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Sunflowers
by Joe Reynolds

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GM reports on Marina, Racquet Sports, strategic planning and more

General Manager John Viola discussed the Marina, Racquet Sports, strategic planning and more during his monthly report to the Board June 28.

Viola said the marina is meeting demands after a series of setbacks early in the season. Additionally, new t-docks were installed this week and plans were submitted to replace fuel lines during the offseason.

New pickleball courts are finished and in the curing phase, meaning they need roughly 10 days to dry before players can use them. Following that, contractor ATC will address cracks in existing courts.

Viola said all repairs should be done by September, and the Association plans to have some courts open at all times. The community center and Swim and Racquet Club will also have some availability.

"All of this has been communicated weekly, as we committed to [doing]," he said. "We have kept the Racquet Sports community updated."

Viola said strategic planning is a priority, and he implemented a strategic management team, led by Senior Executive Office Manager Linda Martin, to work with department heads and managers.

"A lot of this is in line with what

we've been doing," Viola said.

"A strategic planning document is not something that, once completed, is placed on a shelf and dusted off every three-to-five-years," he continued. "We will be meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee representatives over the next several weeks with the implementation of their recommendations, our approach, initiatives and objectives. Please note the strategic plan was started three years ago. It is fluid and will be formalized with the committee input and/or confirmation of our approach over that period and the future."

On the IT front, the Ocean Pines website has handled more than \$520,000 in online assessment payments, thanks to new efficiencies created with Northstar.

"When we purchased the system, that's what [we] were looking for," Viola said. "We are starting to get that, and we'll continue to get efficiencies."

Viola said all OPA buildings now have backup internet service, and hybrid meetings are available in at least three different locations.

Following a recent town hall meeting, Viola said the Association and the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire

Department are essentially in "preliminary planning stages" to renovate or build a new fire station.

He said a team of experts is studying options and gathering information. The team, which includes Viola and members of the fire department and Public Works, has reviewed high level drawings and analyzed feedback from the town hall and other sources. Former Board member Ted Moroney is also assisting, Viola said.

"We're just trying to get as many answers to as many questions [as possible] as this evolves," he said.

Martin said another phase of drainage pipe replacements started the week of July 18 and included drainage systems on Beaconhill, Pinehurst and Sandyhook roads.

"There will be closures [and] they will be listed on our website," Martin said.

Next month, the Association will continue installing cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liners in several phases, starting on Juneway Lane, Seagrave Lane, Cannon Drive, Southwind Court, Drawbridge Road, and Ocean

Parkway.

Martin previously said the CIPP process involves running a resin lining into a pre-existing pipe that, once the resin cures, will form a tight-fitting, jointless and corrosion-resistant lining to the pipe, which gives the pipe a 100-year life expectancy. Public Works successfully installed a dozen liners last year and will install 11 this year.

Martin said replacement of mailboxes and pedestals in high-priority locations started on July 11 on Charleston Road. The effort is ongoing, and the Association is also working on cleaning all mailbox locations in the community.

On the financial side, Viola said the Association was favorable to budget by \$43,000 in June and is favorable \$415,000, year to date.

Year to date, Golf is favorable \$130,000, Aquatics is favorable \$74,000, the Yacht Club is favorable \$61,000, Public Works is favorable \$40,000, the Beach Club is favorable \$37,000, and Racquet Sports is favorable \$29,000.

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.

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Rebuttal to Reynolds' commentary

As a member of the OPA Environment & Natural Assets Committee, I feel compelled to correct some of the misinformation contained in Mr. Reynolds' commentary published in the August 3rd edition.



First and foremost, the ENA committee did not initiate the complaint about the aftermath of the fishing event – a board member received the complaint from a homeowner and the matter was forwarded to the committee for investigation. There was no “outrage”, only a desire to prevent recurrence of the hazardous debris, which is as potentially harmful to humans as wildlife, following future events. Our committee was first alerted to the issue during the course of the last meeting and, as such, did not have the opportunity to talk to the Anglers Club before the matter was mentioned in the newspaper. We would, as always, welcome constructive conversation with the anglers or anyone else interested in working together for the good of the Ocean Pines environment.

It is true that this led to discussion of whether the pond should be designated for recreational use; however, this is a standard practice for community water bodies that should have been undertaken decades ago when the man-made pond was first installed. The USDA, EPA, and many other environmental agencies strongly recommend officially designating the allowable uses for a body of water because usage guidelines dictate the type of maintenance needed. The water quality standard for an aesthetic water feature, for example, would be very different than the standard that a recreational pond should meet. It is currently unclear what uses of the south pond are allowable, making any activities there precariously “at your own risk”. It would be beneficial to both human and animal users of the pond to have a water quality

standard established and maintained. In addition, usage designations can be hybrid and sectional, allowing one area to remain natural while maintaining another for recreation.

As far as the “current committee policy” Mr. Reynolds mentions, I can assure him there is none, other than providing research-backed recommendations to the board that strike the best balance between maintaining environmental integrity and compromise among the dissenting viewpoints of the homeowners. We do prioritize humane and non-lethal methods of managing the resident goose population, which follows the guidelines established by the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, both of which clearly state that culling is allowed only as a last resort and should NOT be employed regularly as a management tool. The management methods our committee has presented to the board are designed to deter geese from settling in the pond area and keep them moving along their natural migratory course, not to protect them at all costs, as Mr. Reynolds implied.

The key to peaceful and successful co-existence in a community like Ocean Pines is its members' willingness to understand and work toward compromise with opposing viewpoints. The current members of the Environment & Natural Assets Committee have all invested much time in researching evidence-based non-lethal methods for addressing homeowner concerns about congregating geese and other environmental issues. We prioritize consideration of all sides of contentious issues and methods that represent meeting in the middle. Mr. Reynolds' commentary indicates that he and his cronies are more interested in a “my way or the highway” approach. If so, the suggestion to fill in the pond with dirt would indeed be the best course of action.

- Karen Detter

Courier Almanac

On August 10, 1977, 24-year-old postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested and charged with being the “Son of Sam,” the serial killer who terrorized New York City for more than a year, killing six young people and wounding seven others with a .44-caliber revolver. Because Berkowitz generally targeted attractive young women with long brown hair, hundreds of young women had their hair cut short and dyed blonde during the time he terrorized the city. Thousands more simply stayed home at night.

