Tia and her father feel that art is a universal language open to many interpretations. "I am thrilled and very honored that our art is enjoyed by so many," Tia said. "I feel blessed to be able to do it with my father. It has been an interesting journey to get to where we are now, as we have learned to listen and embrace each other's ideas. And there is a whole studio full of equipment I am learning how to use!"

And, yes, you are really invited to come on down the driveway for a visit. "We would love to talk to you about our pieces or any ideas you have," Tia said.





Captain Ron's
Fish Tales

By Ron Fisher

Fishing the Coastal Bays

I will be the first to admit I don't know all the answers as to why fish bite one day and not the next. However, in this column I'll try to help you improve your odds of having a good day. There are just some days when you will get bites and catch many fish and other days when you may not even have a bite. Here are some handy hints to consider before your next fishing trip.

Water Conditions: One of the most important conditions for catching all types of fish and in particular flounder in our bays is water clarity. If the water is somewhat clean you will likely have a good day. If it is dirty and you can tell just by looking at it with a lot of floating eel grass and you can't see bottom in shallow water you will likely have a bad day of fishing. However, you can improve your odds of finding clean water by going early before all the boat traffic starts and also by fishing the incoming tide where cleaner water usually is entering the bay from the ocean. Although this is not always the case particularly if there were a number of off shore storms the day before and the ocean water is dirty. Also, fishing the outgoing tide after the first few hours increases the risk of the water getting dirty as the tide pulls sand etc. from the marshes and sandbars. It is best to fish the last few hours of the incoming tide and the first few hours of the outgoing tide to improve your odds of having good day fishing.

Wind: Wind can have a big impact on fishing. One old salt told me the following; "if the wind is from the East, fish bite the least, and if the wind is from the West fish bite the best." I don't necessarily agree with this. Here is one from Capt. Ron to remember. "If the wind is from the South fish will open up their mouth, but if the wind is from the West the Green Headed Flies will bite the best".

A West wind will drive the flies out of the marshes and if you don't have bug repellent it will be a miserable day on the water or beaches. If there is wind, I prefer a South wind of five to 10 knots. A wind of 15-25 knots will make it pretty rough on the water and will tend to muddy up the bay.

Water Temperature: Water temperature is more important in the spring and late fall than during the summer months and has significant impact on flounder fishing.

Flounder tend to like water warmer than 54 degrees so keep that in mind when flounder fishing in the spring and late fall. This is why you will usually catch more flounder in the shallow water in the spring as the water in the shallows is warmer. It does not have as great an impact on stripers and bluefish.

Bait: If you want to improve your odds of catching big fish you need to use the right bait for the time of the year you are fishing. This time of year, and in particular late August, large live bait is the key to success. Fishing with live spot now is my preference. I would also rely on Berkley Gulp Swimming Mullet in a chartreuse or pearl white color fished on a top and bottom rig with the spot on the bottom and Gulp on the top hook. This is a good combination for striped bass and flounder. Bunker is also good but very difficult to keep alive even in an aerator bucket or live well but they work dead or alive. Of course, you can use traditional baits such as live minnows, frozen shiners with a squid strip but live spot and Gulp will improve your chances of catching a keeper this time of year.

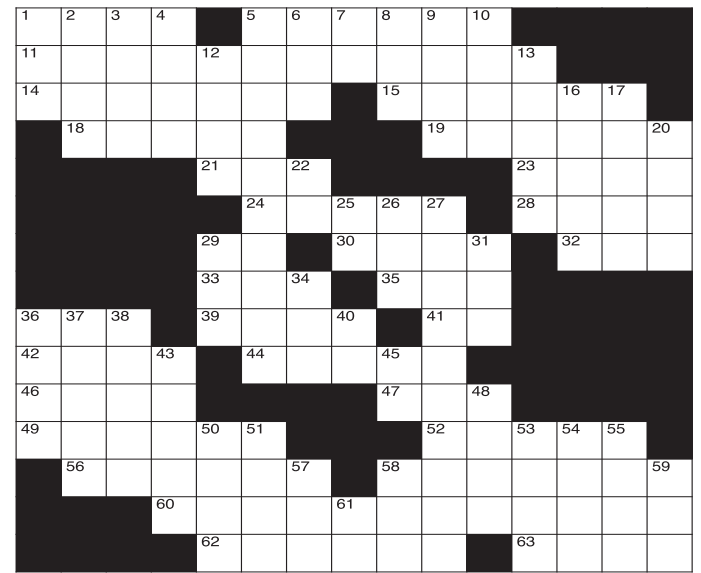
Spot have a black spot just behind the top of the gill opening and dusky bars on their upper side. Good fishing size is two to four inches. You can buy them at most tackle shops but they are expensive. They can be caught in canals and around bridges using small hooks such as a size 8 hooks baited with small pieces of blood worm, squid or bloodworm fishbites as an alternative to regular bloodworms. Spot are easy to keep alive in an aerated bucket and as a result make an excellent live bait. Hook them through the upper lip and out along the snout.

