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Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.
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As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

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God bless America, my home sweet home.



We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

--Thomas Jefferson

The different ways to repair a driveway

Asphalt driveways do not last forever. Over time, weather and general usage can degrade the driveway surface, resulting in cracks, pitting and more. Ultraviolet rays, salt and automotive fluids also can affect the appearance and functionality of a driveway. An unsightly driveway can adversely affect curb appeal and resale potential.

Homeowners have to consider various factors when it comes to repairing driveways. They may have the option of getting the driveway resurfaced, resealed or repaved, and each

project is unique.

Resurfacing. According to the home improvement price comparison site Kompore It, resurfacing is simpler and faster than installing a new asphalt driveway. With resurfacing, any cracks are filled in to create an even base. Then a new layer of asphalt is applied over the existing one. That new layer can range in thickness from 1.5 to 3 inches. A heavy rolling machine will then smooth and flatten the layers together. If the driveway has minor pitting or cracking, then resurfacing can be a cost-effective strategy, as it may be a \$3,000 to \$6,000 job as opposed to \$5,000 to \$10,000 with repaving.

Resealing. Resealing a driveway, also called sealcoating, is another repair strategy. HGTV says resealing can be a do-it-yourself project. Resealing helps the driveway last longer.

The driveway needs to be clean and dry, with holes and cracks filled prior to sealcoating. Start at the far edge of the driveway and seal that area by “cutting-in” by hand for a neat edge. Afterward the rest of the driveway can be sealed using a squeegee or broom. This project can be completed within two or three days if no precipitation is forecast.

Repaving. A project best left to professionals, repaving typically involves the removal of an existing driveway and the installation of a new one. The sub-grade layer is essential in the process for a smooth look. Contractors also will assess soil and grading when doing work. The construction blog Main Infrastructure says the new asphalt driveway can vary in thickness between two and six inches, depending on budget and need. The contractor also can advise if full-depth asphalt application or an aggregate base is practical.

Assessing the condition of driveway can give homeowners a better idea about which type of repair project best suits their property.



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GM provides operations update

General Manager John Viola provided updates on the following items during his monthly report to the Ocean Pines Board of Directors on June 17:

Financial updates

Viola said the unaudited numbers for April were positive to budget by approximately \$36,000. He said that favorability was largely driven by a strong showing from Golf operations and maintenance, which were positive to budget by \$52,000.

Overall, the Association finished the fiscal year ahead of budget projections by just over \$1.15 million.

“Over 90 percent [of the favorability] is driven by revenue growth ... because across the board we have a very good product,” Viola said. “When you have a good product and the weather agrees with us ... we’re going to make those numbers.”

The preliminary estimate for May, which was the start of a new fiscal year, was \$150,000 positive to budget.

For more information on Ocean Pines financial reports, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/finance.

Cell service improvements coming

Viola said the Association reached out to Verizon about the poor cell phone reception in Ocean Pines, and upon request provided a list of problem areas, as well as phone numbers of volunteers who agreed to help the company explore the issue.

Verizon representatives said there are plans to upgrade existing equipment in the Berlin and Ocean Pines area next year, but they will try to get the work done this year. The company is also looking into the possibility of additional cell towers.

An Ocean Pines workgroup will continue to work with Verizon.

“They do have upgrades planned [and] they believe that will help,” Viola said. “Hopefully, I will have some good information over the next couple of months.”

Marina gas dock

Viola said the new Marina gas dock is open seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All five gas pumps are up and running.

The Association received a few questions about the decision to go with an aluminum dock. Viola said the new dock meets all necessary safety requirements and is more durable than similar wooden structures.

Installation was done following standards of the American Boat and Yacht Council and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers/National Electrical Contractors Association. The dock was inspected and certified by the contractor and the State of Maryland.

Many marinas have aluminum docks, as they require less maintenance, have a long life, and are cooler to the touch and more environmentally friendly. No paint or other chemicals go into the bay while power washing.

“You have a product that will last way longer – and is more efficient and effective – than the wooden docks,” Viola said.

Also at the Marina, Dockmaster Ron Fisher has introduced a new line of merchandise in the shop, including fishing gear and bait, shirts and hats, and soda, ice cream and other snacks.

For more information on Marina programs and events, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/marinas-water-sports.

Proposed capital projects

Viola supplied an overview of capital projects in consideration for the next fiscal-year budget. He said those include playground upgrades at Bainbridge Park, a toll area for the boat launches, a new irrigation system at the Golf Club, a new Racquet Center building, a pavilion at the Veterans Memorial, and a new south fire station.

Viola said each project would be reviewed by the Budget and Finance Committee, and each would be vetted through benchmarks.