High cholesterol levels are often associated with adulthood. However, children also may experience high cholesterol, which can affect their long-term health. Pediatric high cholesterol, like its adult counterpart, refers to high levels of low-density lipoproteins (LDL), also known as “bad” cholesterol. Elevated LDL can lead to fatty deposits that cause hardening of the arteries.



Complications such as heart attack, stroke and early severe diseases are possible, according to Children's Health. Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital warns that heart disease has its roots in childhood. Therefore, it is important to be aware of children's cholesterol levels, as high levels can increase kids' chances of heart disease and stroke as adults. Childhood obesity, eating a diet high in trans fat and saturated fat, and having a parent or close family member with high cholesterol are risk factors for children. A pediatrician can be consulted and a lipid profile prescribed to check cholesterol levels. Lipid profiles are recommended between ages nine and 11, and again between ages 17 and 21.

Chuck Berry program offered at library

Known for his innovative guitar style and masterful songwriting, Chuck Berry fused elements of the blues and rockabilly to appeal to young audiences of all classes and races in the 1950s. Fast cars, teenage love, and good times were embodied in his songs, complete with clever puns and driving beats.



Frank DeLucco and Harry Burkett will present “Chuck Berry: Father of Rock and Roll” at the Ocean Pines library on Thursday, August 18 at 2 p.m.

“Chuck Berry influences performers to this day,” said DeLucco. “He inspired Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, The Rolling Stones, and The Beatles, and nearly everyone who strapped on a guitar. He'll never be a forgotten because he was a true pioneer.”

Berry's hits include “Roll Over Beethoven,” “Johnny B. Goode,” and “No Particular Place to Go.” He was a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's inaugural class in 1986, and continued performing well into his 80s. He died in 2017 at age 90.

“We'll talk about what he meant to music and America, we'll listen to his songs and show footage of his performances—most of all, just have fun,” added Burkett. “That's what Chuck Berry music is about, lifting your spirit.”

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Peasant food

By **Chip Bertino**

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Author's Note: Several people recently asked me about a column I wrote about my enjoyment of pepper and egg sandwiches. They also asked for my recipe. Below is the original column from 2020 as well as my recipe. Enjoy! (I hope.)

The big hand on the clock was advancing toward noon, lunchtime, and I was getting hungry.

What to have wasn't a question. My plans were in place since our run to the supermarket: a pepper and egg sandwich, one of my favorites. It ranks in my top two preferred lunch foods along with a cheesesteak "wit" and fried onions.

Out came the cast iron skillet, the cutting board and peppers. A little olive oil splashed into the skillet; the gas burner turned on low. I learned this routine watching my grandfather. He loved peppers and egg sandwiches, often packing them in his lunch bag when he went to work. My mother tells the story that near Wilt's lumber yard where my grandfather worked street vendors made and sold the sandwiches to the yard men. It was an inexpensive working man's meal, even considered peasant food by some. I guess to save a few cents, Gramps packed his own.

During a recent conversation, my mother shared that Gramps had always wanted to take her to a luncheonette that served what he considered to be the best pepper and egg sandwiches. But, according to my mother, he didn't want to expose his little girl to the workers because their language was a little coarse.

Growing up, peppers from Gramps' garden were picked fresh and fried up, as were the onions. Each morning around 11:30 my brother and I were

When everything was done, I cut the Italian loaf and piled in the peppers and eggs. Now came the moment of decision. How large a hunk of the sandwich would she want? Holding the knife over the bread I asked her to tell me how much she wanted. She moved my hand nearly to the halfway point and I sliced.

given seventy-five cents to ride our bikes to Gaiss's Market to buy a half dozen long rolls. By the time we returned the aroma of frying peppers reached us before we neared the front door. My brother wasn't a big fan of peppers and eggs so there was more

for me.

But I digress. Back to my story. While cutting the pepper my granddaughter wandered into the kitchen, interested in lunch too. "What are you making?" she asked. I told her and then asked if she'd like to have try it. "Yes."

She watched as I fried the peppers, cut the onions and threw them in. She helped break the eggs which I scrambled and then added a few more ingredients which I'm not at liberty to share. When everything was done, I cut the Italian loaf and piled in the peppers and eggs. Now came the moment of decision. How large a hunk of the sandwich would she want? Holding the knife over the bread I asked her to tell me how much she wanted. She moved my hand nearly to the halfway point and I sliced. I put her part on a plate thinking she was not going to come close to finishing it. It was questionable that she'd even like it as she hadn't tried it before. I was wrong. She devoured it. That's my girl. The tradition lives on!

About a week or so later, during a conversation with my daughter, she told me that my granddaughter was pestering her to make pepper and egg

sandwiches something my daughter never really took a liking to. As a result, there were no sandwiches forthcoming which disappointed my granddaughter.

On a recent Saturday, my son-in-law and the kids surprised us with a visit. My daughter was at a friend's wedding on the west coast. It was nearing lunchtime. What to do? The decision was easy. Off to the market my son-in-law and I went for rolls and a couple additional peppers. Side note: I have had no luck growing my own peppers. I'm a disappointment to my heritage.

My son-in-law and I cracked open a couple beers while I prepared lunch. He texted my son to let him know Dad was making pepper and eggs. He arrived a short time later. Once again, I sliced the Italian bread and spooned in the filling. I asked my granddaughter how much she wanted. This time, she moved my hand passed the halfway mark. Uh, no I don't think so. We settled on a 50-50 split.

Around the table we sat enjoying our sandwiches. Gramps would have savored the moment. Sure, it may be peasant food, but peppers and eggs bring families to the table.

Special ingredients

Through the years I've adapted Gramps' recipe to my own tastes. Making a great pepper and egg sandwich is not a science, it's an artform. Dare I write, a passion. So, for those of you who are interested, here is my recipe for a great sandwich. In the interest of full disclosure, my measurements are not exact, they're only "thereabouts."

This recipe is for one serving on a 12-inch roll. Before I begin, I can't overemphasize the importance of the roll. Great rolls are the foundation of all great sandwiches. I prefer an Italian loaf that is crusty on the outside and soft inside.

Splash some olive oil into a pan. I cook in cast iron skillet. Adjust the heat to between low and medium. You don't want to burn the peppers.

Cut in lengthwise strips one green bell pepper and throw in the skillet. Be sure to stir and turn them over from time to time.