Follow these tips and I am certain you will improve your Bay fishing experience.

Ask Capt. Ron? I recently received an e-mail question from Jason of Ocean Pines: Capt. Ron, do you need a fishing license to fish in the Ocean Pines Ponds. The answer is DNR says you do require a license if you are age 16 and over.

Did you know? 1. Most brands of lipstick contain fish scales. 2. The oldest fishhook ever found dates back about 42,000 years ago. Wonder how they were biting then?

Remember to take a kid fishing,
Capt. Ron

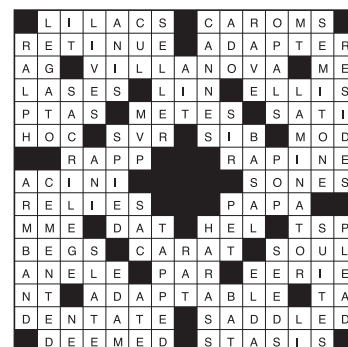


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Absence of difficulty
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. More cushy
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
- 24. Icelandic books
- 28. Pop
- 29. Hammer is one
- 30. Sense of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 33. Can't be found
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Passports and licenses are two
- 39. Snake-like fishes
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular computers
- 44. Intermediate ecological stage
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. Slow
- 58. Famous Falls
- 60. Reassertions
- 62. Periods of time
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Genetically distinct varieties
- 6. Dialect of Chinese
- 7. Famous Mr. T character
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. Menace to yards
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Willis and Robert are two
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. It shows who you are
- 25. The First State (abbr.)
- 26. Get older
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Leader
- 37. Plants in the legume family
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Scads
- 45. Morning
- 48. Length of a line (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small, thin person
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Word element meaning ear
- 58. To the ___ degree
- 59. Residue of something burned
- 61. It cools your home



Answers for July 13

Veterans Memorial Foundation releases educational video

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation recently released an educational video about the memorial, aimed at local fifth graders who annually take a field trip to the site in Ocean Pines.

The roughly 20-minute video highlights the history of the memorial, branches of the U.S. military, the value of service, and what it means to be a veteran.

Susan Pantone, who helped lead the effort to make the video, said the idea came up when field trips were canceled during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“My idea was, if the kids can’t come to the memorial, let’s bring the memorial to them,” she said.

Volunteer Donna Hickey wrote most of the video narrative and Veterans Memorial cofounder Sharyn O’Hare wrote most of the extensive video credits, while Pantone did much of the background work. Many others contributed.

“It was definitely a group effort,” Pantone said.

The Veterans Memorial Foundation began educational outreach programs around 2010, printing an informational booklet and hosting annual field trips for students, county-wide.

Pantone said volunteer Don McMullen each year delivers the booklets to local schools, and then leads a tour of the Veterans Memorial grounds.

“He does a presentation where he hands out the booklets. And the video will now be a part of that, to help build background on the memorial,” Pantone said. “I also think that teachers can use it for things like Veterans Day and Memorial Day.”

Pantone, a former educator who taught at Berlin Intermediate School for more than a decade, said the video became a passion project. Her father and husband are veterans, and she was born at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

“I really felt like I could contribute something,” she said. “It was a lot of work and a lot of sleepless nights, but

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Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**



Story time events at farmers markets offered

It's story time at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, as "Mr. Jake" will read books to local children on August 13 and 27, and September 10 and 24 at 9 a.m.