Specifically on Bainbridge Park, Viola said he formed a work group to study replacing the existing structure with a new ADA compliant one. He said a survey on the playground was released on June 15, and preplanning discussions occurred with two vendors. He added the Association is exploring grants to help at least partially fund the project.

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1106 Points Reach \$409,000

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Brand new Geo-thermal heat pump and Hot Water Heater. Included is a personal storage room in the Bike Barn. Kayak storage is also available for rent. A great tranquil view of the wetlands and open water. Ready for immediate occupancy. Owners have just touched up the paint in the hallway, laundry room, kitchen, dining and living rooms and plan on changing the color of the Primary bedroom. They would consider a contingent offer and might negotiate some owner financing if needed for a short period of time. MLS ID: MDWO2011518



61 Skipjack Circle, Berlin \$130,000

New Price for this perfect vacation get-away place for your Summer and weekends in the Fall & Winter. Immaculately maintained cottage home with a nice shade tree and deck is located within minutes of Ocean City and Berlin. Nice set of bunk beds, with an extra mattress underneath, along with 2 sleeper sofas make this great for all to enjoy. Unit has a small washer and dryer in it. Owners did all new windows, new rear door, new pellet stove, all new laminate flooring, new microwave and refrigerator. They furnished the entire unit. Detached shed is perfect for your bikes and beach gear. Clubhouse, Laundry & Bath house, Swimming Pool with Life Guard, Cable TV, Basketball Court, Children's Playground, Picnic Area, Boat Marina with slip fee usage, Lawn Maintenance, Boat Ramp Boat and RV Storage with fee available, Trash service, water & sewer and Management. Not a year-round community. Full time occupancy only from April 1 through September 30. Between September and April homes may only be occupied for 30 consecutive days or an aggregate of 60 days. All weekend enjoyment allowed. MLS ID: MDWO2013912



10531 Griffin Rd., Berlin \$415,000

Oh, will you be surprised when you walk in the front door! NEW PRICE for this totally redone and updated interior to a classic rancher. Luxury vinyl plank floors, sliding barn style door to large dining area or office. Kitchen is updated with new cabinets and appliances and has a large center island. Separate laundry room. Additional area off the kitchen could be for a table or cozy sitting area by the woodstove that uses propane. Spacious living room. All bedrooms are roomy and baths have been updated, too. Large rear deck perfect for sunbathing or grill and eating outside. Roof replaced with architectural shingles maybe 20 years ago. Easy access to Rt. 50 for shopping and the beach. One metal shed plus a larger detached shed. The septic was pumped and certified in good working order about 5 months ago. Owner is still doing a few finishing touches but it is easy to see. MLS ID: MDWO2013956



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Fourth of July fireworks celebration scheduled

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

The event this year is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, with carnival games, dry slides

and bounce houses for children, plus live music and food and drink vendors.

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

General admission is free and

open to the public.

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

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

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

Guests may bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Parking will be available in the area near the Ocean Pines library and Taylor Bank. Parking will not be allowed along Ocean Parkway. Limited handicapped parking will be available at the Sports Core Pool and the library parking lots. A handicap-accessible shuttle will be available between the library and the event area. Overflow parking will be available at the Ocean Pines Library parking lot.

Police will close Ocean Parkway from Manklin Creek Road to Offshore Lane about 30 minutes before the fireworks begin. That area will remain closed until all fireworks have been launched and the Fire Marshal deems it safe.

Additionally, police will close the south end of Cathell Road from Ocean Parkway to the entrance of the Sports Core Pool at around noon, when the fireworks company is scheduled to arrive. The area will remain closed until the fireworks equipment is loaded back up. Cathell Road will remain open from the Sports Core Pool to Route 589 for the entire day.

Police and fire department personnel will help direct traffic throughout the day. Pedestrian traffic is highly encouraged.

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

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

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

County offices closed July 4

Worcester County Government (WCG) offices, including all five Branch Libraries, Recreation and Parks, the Central Landfill, and Homeowner Convenience Centers, will be closed Tuesday, July 4.

All WCG offices will resume standard hours of operation on Wednesday, July 5.

WCG staff wish one and all a safe and happy Independence Day holiday. For more information on WCG hours of operation, visit www.co.worcester.md.us.

Safe boating course offered

A Maryland safe boating course will be offered July 11 and 12 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library.

According to the United States Coast Guard the main cause of boating accidents leading to death is collisions. Both collisions with another watercraft and collisions with stationary objects rank as a leading causes of boating accidents.

It is important to have an understanding of boating rules and navigation to be a safe boater. Every boater should take a safe boating class to gain the knowledge and understanding of safe boating.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland. Those attending the class, and passing the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

A fee of \$20.00 covers the cost of the course and materials.

Checks should be made payable to: USCGAUX 12-05 and mailed to USCGAUX 12-05, PO Box 1682, Berlin, MD 21811.