Slice up about half an onion. Add onions to the skillet when the peppers begin to soften.

While the peppers and onions are frying, scramble two eggs. Sprinkle in some hot pepper flakes (secret ingredient). Add between a half to a full teaspoon of minced garlic (secret ingredient).

When the peppers and onions are soft, pour in the scrambled eggs. Stir so the eggs don't burn or stick. Once cooked, turn off the heat. Spoon the pepper and eggs into the roll. It was Gramps' habit to create a valley in the roll by removing some of the breading. Salt and pepper to taste.

There you have it! A pepper and egg sandwich. Nay, a great pepper and egg sandwich! Enjoy!



The Lower Slower Eastern Shore

By **Ed Moran**
From the memoirs of
OceanPinesForum.com

My entry into the world of the self-employed was made easier by an offer I received from my former boss and good friend (at Chase Bank, NYC), Jim Murray. The Real Estate Department at the bank had thrown me a going away party and while in conversation

In the annals of Ocean Pines there are three distinct eras — The Boise Era, the Moran Era, and the OPA Era. The Moran Era is unknown to many. Boise Cascade created this place we call Ocean Pines. At some point, Boise sold out to an outfit called Transcontinental. Transcontinental went broke and owed a lot of money to a Savings & Loan in Baltimore. That Savings & Loan was near failure when it was purchased by Chase Bank in New York, City.

About that same time, a fellow named Ed Moran was leaving Chase for self-employed opportunities. As it turned out, his first big opportunity came by way of Chase Bank, and it involved Ocean Pines. This is Moran's story of that era in Ocean Pines. It began in the fall of 1985 and lasted about 10 years.

- Joe Reynolds
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with Jim, he said that the bank was in the process of acquiring three small banks in Maryland with big problems. Would I like to help? Sure would.

So, within two months of leaving the bank, I was right back but as an independent contractor at the princely sum of \$75 an hour. Not much by present-day standards but those hours quickly added up. The largest of the banks owned an unfinished condominium project in Delaware on the Atlantic Ocean, another development on the bay in Ocean City and 800 acres of undeveloped land and a public utility across the bridge in Ocean Pines, Maryland. I soon took up weekly residence in one of the houses that the bank owned in the Pines and made it my headquarters.

My most immediate problem became the public utility. It was under orders from the state to cease approving building permits. The wastewater treatment plant had maxed out and couldn't handle any more, how shall I

put it politely, flow. Before long, I was getting frantic calls from people who had sold their houses inland and wanted to build on their lots so they could live at the shore. Instead, they were living in motels. Not a good scene.

Among those calls was one from a County Commissioner who was also the largest auto dealer in the area, Jim Barrett. "Good ol' Jim" wanted to buy me a steak dinner and welcome me to the shore. Good ol' Jim really wanted to pitch me about giving the utility to the County because "after all, why would the Chase Bank want to own a water and sewer company??" Funny, I was hearing the same question from my former associates back in NYC who were concerned about liabilities that only a banker can dream up. I politely declined. It had quickly become apparent that the utility had real value, if only I could get it expanded.

So, my response to NY was, not only don't give it away...pay to have it doubled in size. They did; we did, and eventually sold it to the County for \$1,500,000. The subtle and sometimes not-so-subtle negotiations between myself and the commissioners had continued for about a year. Over breakfast one morning with good ol' Jim and another commissioner, I had agreed to the sale for the aforementioned sum and so I had a command performance with the assembled commissioners at their next meeting.

The two victorious commissioners outlined the deal but were halted midway by the commissioners' lawyer. "Mr. Moran, what are you selling, the assets of the company or the whole company, assets and liabilities?"

"Why, the whole company, of course," I replied.

At that point, the attorney turned to the two commissioners and said, "Do us all a favor. Next time you try to negotiate with him, take the rest of us with you. That city slicker will pick your pocket every time."

I appreciated the compliment. Several years later at one of those political

oyster roasts, I asked that gentleman, "Why when I try to get anything accomplished in this county do I think I hear the strains of 'Deliverance' in the background?"

"That's 'cause you do," was his reply.

Now between my arrival and the sale of the utility to the county, there were many hurdles to overcome. Chief among those was the fact that the company had been on life support for quite a while with little in the way of funds to keep the system going.

Tom Varulo, the manager, had an operations car that was an old Oldsmobile that had over 200,000 miles on it. The company's office was a dou-



Ed and Sonya Moran

blewide trailer that housed the manager, the bookkeeper and two or three clerks to keep track of the customer billing and complaints. They were busy people.

The original collection system which was installed in the early seventies was the cheapest technology available but the most expensive to maintain. Without getting too technical, there are two ways to get the stuff from the bathroom and kitchen to the treatment plant. Either gravity moves

it or vacuum/push/pull does the job..sometimes. In the Maryland Marine Utilities case it was the definitely the latter. Pumping stations had an annoying habit of breaking down in the middle of the night and there were other disasters along the way. I'll spare the reader the details.

Fortunately, I inherited a good crew who knew what they were doing but just needed encouragement, financially and otherwise. They pointed out the fact that an engineering firm in Baltimore had put together the plans for the plant expansion but had never been paid. I went to see them and they named a number (\$160,000) to release them and finish the work. I then went back to Chase and convinced them that the 800 acres they now

owned would have little value without sewer service. It wasn't a hard sell.

The staff also told me that the pumps throughout the complex that keeps the stuff moving were water cooled. That water counted towards the amount the plant had to process. This reduced the number of building permits available since each permit was assumed to produce a set amount of wastewater. Back to my friends at Chase to convince them that it was good politics to arrange for as many new permits as we could wangle. They wrote the check and we started the conversions to oil-cooled pumps which cost about \$20,000 each. I guess we probably released 20-30 permits to a

group that hadn't seen one in over a year. Happy days.

One day, I was on my way to Baltimore to plead my case and I was wearing my banker's uniform instead of the usual chinos and tee shirt. I was talking to the manager in the operations yard and the old handyman "Pops" walked by. After I left he told Tom to watch his step with "that city guy". Tom couldn't make him believe,

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A message from OPA President Colette Horn:

Previewing the Annual Meeting

The Ocean Pines Association's Annual Meeting is held on the second Saturday or August each year. This year, that falls on Saturday, August 13.