Jake Nail is a youth services specialist with the Ocean Pines Library.

"Mr. Jake is planning some exciting story times at the Kids Market Zone," Nail said. "All are welcome, and all are encouraged to be silly!"

Parents and grandparents are encouraged to bring their children and a blanket to sit on while listening to a series of fun stories.

"Mom can grab her fresh produce for the week and let the kids be entertained," Market Manager David Bean said.

Nail studied theatre performance and creative arts, focusing on special education, at Salisbury University. He has performed on stage since the age of 6.

He has also been a camp counselor, activities director, preschool and elementary/middle school teacher, outdoor adventure facilitator, academic reinforcement aid, and, most recently, an uncle. His favorite story to read is "If

You Give a Pig a Pancake" by Laura Numeroff.

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park. For more information, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market.

AGH launches new app

Atlantic General Hospital has unveiled a new mobile app designed to make life a little easier for their patients and community members. With the AGH Cares app, all of their patients' most frequently used tools are available in one place – directions and information for Atlantic General's locations, physician and provider directory search, appointment scheduling, bill payment and patient portal log in are prominently displayed via simple easy-to-understand icons on the main screen of the app.

The app can be found in the Apple or Google play stores by searching for Atlantic General Hospital. More information and additional instructions can be found by visiting www.agh.care/getit.

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Estate-planning mistakes to avoid

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

When many people hear the words “estate planning,” they assume it’s just for the wealthy. But that’s not the case because everyone can benefit from an estate plan. And when you’re creating one, you’ll want to avoid some common mistakes.



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Before we look at those mistakes, let’s go over what estate planning is designed to accomplish. Essentially, an estate plan allows you to pass on your assets in the way you desire. But it can also specify other actions, such as naming someone to care for your minor children if you were no longer around. In creating an estate plan, several key documents are involved, including a will, a trust, a financial power of attorney and a medical power of attorney or a health care directive.

Now, let’s consider a few estate-planning mistakes:

- Not communicating your plans. You’ll need to inform your family about whom you’ve chosen as executor – the individual who will administer your estate – and whom you’ve named as the trustee – the person who will manage your trust’s assets. (You can also choose a trust company to handle this duty.) And to help avoid unpleasant surprises when your estate is being settled, consider letting your children or other close relatives know who will be receiving what.

- Not reviewing your plans periodically – Once you create your estate plans, don’t forget about them. Over time, your personal situation may change – you may experience a remarriage or bring in new children. Your interests may change, too – perhaps you’ll become deeply involved in supporting a favorite charitable organization. Given these and other potential changes, you’ll want to review your estate plans once in a while to see if they need to be modified.

- Not updating beneficiary designations – Every so often, you may want to review the beneficiary designations on your life insurance policies, investment accounts and retirement assets. As mentioned, changes in your life, such as remarriage and the addition of new children, may affect your beneficiaries. Beneficiary designations are powerful and can even supersede your will, so you’ll want to update them as needed. Also, if you have a 529 education savings plan, you’ll want to name a successor

owner – someone who can take over your 529 if you were to pass away.

- Not re-registering assets placed in a trust – A living trust offers you many potential benefits, such as the ability to bypass the time-consuming and highly public process of probate when it’s time to settle your estate. However, just establishing the trust, by itself,

may be insufficient – you likely also need to re-register assets, such as your investments, so they are officially owned by the trust, not by you. This is essential for the trust to work as you intended.

Here’s one other mistake – not getting the help you need. Estate planning can be complex, so you’ll want to work with an attorney, and possibly with your financial advisor and tax professional, too.

By avoiding key mistakes and working with a qualified team of professionals, you can create and maintain an estate plan that will help you leave the legacy you desire.

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Local nonprofit announces new location

Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a nonprofit organization, will celebrate its new location at 201 River Street in Snow Hill with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, August 9 at 4 p.m.

GOLD provides emergency financial assistance and basic needs items to Worcester County residents who live in poverty and low-income circumstances. They serve individuals of all ages including infants, children, families, vulnerable adults, those who are homeless, and children in foster care. All requests for assistance come from GOLD's agency users, a network of local caseworkers, therapists, nurses, and advocates who work directly with those being served.