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Spirit of liberty

From time to time, it's important to pause our hectic lives in order to take stock of the good fortune we so often take for granted. Independence Day is just such an opportunity.

During a time not long ago in the history of civilization, a group of

men were equal, endowed with certain unalienable rights. Admittedly it was an assertion not applied to women and slaves living in the colonies. It was a start, not a finish.

Since those days of colonial enlightenment, our nation has evolved, building upon the precepts embodied in the spirit of 1776.

As a people, we have demonstrated to ourselves and the world that ideals embedded in liberty can inspire the very best of who we are. Despite high aspirations, ours is not a perfect nation, no nation on Earth is. We have struggled with realities and influences that at times brought conflict to resolve. We have endured.

There is no guarantee we always will. The extraordinary circumstances and confluence of talent and genius embodied in the ideas of men who came together to weave into one fabric the threads of national purpose during those warm days of June and July 1776, are not always appreciated by the beneficiaries of this effort which unfortunately is often taken for granted. The colony representatives were challenged to articulate the desires of the human spirit and act accordingly. Eventually they would come together again to construct a government that enshrined those principles. Their efforts took time, deliberation and perseverance. Their labors required the exchange of ideas and expressions of respect.

men of varied backgrounds, experiences and expectations assembled in the sweltering heat of Philadelphia. They brought with them an idea so novel, so radical that it would forever alter the course of not just their history but the history of people yearning to be free of government oppression and religious orthodoxy. They met to cast off the yoke of colonial British rule. They discussed, debated, argued, beseeched and agreed. They persevered through impasse and uncertainty. Eventually they agreed on principles that galvanized a thought that all men were created equal and were entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The Declaration of Independence prompted revolution and armed conflict with England who viewed the words treasonous.



It's All About...

By **Chip Bertino**

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The journey to independence took time, treasure, patience and faith before victory was achieved for our fledgling nation.

The July Fourth holiday is a good time to recall that at that time and place in Philadelphia, men enduring rising temperatures and tempers took to their task and did not let go. They yearned for liberty, yearned to be masters of their own destiny.

At the end of their labors, they signed a document that brought forth to the world a set of values that articulated a truism never before enshrined in national purpose: that all

men were equal, endowed with certain unalienable rights. Admittedly it was an assertion not applied to women and slaves living in the colonies. It was a start, not a finish. Since those days of colonial enlightenment, our nation has evolved, building upon the precepts embodied in the spirit of 1776. As a people, we have demonstrated to ourselves and the world that ideals embedded in liberty can inspire the very best of who we are. Despite high aspirations, ours is not a perfect nation, no nation on Earth is. We have struggled with realities and influences that at times brought conflict to resolve. We have endured. There is no guarantee we always will. The extraordinary circumstances and confluence of talent and genius embodied in the ideas of men who came together to weave into one fabric the threads of national purpose during those warm days of June and July 1776, are not always appreciated by the beneficiaries of this effort which unfortunately is often taken for granted. The colony representatives were challenged to articulate the desires of the human spirit and act accordingly. Eventually they would come together again to construct a government that enshrined those principles. Their efforts took time, deliberation and perseverance. Their labors required the exchange of ideas and expressions of respect.

We would do well to refamiliarize ourselves with the words hammered out by our forefathers that changed the course of history and embedded in the hearts and minds of our countrymen and women the spirit of liberty.

Publisher's Note: The full text of the Declaration of Independence is reprinted on pages 12 and 13 of this week's edition courtesy of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation.



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Commentary

By Joe Reynolds
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Another crop of candidate signs

Another Board of Directors election. Another year of mass OPA sign violations by association members placing board candidate signs on their property. Unfortunately, board candidates are as much to blame as the lot owners violating OPA sign regulations. Not to mention there is zero enforcement of these ongoing sign violations.

First, let's eliminate the often-ignored elephant in the room - individuals running for election to the OPA Board of Directors are not candidates for public office. They are candidates for the board of directors of a private corporation. Such board candidate signs are not protected "political speech" under any federal or state laws.

Board candidate signs are in the same category as any other signs prohibited by the Ocean Pines Association Declarations of Restrictions.

Signs on individual lots in Ocean Pines are regulated by the Declarations of Restrictions in each section unless such regulation is overridden by any applicable federal, state, or local law. The various sections of the Ocean Pines Association may have slightly different sign restrictions, but all have something similar to those found in the original 12 sections.

The Restrictions state: "All signs, billboards, or advertising structures of any kind are prohibited except upon application to and written permission from the Committee."

OPA governing documents also include something called ARC Guidelines. These guidelines essentially clarify issues related to the enforcement of the Declarations of Restrictions by The Architectural Review Committee (aka Environmental Control Committee).