The meeting will be held in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway, and is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. Those attending are asked to come early to sign in, and bring a valid ID.

The Annual Meeting is different from a regular or special Board meeting in that it is the only meeting of members held each year.

According to Association bylaws, "At the annual meeting there shall be a validation of the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting."

That means Association members, along with voicing concerns during public comments, may bring items of business to the floor for a vote.

However, the annual meeting has not produced a quorum of at least 100 votes since 2018, meaning no

business has been conducted during the last three years.

This year, to make it easy for members who cannot be physically present to attend and be part of what the membership meeting is meant to be, the Association for the first time will allow hybrid participation during the annual meeting. Homeowners can take part either in person or online.

To join online, go to <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/calendars> and go to the link.

Online attendees must use their Ocean Pines property address as their login name.

After logging in, users will be asked to show a valid ID on camera. A member of the Ocean Pines Elections Committee will verify the user is eligible to vote.

Members may participate and/or vote as needed, and votes will be tracked by members of the Ocean Pines Elections Committee.

Along with being the only meeting for membership, Annual Meetings generally include presentations from Ocean Pines Association officers, as well as the general manager, auditor, and legal counsel.

For many years, the Annual Meeting has also included the presentation of the Sam Wilkinson Award in recognition of volunteer efforts for Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks programs.

We hope that Ocean Pines homeowners will take advantage of this unique opportunity to take part in the governance of the Association.

Collins to speak at anglers meeting

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet on Saturday, August 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library.

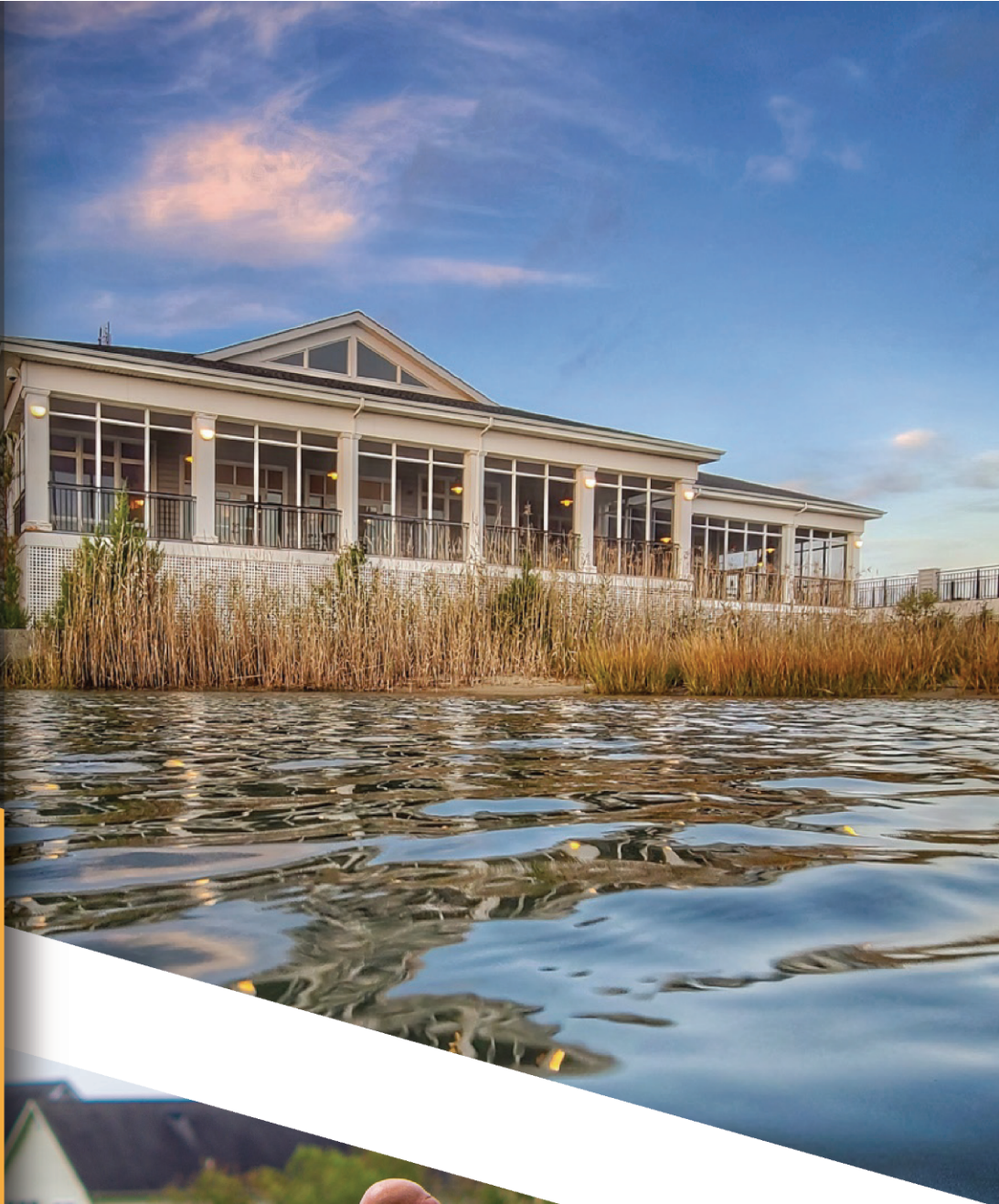
Local boating columnist Dan Collins will be the guest speaker. Dan's monthly column entitled Knot & Knots provides tips on boating and an occasional war story. Dan is an avid photographer with over 100 photos appearing in the various local newspapers, a coxswain in the USCG Auxiliary, and the author of two novels in the Tom Clancy genre. Dan will speak on Man Overboard and Rules of the Road. All are welcome.



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I love the White Marlin Tournament (WMT). This year it is running from August 8 to 12 and I'll be one of the hundreds of well-wishers gathering at the Ocean City Inlet at 5 a.m. on the first day to see the fishing fleet head out. Hundreds of big cruisers leave before dawn so that they can be hovering over the canyons on the edge of the continental shelf when the official start of the day's fishing begins at 8 a.m. If optimism could sink a boat, none of them would get out of the inlet.

The White Marlin Tourney draws anglers, many are pros, from along the East Coast. Most will tie up in Ocean City marinas for the week but registered boats from Cape May to Norfolk will participate. The official weigh in scale-is located at Harbour Island Marina, 14th Street and the bay, in OC and the viewing stand is packed every night until the scales officially close at 9 p.m. each night.