"Since GOLD's inception 25 years ago, our programs and services have grown to meet the urgent needs in our county. To better serve our clients and community partners, the organization decided to seize a great

opportunity to move into an available office in downtown Snow Hill," said Nicholas Cranford, Executive Director of GOLD. "Located right across from Sturgis Park, this space will offer easy access for supporters, volunteers, and our agency users. We're really excited about the expanded VAULT (Vast Amounts of Useful Little Things). GOLD's VAULT stores items like diapers, baby wipes, car seats, clothing, and emergency food and hygiene bags. We believe no person should suffer without access to basic needs and this new space increases our capacity to ensure our neighbors live a decent life with dignity."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. followed by an open house with light refreshments until 6 pm. Community members are encouraged to attend and meet with GOLD's staff and board members to learn more about ways to give back in Worcester County.

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we got it done and I think we're all very pleased."

Pantone thanked the Educational Outreach Committee, the Veterans Memorial Foundation Board, and Foundation President Marie Gilmore for their support.

"This video replaces an outdated PowerPoint presentation that used to be shown at school assemblies prior to their field trips," Gilmore said. "It is really beautifully done, and the committee did an outstanding job pulling it together. We will be able to present this to groups other than students as well."

McMullen said the next round of field trips will start in October.

"We'll show them the video, answer any questions, and that way they're all prepared for the actual field trip itself," he said. "It's something that we've been talking about and thinking about, and now working on for the last few years. Now that it's come to fruition, I just think it's outstanding."

McMullen said the video includes an overview of the "Patriot's Pathway" that summarizes the history of U.S. armed conflicts. That feature of the memorial will become a central part of the educational tours.

"We also do the history of the flag. We have volunteers who take it from Betsy Ross to present day and then the Junior ROTC will teach them how to fold the flag. For a lot of the fifth graders, that's the first time they've ever folded an American flag," he said. "We also talk about democracy and how what they're able to do today is because of what these veterans have done over all these years."

McMullen said the best feedback he's received is from students who went on to join Junior ROTC programs in Snow Hill, Pocomoke and Berlin.

"Several of them have told me their interest was stirred when they visited the memorial, and they were inspired to get involved because of those field trips," he said. "That's just outstanding."

To view the video, visit https://youtu.be/W_SbPKZDcYc.

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service and we had six or seven guys parking cars. And so many people on the way out thanked us for what we did, because it was so, so organized,” Hamlin said. “A person who was never there before told me he couldn’t believe how organized it was.

“We were also really involved with The Wall That Heals, working with the First State Detachment Marine Corps. Those guys were fantastic,” he added.

Another part of being in the Neighborhood Watch, Hamlin said, is just being visible. For example, the members place “Ocean Pines Neighborhood Crime Watch” shields on their

cars during events. “Believe it or not, it really does slow people down,” he said.

Neighborhood Watch also occasionally holds public membership drives, handing out literature and offering a few general safety tips.

“One of the biggest things is just, lock your car, lock your car, lock your car. We can’t stress that one enough,” Hamlin said.

Another good general tip, he said, is simply to report suspicious activity to the police.

“There’s a story about people being away, and a U-Haul backed into their driveway and emptied out the house. The neighbors afterward said they thought it was strange – they thought

they were friendly with the neighbors, but they never told them they were moving. Well, pick up the phone and call the police and have them investigate!” Hamlin said.

“Keep your eyes open and, if you see anything, don’t confront anyone – just call the police. Let them handle it, which is what I did with those three kids walking around with leaflets,” he added.

Hamlin said there are only a handful of people left on the Neighborhood Watch, and new members are needed. For information on joining, email Hamlin at jim1127@mchsi.com.

“We’re just trying to give back to the community the best way that we can,” he said.

Heughligans fan club forming

A Sam Heughan, star of Outlander Series on STARZ, fan club for senior citizens is forming in Ocean Pines. The first meeting will be Friday July 29 at the Ocean Pines library at 2 p.m.

During the pandemic, many people, especially seniors, developed a “school girl crush” on Sam resulting in the formation of fan clubs around the world, known as Heughligans with the motto, “You’re never too old to feel young again.”

Organizers hope the meeting agenda will include lots of laughter, show and book discussions and support for philanthropic activities.

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