Here is what the Guidelines say about signs:

"Political signs supporting the election of a State or National candidate, or for the vote of a referendum, do not require ARC approval in writing before posting. Political signs may not exceed the size of any other sign. All other signs must first be approved by submitting a CPI Department Application for approval. More than one sign may be addressed in one application."

The Guidelines say absolutely nothing about signs for board elections. Thus, such signs are all prohibited under another section of the Guidelines stating:

"All signs, billboards or advertising structures of any kind are prohibited except upon application to and written permission from the ARC. Any sign or flag not adhering to the requirements of this section may be removed by an authorized agent of the Association."

As an aside, note that the Guidelines apply to flags as well as signs. Some association members install "flag signs," thinking they are not regulated.

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors has ultimate enforcement authority over any violations of the Declaration of Restrictions. Yet each year we see yet another crop of candidates begin their campaigns by violating the very governing documents they pledge to enforce. Inadvertently perhaps, because too many candidates have little understanding of OPA governing documents.

A solution is simple, yet not even addressed by boards over many years. Change the Guidelines to grant blanket approval for board candidate signs, spelling out sizes, placement, duration, etc.

On the other hand, do association members really want to see board candidate signs sprouting like unwanted weeds every summer season?

The fact about offshore wind

Editor:

Sometimes I wonder if Americans are interested in knowing the truth anymore. It's out there, but not always easy to find.



Specifically, I wonder if people are aware of the following facts about Offshore Wind:

Offshore Wind is a very expensive technology - three times as expensive as land-based wind - and is not in any way harmless to the environment. Fifty mayors along the East Coast are calling for a moratorium until environmental impacts, including damage to sea life and bird life, can be studied. The Board of Commissioners of Cape May County, New Jersey voted unanimously in opposition to an offshore wind farm proposed near its coastline.

Because it is so expensive, tax credits to the developers are necessary - and those developers are NOT American companies - American taxpayers are giving millions and millions of dollars in OUR tax money

(actually our great-great-grandchildren's tax money) to foreign companies. I have a problem with this.


Speaking of sea life - how many people are aware that there are no natural loud noises in the ocean? Watch a nature program of the ocean (such as "Planet Earth") and you will see that the ocean is very quiet. What do you think happens to a whale or dolphin when its sonar system is impacted by the incredibly loud noises due to the pile driving and construction of these monstrous turbines? Do you think perhaps they may do everything they can to get away from the source of these noises? I'm pretty sure life does not go along as usual. Also, the vibration the huge blades on these enormous machines create in the water - how can this not affect the migratory patterns of these beautiful creatures? Common sense tells you they will change their routes, most likely to their detriment.

And to top it off - some of the

please see wind on page 20

Courier Almanac

On June 28, 2007, the United States removed one of its most commonly-used national symbols from its List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. The de-listing of the bald eagle, which had been close to vanishing from North America around the middle of the 20th century, was one of the most notable wildlife rehabilitation efforts in American history.



Despite their diminutive size, blueberries pack quite a powerful, healthy punch. Blueberries contain a compound known as anthocyanin, which gives them their blue hue but also contributes to their nutritious properties. For example, the Mayo Clinic notes that studies have found consumption of foods that are high in anthocyanins can help individuals lower their risk of developing coronary heart disease. In addition, blueberries are a good source of vitamin C and dietary fiber, making them worthy of addition to anyone's diet.



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Gathering - The Republican Women of Worcester County held their annual "Red, White and Blue" general luncheon meeting at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant on June 22. The guest speaker was Vanessa LaFranco, 1st Vice President of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). Standing left to right: **Monica Kozlowsky**, NFRW Region 7 Director, Maryland State Senator and RWWC member **Mary Beth Carrozza**, **Vanessa LaFranco**, **Sandy Zitzer**, president, Republican Women of Worcester County and **Sharon Carrick**, president, Maryland Federation of Republican Women.

Chamber to host Oktoberfest in the Pines

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host its inaugural Oktoberfest in the Pines on Sunday, September 24, at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event will feature the Enzian Volkstanzgruppe from Newark, DE.

The Enzian Volkstanzgruppe, or EVTG, is a Bavarian Volkstanz and Schuhplattler group founded in 1968. The object of the EVTG is to promote and preserve German folk dancing in the interest of assisting the Delaware Sangerbund and Library Association, Inc. in its aim to promote German customs and traditions. The Chamber wishes to bring the true meaning of Oktoberfest to the community. In Germany, Oktoberfest is not considered simply a beer festival, but rather a traditional folk festival for the entire family. What better way to celebrate the German culture than by enjoying an authentic folk dancing troupe and band?

A variety of food vendors will be on hand along with a Beer Garden and fun games and activities for all ages. Bring a chair to watch the performances, bring the kids to enjoy a lovely community Fall event, and learn the true meaning of Oktoberfest. Vendor and sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, visit OceanPines-Chamber.org or contact us at (410) 641-5306, kerrie@oceanpines-chamber.org.