The WMT is only one of twenty fish tournament events that are on the schedule for Ocean City this year but it is the ultimate. Although named for the most prized and arguably the most beautiful of all billfish, the tourney has a half a dozen specie categories – white marlin, blue marlin, swordfish, tuna, dolphin, wahoo – in which to compete and to lay claim to the millions of dollars that are up for grabs.

Last year's total purse was about \$9.2 million with the first prize payout of \$3.2= million in the premier white marlin category. Most of the money comes from entry fees and sponsors but there is also a very interesting side betting venture that doesn't get too much public attention but does offer the contestants another way to be rewarded for their fishing prowess. It's called a Calcutta.

The Calcutta betting pools vary but it is usually a biggest fish in specie each day. Therefore, each fish category and each day can have a betting

pool, a Calcutta. There can also be variations such as total fish or a combination of biggest fish in selected categories or a multiple day period for the fishing.

Golf tournaments use similar side betting schemes to add a little excitement to their outings as well.

One additional dimension in fishing tournament Calcuttas is that boaters bet that their boat or some other boat will win. The selection is by an auction method where the betters 'purchase' a claim to the money in the



Photo by Nancy Collins

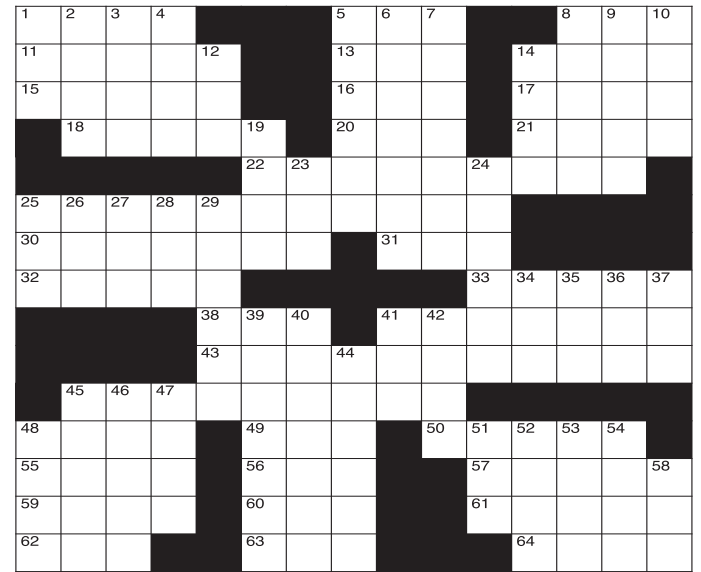
Calcutta purse based on the performance of the boat. Anglers typically bet on their own boat.

The auction bidding usually only affects the pro fishermen with known track records. Betters may want to bet that a previously successful boat will continue to stress the weigh in scales. This auctioning aspect is where the big money can go crazy. Mind you, this is over and above the estimated \$10 million in official prize money.

And if you don't think that is enough gambling, I heard of one establishment that hosted the post tourney celebration where the bet is to see who can run up the largest bar bill! I think the winner gets a bottle of ibuprofen and a call from his/her credit card company.

For those of us who do not have a shot at the big purses or the under-the-IRS-radar Calcuttas, fishing has one more time-honored competitive tradition, friendly fibbing. It comes in two versions. The first is one boater

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- 43. A neighborhood
- 45. Inflammation of the kidneys
- 48. Semitic fertility god
- 49. Temporary name of Seaborgium
- 50. Wise people
- 55. Tear down
- 56. ___-fi (slang)
- 57. Diamond weight
- 59. Frosted
- 60. Predecessor to EU
- 61. Makes changes to
- 62. Some are secret
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Old English poet

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sign language
- 2. In style
- 3. Norwegian river
- 4. People with impaired hearing
- 5. Large stinging paper wasp
- 6. Bucharest is its capital
- 7. River in Ireland
- 8. Type of TV
- 9. Double-reed instruments
- 10. Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. French commune
- 19. Alike
- 23. A bachelor's apartment
- 24. Foot part between the ball and ankle
- 25. Belonging to a thing
- 26. Japanese classical theater
- 27. Supervises flying
- 28. Not even
- 29. Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 34. Electronic countermeasure
- 35. Consumed
- 36. American politician (abbr.)
- 37. Sun up in New York
- 39. Casually looked through
- 40. Revealed the presence of
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Diana __, singer
- 44. Study of moral values and rules
- 45. Civil Rights group
- 46. Makes less severe
- 47. Made an emotional appeal
- 48. Vivacity of style
- 51. One who is highly skilled
- 52. Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
- 53. Famed guitarist Clapton
- 54. Most common Japanese surname
- 58. Recipe abbreviation



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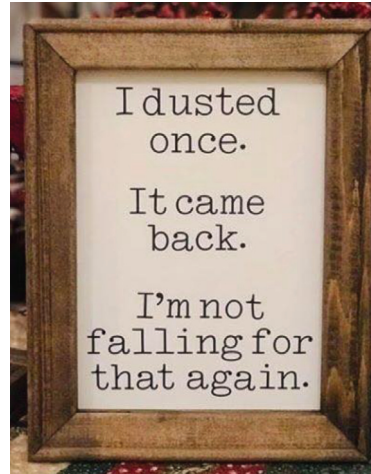
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Some things to think about

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We live in a time where intelligent people are being silenced so that stupid people won't be offended.



If your electric car runs out of power on the interstate, do you walk to a charging station to get a bucket of electricity...?

I have many hidden talents.
Just wish I could remember where I hid them.

A man and a woman were traveling in a train.
Woman : Every time you smile, I feel like inviting you to my place.
Man : Awwww! Are you single ?
Woman : No, I am a Dentist....



I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right and exercise... But that was 4 hours ago...when I was younger and full of hope.



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Helpful utility contacts for homeowners, residents

Ocean Pines has prepared an updated list of contacts for local utilities.

The list is meant to help homeowners and residents reach people in local offices, when issues arise.

General Manager John Viola said steps were taken last year to improve customer service, and this list is an extension of that.

"The Ocean Pines team is committed to addressing concerns in a timely and efficient manner, and we continue to take steps to make that happen," he said.

To reach local utilities:

Choptank Electric Cooperative Inc.