Arts day postponed

The Arts Day in the Pines has been rescheduled to Sunday, July 9 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.

For additional questions please email Aubrey Sizemore at aubrey@art-leagueofoceancity.org or call us at 410-524-9433.



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Time to celebrate

By **Jennifer S. Hamilton, DPT, CHT**

The 4th of July is a special time of year. In our area, this holiday is usually synonymous with warm weather, barbecues, boating and fireworks to name a few. This date is a time to celebrate our independence and our American pride and patriotism. Did you know that John Adams, after signing the Declaration of Independence, wrote a letter to his wife discussing how much this day should be celebrated? He wrote “the day should be celebrated with parades, bonfires and fireworks.” Pretty accurate to what happens today, right?

While most of us spend time celebrating with friends and family, we must keep in mind some safety tips to ensure a safe holiday. The most common concern people think about is fireworks. It is recommended that fireworks only be handled by professionals, however if you possess legal fireworks, here are some tips to keep you safe. Young children should never handle fireworks, and older children should always be under the close supervision of an adult. Additionally, fireworks should never be handled by someone under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Never use them indoors or around any items that are flammable. Do not point fireworks in the direction of anyone, and make sure to keep a bucket of water close by to extinguish fireworks that don't go off, or in case of a fire.

Hand injuries are the most common problem when dealing with fireworks. In fact, fireworks hand

injuries make up over 50% of emergency room hand injuries. These injuries most commonly occur due to a fuse malfunction, or the fuse lighting too quickly, not allowing time for the victim to get away. These injuries can range from a total loss of the hand or fingers to superficial burns, and anything in between. Fireworks create complicated problems due to the explosive nature of the injury. At times, this may result in fragments getting stuck in the skin and tissue. This can lead to infections and may require surgical management. Children are the most likely to suffer from fireworks-related injuries. Therefore, when using bottle rockets, sparklers, and/or firecrackers - which are the top three perpetrators in fireworks hand injuries - use extreme caution. Your hands will thank you!

Holidays close to the water means there will be more traffic in our waterways. If you plan to go boating this July 4th, here are a few safety tips to be aware of. Always wear your life jacket and be aware of your surroundings. Never operate a boat while under the influence and be sure to share your float plan with a friend. As always, use plenty of sunscreen, as the reflection of the sun's rays off the water can be intense, and it is often difficult to find shade in the middle of the water. Lastly, make sure to do all the pre-checks on your boat to make sure it is functioning properly and has all the necessary equipment.

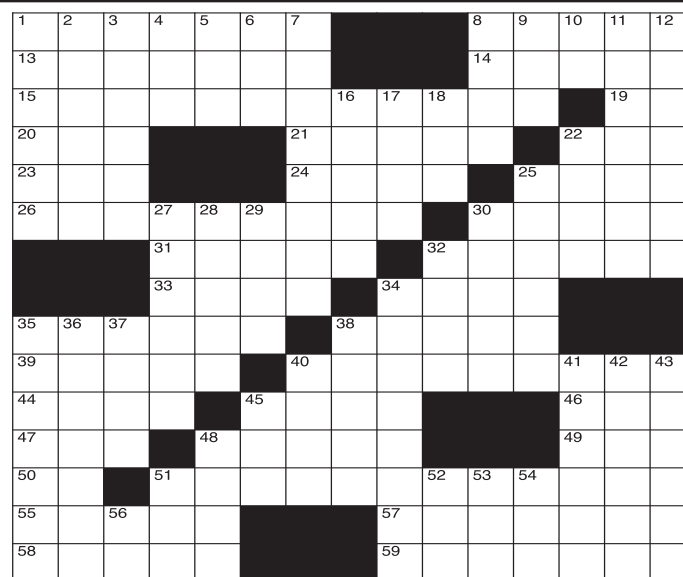
Finally, with hotter weather, the need to stay hydrated is magnified. In preparation for the big day, we can forget to keep sipping that water. For most of the country the hottest month of the year is July. Some ideas to keep water on your mind include carrying around a reusable water bottle, setting reminders in your phone, and setting daily goals. If you aren't a fan of plain water, it may be more palatable by adding a slice or two of lemon or lime for flavor. You can also freeze bottles to keep it nice and cold.

Being mindful of the possible dangers that can happen, you lessen the risk of your celebration being ruined by tragedy. From our family to yours - Hamilton Physical Therapy wishes you a happy, healthy and safe 4th of July!

Jennifer S. Hamilton, DPT, CHT is co-owner of Hamilton Physical Therapy PA.



Jennifer Hamilton



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Excited movements
- 8. Soap opera actress Patsy
- 13. Unknowing
- 14. Dangerous mosquitos
- 15. Exaggerated and sensationalized
- 19. Military policeman
- 20. Touch softly
- 21. Wrap
- 22. A story of one's life
- 23. Midway between east and southeast
- 24. Toward the mouth or oral region
- 25. A list of dishes available at a restaurant
- 26. Changes the meaning of
- 30. Semitic Sun god
- 31. Sneaker parts
- 32. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 33. Breezed through
- 34. Partner to pedi
- 35. Becomes less intense
- 38. Bottoms
- 39. Tested
- 40. Vistas
- 44. Take care of
- 45. Traditional rhythmic pattern
- 46. S. African political party
- 47. Cologne
- 48. Men
- 49. The Science Guy
- 50. Gospel author (abbr.)
- 51. Act of signing up
- 55. Human feet
- 57. A very short time
- 58. Streetcars
- 59. Cuplike cavities

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A type of pool
- 2. Malaise
- 3. Seasoned
- 4. A pair
- 5. Young male
- 6. Make a mistake
- 7. Experienced
- 8. It often accompanies injury
- 9. Old world, new
- 10. Commercial
- 11. Course of lectures
- 12. Promote
- 16. Female horses
- 17. Greek mythological figure
- 18. Small amount
- 22. Orthodox church altar
- 25. Actress Tomei
- 27. Excited
- 28. Looked directly at
- 29. Popular cold desserts
- 30. More reasonable
- 32. Disk above the head of a saint
- 34. Devoted to the extreme
- 35. Make an effort
- 36. It's in the surf
- 37. Member of aboriginal people of Japan
- 38. Discounts
- 40. Cliff in Hawaii
- 41. Extremely wild person
- 42. All persons
- 43. Aromas
- 45. Popular kids' game
- 48. A difficult situation
- 51. Popular Georgia rockers
- 52. It's in all living cells
- 53. Unspoken language
- 54. 'Talk to you' abbreviation
- 56. Influential lawyer



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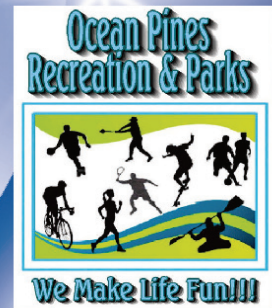
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The Declaration of Independence

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migra-

tions hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us:

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

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

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

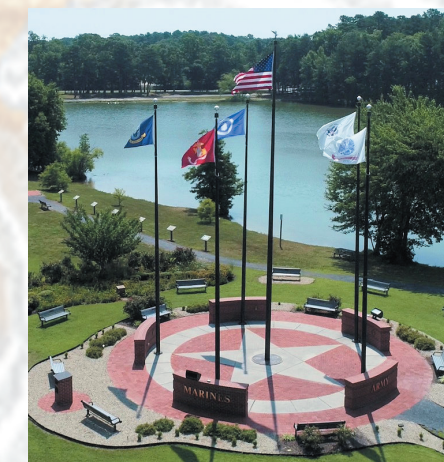
In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose

Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People.

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

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

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



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Dozens of local children and families take part in successful 'Teach A Kid to Fish Day'

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club hosted a successful "Teach a Kid to Fish Day" on Saturday, June 17.

The event drew an enthusiastic crowd of more than 60 children, plus their parents and grandparents, to the picturesque South Pond in Ocean Pines.

Participants benefitted from the expertise of the Club's seasoned members, who imparted multiple fishing

skills to the eager young anglers.

Under the guidance and supervision of the Anglers Club, the youth had the unique opportunity to put their newfound skills to the test, casting their lines with bait and receiving invaluable instruction.

The event was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Ocean Pines Anglers Club, the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, and generous financial support provided by the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club.

the Department of Natural Resources, were also present during the event, ensuring that participants received a comprehensive fishing education relevant to their surroundings.

Looking ahead, the Anglers Club will next host the Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest on July 15 at the South Gate Pond in Ocean Pines.

The Ocean Pines Environment and Natural Assets Committee, as well as



DNR Officers **Patricia McMichael** and **Joseph Nye** share info with **Amy Kulik**, her children **Charlotte** and **Colton**.



Angler **Buddy Seigel** teaches knot tying



Angler member and custom rod maker **Dave Hammond** [L] with Event Chair **Lee Phillips** [R] present winner of custom rod and reel drawing to young **Adam Rasch** assisted by his Dad **Eric Rasch**.

Free registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the event is scheduled to run from 9-10:30 a.m. Trophies and prizes will be awarded across three different age groups.

Bait and water will be provided. Participants should bring their own rod and bug spray.

For more information, contact John McFalls at 610-505-1697.