-For general issues, visit <https://choptankelectric.coop>

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-For the Storm Center, to get instructions on setting up text alerts and outage reporting, visit <https://choptankelectric.coop/storm-center>

-To report an outage, call 1-800-410-4790

Comcast/Xfinity

-For service related, billing issues,

and account questions use the MyAccount app or call 1-800-XFINITY.

-For new service (sales), contact Charles Mann at 240-687-2438

Mediacom

-For general information and outage information, visit <https://mediacomcable.com>. Existing users should log into their accounts.

-For general questions and service issues, call 855-633-4226

Republic Services

-For new service, stop service or billing, call 410-749-1551

-For any issues, email is preferred. Email easternshoreops@republicservices.com or call 443-210-3506 or 443-210-3505

The full list can also be found on the Ocean Pines website: <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/living-here>.

For other general questions, complaints or concerns, homeowners and residents may continue to email info@oceanpines.org, or contact 410-641-7717 during business hours, or 410-641-7747 after business hours and on weekends.

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Sportsmanship principles all young athletes should know

Competitive sports have a lot to offer young people. In addition to exposing children to the thrill of competition, competitive sports can set a foundation for a lifetime of healthy living. One study published in the



American Journal of Preventive Medicine in 2014 found that afterschool physical activity programs were the most effective strategy to reduce childhood obesity among children between the ages of six and 12.

Competitive sports also teach valuable lessons about humility and respect. Sportsmanship is a vital and valuable component of competitive sports, and that's a lesson no athlete is too young to learn. Coaches and

parents can work together to emphasize these principles of sportsmanship to young athletes.

Always respect officials. In the era of instant replay in professional sports, criticism of officials has become more common. Such criticism can easily move from the professional to the amateur arena if players are not taught to always respect the officials. Unfortunately, many amateur sports officials continue to be the victims of overaggressive behavior on the parts of coaches, parents and athletes, and many have simply chosen to walk away rather than subject themselves to abuse. Estimates from the National Association of Sports Officials indicates that the group's membership has dropped by more than 20 percent since March 2020. Coaches and parents can practice what they preach when teaching young athletes to respect officials at all times, regardless of how games unfold on the playing field.

Respect the rules. Respect for officials should coexist with respect for the game itself. Every game has rules, and knowing and adhering to those

rules is a vital component of good sportsmanship. Coaches and parents can set the tone for this by encouraging kids to play by the rules during the games, but also by adhering to rules governing practice times and off-season workouts when no one is watching too closely.

Respect opponents. Showing respect for opponents is another principle of good sportsmanship. Social media provides a readily available platform for athletes to disparage their opponents before and after games. Such platforms have even proven too tempting to resist for some professional athletes. But showing respect for opponents, even in defeat, illustrates to parents and coaches that young athletes are mature and cognizant of the fact that participation in sports requires good sportsmanship.

Respect coaches. Good sportsmanship also involves respecting coaches, even when they make decisions players and their parents do not necessarily agree with. That respect has been dwindling in recent years, and it's contributing to a coaching shortage in youth sports. One survey of more than

200 coaches in the Syracuse, N.Y., area found that nearly 60 percent of coaches had considered quitting over conflicts with parents. Many coaches volunteer their time to teach young people the game, and players should be taught to respect coaches at all times. That includes those times when players feel like they aren't getting enough playing time or when they disagree with coaches' in-game decisions.

Sportsmanship is a vital component of sports participation. Teaching young athletes the principles of sportsmanship adds one more unique benefit to sports participation.

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How to help student athletes navigate social media

Scholastic sports participation benefits student athletes in myriad ways. Competitive sports teach students how to cope with the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, while providing firsthand experience that emphasizes the value of working with others in pursuit of a common goal. Student athletes often apply these lessons long after their playing days have ended, benefitting from their experiences in competitive sports throughout their lives.

Athletes of all ages can relate to some of the common experiences of competitive sports. At one point or another, all competitive athletes must learn to handle losing. But modern student athletes have a relatively recent phenomenon to contend with that was not around when their parents played sports: social media. Social media can connect people in ways that were previously unimaginable, but it also poses unique challenges to modern student athletes. Parents and coaches can help student athletes navigate social media so it does not adversely affect their scholastic sports experiences.

Consider shuttering accounts during the season. In recent years, numerous professional athletes have bravely acknowledged their mental health struggles. For example, NBA All-Star Kevin Love has shared tales of his struggles with anxiety and depression. These issues confound many athletes and can be exacerbated by negative comments on social media, particularly after a loss. Student athletes can avoid the negative aspects of social media by avoiding it during the season.

Emphasize the potential effects of athletes' own comments on social media. It's not just negative thoughts from disgruntled spectators that can make social media a minefield for young athletes. Student athletes' own negative comments can have some lasting and unfortunate effects as well.

A 2017 survey from the American Association of Collegiate Registrars found that 11 percent of respondents indicated they had denied admissions to an applicant based on social media content. Furthermore, an additional 7 percent acknowledged rescinding offers due to social media content. Fair or unfair, these decisions highlight the very real effects that comments made on social media can have on young people's futures. Sports often generates highly emotional responses, and parents and coaches can urge student athletes to avoid voicing negative or knee-jerk reactions about opponents, officials or even games they're not involved in via social media. Such commentary could have unforeseen consequences that adversely affect student athletes for years to come.



Scholarships - Members of the Marlin Club Crew of OC, non-profit organization, recently awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships to eight Worcester County college-bound students.

Among those accepting in person at the meeting on July 9 were (seated left to right) **Ayush Batra** (Duke University), **Megan Wheeler** (University of Lynchburg), **Lauren Moses** (Old Dominion Univ.), **Allison Milburn** (Frostburg State Univ.), and **Bennett Tinkler** (University of Maryland, College Park). Other winners not pictured were Saige Figgs (Flagler College), **Katelyn Kline** (Sweet Briar College), and **Emma Sperry** (North Carolina State University).

The Marlin Club Crew of OC raises money throughout the year to award these scholarships and make donations to other local charities. The largest fundraiser is the popular Jewelry, Fashion and Home Decor Show held during White Marlin Open week. This year's event is August 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marlin Club located at 9659 Golf Course Rd. in West Ocean City. The public is invited.

For more information, contact Sue at 410-382-8489.