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Anthem is more than sports event opening

By **Bob Lassahn**

Independence Day is a holiday when the Star Spangled Banner will receive a great deal of attention. It will undoubtedly be played during most scheduled fireworks displays and will be a part of many other events. Americans will be expected to remove their caps, place their hand over their heart and sing along.

The Star Spangled Banner was written by Francis Scott Key while he was detained aboard a British warship in Baltimore harbor during the War of 1812. He was inspired as he saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry on the morning of September 14, 1814, following a 2-hour bombardment by the British fleet. He composed the poem as an expression of his elation. Originally written as a poem and titled The Defense of Fort McHenry, it was soon put to the music of a popular melody, To Anacreon in Heaven.

The first public performance of the words and music together took place at the Holiday Street Theater in Baltimore, MD on October 19, 1814.

The Star Spangled Banner gradually became popular as a patriotic tune, but it was not until 1931 that it was designated our national anthem by an act of Congress. The actual words were not included in the documents creating our national anthem. There are minor differences in the words based upon different sources (including some changes by Francis Scott Key himself) so slight variations are possible. "Modernization" has also occurred to conform the text to modern spelling and grammar.

Since its designation as our national anthem the Star Spangled Banner has drawn some criticism. Some have argued that the song is

difficult to sing (verse three in particular), while others feel it sounds too "warlike." But it prevails as a song that inspires Americans and is easily recognized even from its first several notes.

Why fireworks on the Fourth of July? The fifth and sixth lines of the first verse of the Star Spangled Banner may give some insight, "And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there." Can you smell "reenactment" as the fireworks rise in the sky?

The Star Spangled Banner actually has four verses, although to many Americans only

verse of the Star Spangled Banner are not "play ball!"

The Courier presents all four verses of the Star Spangled Banner for the edification of our readers. The text is as true to the original as possible, the spelling and contractions mirror the way it was set down in 1814. As the fireworks are exploding overhead, moving folks to burst forth in song, you could surprise everyone around you with a rendition of the Star Spangled Banner that includes all the verses.

National Anthem of the United States of America The Star Spangled Banner

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key

*Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?*

*flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

*On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream;
'Tis the Star-Spangled Banner, Oh long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

*And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and country should leave us no more!
Their blood has washed out of their foul footsteps pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight and the gloom of the grave;
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

*Oh, thus be it ever, when free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!*

*Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "in God is our trust"
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!*

*Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thro' the night that our*

the first verse is familiar. In almost every case it is only the first verse that is played and sung at the beginning of sporting events or other gatherings. Some may be surprised to learn that the first two words of the second



Publisher's Note: Bob Lassahn was a reporter and editor of *The Courier*. He passed away in 2015.

The Declaration of Independence is the crucible of freedom

By **Bob Lassahn**

Independence Day, commonly called the 4th of July, is a national holiday, providing most Americans a day off from work and an opportunity for a family cookout or an outing at the beach. For millions of Americans it is also an evening to watch a traditional fireworks display. As the pyrotechnics light up the night sky their beauty and loud explosions are apt to extract applause and numerous exclamations of "oh!" or "wow!" In the midst of all the fun the question could be asked if anyone is thinking about what the day really means, for this is America's birthday, the day when our forefathers set the wheels in motion to create the nation where we live and to secure the freedoms we enjoy.

The Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, the document that "officially" severed the American Colonies from England on July 4, 1776. The decision to do so was not made in haste and the colonists had spent nearly a decade protesting their treatment and the heavy tax burden laid upon them by King George III. Many attempts were made to find a peaceful resolution until, in 1774, the colonists essentially broke all trade in an attempt at an economic boycott. During the following months the King declared that Massachusetts was in rebellion and in 1775 the first shots were exchanged between the colonists and their British masters at Lexington and Concord.

On June 7, 1776 Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced a resolution to the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, to declare the independence of the colonies from England. On June 11, 1776 a committee was appointed including Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston, to draft a document. The committee assigned Thomas Jefferson to draft the basic document, then reviewed and edited his work. On June 28, 1776 the committee's draft of the Declaration of Independence was read in Congress and during the period of July 1 to July 4 the document was debated and revised before the vote to adopt was taken. John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress placed his bold signature upon the document that day but the remaining signers would not sign the officially inscribed copy until August

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On July 8, 1776 the Declaration of Independence was returned from the printer and the "Province Bell" of Philadelphia's Carpenters Hall summoned citizens to hear the first public reading by Colonel John Nixon. The bell that tolled the reading was later renamed the "Liberty Bell" and appropriately bears the inscription "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." The American Revolutionary War had officially begun, but the freedom American colonists sought was still seven years away and would be paid for with many American lives.