Jesse's Paddle returns to the water

On September 17 dozens of canoes, kayaks and paddleboards will leave the dock on the Pocomoke River in Snow Hill to raise funds in support of the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund. This

health issues.

The paddlers will be collecting cards for Jesse's Poker Paddle, returning to the dock with hopefully a winning hand. There are prizes for winning Poker Paddlers, as well as for top fundraisers. Boats are provided at no cost by the Pocomoke River Canoe Company, and of course paddlers can feel free to bring their own boats. A minimum donation of \$30 is requested to participate in Jesse's Poker Paddle. To reserve a boat, call the canoe shop at 410-632-3971.

Music will be provided by DJ Jeff McMahan. There

are free hot dogs, chips and beverages for donors; and a silent auction of great local services and items. Regis-



14th annual Jesse's Paddle brings together an extraordinary community of supporters to spread the word that suicide is preventable, and that there is no shame in seeking help for mental

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Highlight how student athletes can use social media to their benefit. Social media can be a minefield, but it also presents opportunities for student athletes to showcase themselves in a positive light. Parents and coaches can emphasize how student athletes can use social media to show good sportsmanship. Win or lose, urge athletes to praise their teammates and opponents after a big game. Positive commentary on social media can be just as beneficial to student athletes as negative commentary can be harmful. Student athletes who showcase their maturity and sportsmanship on social media can improve their standing among college coaches and admissions officers.

Student athletes who learn to successfully navigate social media can reap the rewards of those efforts for years to come.

How marijuana affects your ability to drive

Laws governing marijuana usage have changed dramatically over the last decade. Once reserved exclusively for medical use, marijuana has now been legalized in 18 states, and data from the National Conference of State Legislatures indicates that medical use of cannabis products is now legal in 37 states, four territories and the District of Columbia. A similar shift has taken place in

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asking another, “Do you know where they are biting today?” which emotes the predictable fib, “No.”

The second is the whopper. For example, from the movie ‘Crocodile Dundee,’ the Australian says, “The real danger down there is the sharks. Big ones, you know like Jaws. I caught one down there about three weeks ago. Cut it open. Know what we found inside it? Three Filipino fishermen - - still in their boat.”

Now that’s a winning whopper.

There is no Calcutta for telling a whopper and getting away with it but it’s as much a part of the fun of fishing as is beer. When there are massive amounts of money in play, TV cameras and judges and polygraphs keep the contestants honest. When there is no money changing hands, bragging about a ‘catch and release’ is the field of dreams and the biggest whopper is the virtual winner. And everybody loves a winner.

Stay safe. Stay dry.

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tration begins at 4 p.m. at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company, 2 River Street in Snow Hill, and Poker Paddle boats will all be on the river by 5 p.m.

“Jesse’s Paddle has become not only our most important fundraising event, but is a great evening for fun and fellowship,” said Fund President Kim Klump. “It’s wonderful to see so many people on the river and hanging out at the dock who value the work we have done to prevent suicide, and to help those who have lost loved ones to sui-

Canada, where cannabis was legalized with restrictions in 2018.

The shifting dynamic surrounding marijuana has been welcomed by millions of people, but the transition has left millions more wondering what the unintended consequences of legalization could be. One such curiosity concerns driving and marijuana.

Recognition of the effects of alcohol on driving ability is an important way to ensure roads stay as safe as possible for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Ignoring or downplaying these effects could lead to accident or injury or even incarceration. Marijuana can impair driving ability whether it’s taken for medical or recreational uses, and a medical marijuana exemption does not protect people from the legal consequences of driving while impaired.

According to the California Office of Traffic Safety, marijuana poses a potentially significant safety risk on

the road. Data from the COTS indicates that 42 percent of all drivers who were tested after dying in motor vehicle crashes tested positive for legal and/or illegal drugs. Though not all of those drivers had taken marijuana prior to being involved in fatal crashes, such data underscores how important it is for drivers to recognize how marijuana, even in places where it’s been legalized, can impair their ability to drive.

Marijuana and the brain. The COTS reports that marijuana affects the part of the brain that’s responsible for body movement, balance and coordination. Drivers’ brains and bodies may be slower to react after ingesting marijuana, which can increase their risk for motor vehicle accidents. In addition, the COTS notes that researchers examining the effects of marijuana use on the brain have determined that marijuana negatively affects attentiveness and perception of time and speed.

Marijuana and risk-taking. The COTS indicates that the more marijuana drivers ingest, the more risks they take while driving. That’s an important point to consider, as many individuals insist they drive more cautiously after ingesting marijuana than they normally would. But caution dwindles as drivers increase their marijuana intake, potentially compelling drivers to take more risks on the road.

Marijuana, driving and timing. The COTS reports that the effects of marijuana are strongest within 30 minutes of consumption. In fact, drivers who drive immediately after consuming marijuana may increase their risk of being involved in a motor vehicle accident by as much as 35 percent.

Though millions of people are celebrating the legalization of marijuana, it’s still important for drivers to exercise and emphasize caution when consuming cannabis.

Back to School Bash to be held

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will host a Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park on Cathell Road.

The Back to School Bash will include games, waterslides, and moon bounces for children. Wristbands are \$10.

There will also be food and ice cream vendors and a deejay. The event is cash only and open to the public. All are welcome.

Recreation Program Supervisor Kyle Jarmon said the Back to School

Bash is a first for Ocean Pines.

“We took some of the inspiration from different counties and different areas that are doing similar events, and we thought it would be nice to do something for the people here in Ocean Pines,” he said.

Jarmon said the event is one of most complex he’s had to plan, bringing together community partners, a major sponsor, food vendors, and volunteers.

“This event will be sponsored by Amerigroup and we’re lucky to have good support from them,” he said. “It’s nice to have different partnerships coming together to help make this a big deal around here. It’s been eventful trying to put all these things together – there are a lot of moving parts – but it will all come together on August 27.”

Jarmon said the Recreation Department is encouraging local teachers to attend, so they can meet new and returning students and make it a “pre-back-to-school” event.

“Come out and meet some of the teachers and principals, and just have fun,” he said.

Those attending are asked to bring donations of backpacks and school supplies, which will be given to Worcester County GOLD, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing emergency finan-

cial assistance and basic needs items for Worcester County residents living with low income.

Items may also be dropped off at the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway, now until August 27.

“Worcester County GOLD will be giving supplies to local schools, to help the kids who struggle to get those things at the beginning of every school year,” Jarmon said. “We realize this has been a difficult few years and many people are still struggling. Our goal is to make things a little easier for those parents and families.

“I feel like this is a great opportunity for everybody in the community to come out, have some fun, mingle and see all the kids, but also to help out,” he continued. “We provide a lot of different services and fun things for the community, but to see and know that what you give will be going to people who really need it is a good feeling. Wherever we can help people out and cut them a break is very much needed.”

For more information on the Back to School Bash, call the Ocean Pines Recreation Department at 410-641-7052 or visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/recreation-parks.

National Night Out was successful event

Ocean Pines Police Chief Leo Ehrisman said the recent National Night Out event was a success, drawing roughly 100 people from the community to White Horse Park on Tuesday.



Established in 1984, National Night Out is observed on the first Tuesday in August to promote positive police-community partnerships and neighborhood comradery, and to make all neighborhoods safer places to live.

Ocean Pines is consistently named one of the safest communities in Maryland and the United States.

On Tuesday, August 2, Ocean Pines

Police handed out coloring books, and Cpl. Ricky Kerrigan brought a police car and did drone demonstrations for children. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks also pitched in and supplied a bounce house and other family friendly activities.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office and Maryland Department of Natural Resources also took part.

Ehrisman said Dispatcher Cindy Ward and Records Administrator Susan Reynolds did most of the organization and setup.

"Ricky [Kerrigan] did police car stuff and did the drone demonstrations, and I think the kids loved it," Ehrisman said.

He also thanked Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue for her help.

"I think overall it did exactly what we wanted it to do," Ehrisman said. "It was more of a meet and greet for our people, our neighborhood and our community. So, I think the goal was accomplished."

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W 17	High	12:23 AM
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17	High	12:53 PM
17	Low	7:06 PM

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“that was just Ed”.

Some of the senior guys from Chase NY came to check out the situation and kidded me about “going native” in my wardrobe. I told them if I walked around looking like they looked with their suits and ties, I’d have a target on my back.

The board of directors of the Ocean Pines Association was also very interested in what this guy from Chase was going to be doing with the 800 acres of land that the bank now owned. This included key pieces around the commercial area at the South Gate; access to the large South Pond and all the land around it that fronted on the main drag, Route 589; land around the Yacht Club Marina and large portions of the undeveloped acreage in what is now referred to as the South/South side that runs to the end of the association’s territory.

Key pieces for what became a long and complicated negotiation since some of the association’s holdings were key to developing our pieces as

well. Negotiations dragged on for years, making piecemeal progress until finally, we reached an agreement that was referred to as the Second Turnover Agreement. That complemented the original document signed by the original developer, Boise Cascade Industries and resulted in what can be seen today.

The Chase land was eventually sold to several developers and what resulted was an expanded marina; a large tennis facility; the library and the post office; the residential areas that are now known as The Pointe, The Parke and my personal favorite, The Whitetail Sanctuary where we have our house.

Along the way, I made a lot of friends and probably a couple of enemies among some of the homeowners. For example, I gave a presentation at the local high school outlining our proposed plans for the development of the Chase lands. I guess the decision to hold the show after the dinner/cocktail hour was a mistake. Several of the attendees came up afterward, pointed to my nicely appointed displays and said things like, “you’re trying to turn

this into another Hilton Head,” “we don’t want any more development,” “it will mean higher taxes” The one that got me was when I countered with how much it would increase the value of their home for themselves and their children: “I don’t care about that. Let them worry about themselves when their time comes.” I referred to most of them as suffering PTSD from the Depression years.

And then there was Martin Dennis Clarke of Caliban Realty fame. I got a call one day from a guy from this Caliban company that owned 388 lots!!! He was interested in my plans for expanding the treatment plant so that building permits could be issued. Let’s meet for lunch at Fagers? This lunch was definitely going to be on him. I was there at the appointed time and saw no one that looked capable of lifting the burden of 388 building lots so I took a seat at the bar. Along comes a guy, asking the bartender for someone with a name very similar to mine. “That would be me.” He said later that he was looking for someone wearing

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banking clothes and as I've explained earlier, I dressed in the local style up to but not including suspended dungarees. From that small start, a long friendship has grown.

For a while, Marty had a single-engine plane that he used to fly back and forth to his company's headquarters in the Washington area. Since I was also working on another assignment with a small bank in the NJ area, he flew to Essex County Airport, picked me up and flew back to Ocean City, several times.

We had an agreement while flying. You fly the plane and I'll handle the radios since switching from one flight cen-

ter to the next required leaning down below the dashboard. Worked well except one time when Marty being Marty (I've used that phrase a lot) decided to help. When the radio had been tuned, Marty looked up and yelled, "Did you see that??" I looked behind and saw a dot receding in the distance.

"That guy was so close, I could see he hadn't shaved this morning!" said Marty with his usual understatement. In retrospect, we both agreed that had he seen him, and if the other pilot was maneuvering to miss us, we might have done an offset maneuver in the same direction, which would have ruined everyone's day.

Then there was the time when Marty's company had scheduled a big coming-out party at the Yacht Club to

announce their new home program. He had a helicopter pick me up at the Baltimore airport and drop me off at the side of the club in full view of all the attendees. Rock Star!!!

The fact that we own the boat we own is entirely due to Marty's influence. He loved his Mako so much that he convinced me to buy the Mako boat that my friend Bobby Jester was selling. That was at least a dozen years ago. Marty doesn't have his Mako anymore. He sold it to Bobby Jester last year. What comes around really does go around.

Marty built three houses for us which we rented and the house we live in now in the Pines. Stories of those houses and the adventures of the rentals would fill another two chapters but I'm too old to cry. What almost

brought me to real tears was the death of Marty's lovely wife, Donna. By the time that happened, Marty and Donna were family and her death has left a void that can't be repaired. I could write a lot more about the adventures of the Clarkes and the Morans but this book is about me, right?

From start to finish, my Ocean Pines business days spanned about 10 years. I think I helped make Ocean Pines be what it is today. Obviously, I didn't do it alone. Having the resources of Chase behind me was an incredible asset and having their trust in their old associate worked for both parties. As I walk or drive around the Pines, I can look at many areas that I had some part in bringing to where they are today. That's a good feeling.

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