The Declaration of Independence bears 56 signatures. Most were persons of wealth and position, including physicians, lawyers and businessmen with much to lose in the ensuing conflict, but all valued freedom above wealth. Many would lose their property and die in poverty, while some would not survive the Revolutionary War to see the Treaty of Paris signed in 1783. Several were captured, imprisoned and subjected to cruel treatment by the British. The signatures also include many who continued to serve the government as America grew into a new nation, including two who later served as President of the United States, John Adams (2nd president) and Thomas Jefferson (3rd president). The signers, listed by the colony represented, are as follows (names in italics are those who did not survive the Revolutionary War - noting year-of-

death):

Delaware (DE): George Read; Thomas McKean; Caesar Rodney.

Pennsylvania (PA): George Clymer; Benjamin Franklin; Robert Morris; John Morton (1777); Benjamin Rush; George Ross (1779); James Smith; James Wilson; George Taylor (1781).

Massachusetts (MA): John Adams; Samuel Adams; John Hancock; Robert Treat Paine; Elbridge Gerry.

New Hampshire (NH): Josiah Bartlett; Matthew Thornton; William Whipple.

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Kiwanis Club annual meeting day

Once a year the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City holds its Annual Meeting where officers are elected for the coming Kiwanis Fiscal Year. June 21 was that day.

During the meeting reports are given on all the results of the club's performance through its many and varied programs and activities. Newly elected officers were Bob Wolfing, president for his second consecutive term, President-Elect Candy Foreman, two new board members, Jim Maratea and John Hanberry.

Additionally, Kiwanian of the Month awards were presented for the five months of February through June.

Pictured (L-R) are recipients **Jim Maratea** for chairing the Scholarship Committee, **Ed Ahlquist** for co-chairing concessions, **Mark Page** who received the Lifetime Service Award for his dedication through the years as the chair of the club's foundation for the last 14 years and Kiwanis Club President **Bob Wolfing** who chose the recipients.

Unable to attend were Lynne McAlorum for obtaining new guest speakers every week and Kitty Wrench co-chair of concessions.

Share your views on Worcester County's plans for future growth

Worcester County Government (WCG) is beginning the 10-year update to the Worcester County Comprehensive Plan, and community members are invited to participate in a survey to provide



input about the path of future county growth. The survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/WorCoCP-Survey, or by using the QR code.

"The Comprehensive Plan is the playbook for how WCG will set land use policy for the next decade, and updates to this plan are based on public feedback," Development Review and Permitting Director Jennifer Keener said. "So, it is our goal for all who live in the community to have a voice in this process."

The survey is open to Worcester County residents and non-resident property owners, including students. It takes just 10 to 15 minutes to complete and can be accessed from any smart phone, tablet, or computer with internet access.

"We are asking everyone to share this information as well to assure as much community input in the process as possible," Keener said.

For more information about the Worcester County Comprehensive Plan, visit www.co.worcester.md.us/comprehensive-plan.

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Rhode Island (RI): Stephen Hopkins; William Ellery.

New York (NY): William Floyd; Francis Lewis; Philip Livingston (1778); Lewis Morris.

Georgia (GA): Button Gwinnett (1777); Lyman Hall; George Walton.

Virginia (VA): Carter Braxton; Benjamin Harrison; Thomas Jefferson; Francis Lightfoot Lee; Richard Henry Lee; Thomas Nelson, Jr.; George Wythe.

North Carolina (NC): Joseph Hewes (1779); William Hooper; John Penn.

South Carolina (SC): Thomas Heyward, Jr.; Thomas Lynch, Jr. (1779); Arthur Middleton; Edward Rutledge.

New Jersey (NJ): Abraham Clark; John Hart (1779); Francis Hopkinson; Richard Stockton (1781); John Witherspoon.

Connecticut (CT): Samuel Huntington; Roger Sherman; William Williams; Oliver Wolcott.

Maryland (MD): Charles Carroll; Samuel Chase; William Paca; Thomas Stone.

The act of severing relations with England was not something undertaken by rash, high spirited youngsters nor a group of grumpy old geezers. There was a broad cross section in ages, with the exuberance of youth tempered by the wisdom of experience. The men who signed the Declaration of Independence ranged from 26 years old (Thomas Lynch, Jr., born August 5, 1749) to 70 years old (Benjamin Franklin, born January 17, 1706). There were three signers in their twenties, 16 in their thirties, 19 in their forties, 11 in their fifties and seven who were 60 years or older. The median age was 42. South Carolina sent the youngest delegation to the Congress with their oldest member, Arthur Middleton, being 34 years old and their other three delegates (Rutledge, Lynch and Heyward) all in their twenties. The man most responsible for drafting the document, Thomas Jefferson, was 33 years old at the time and the boldest signature was that of 39-year-old John Hancock.

Those signers who lost virtually

all of their property during the war include Thomas McKean (DE); Robert Morris (PA); Francis Lewis (NY); William Floyd (NY); Lyman Hall (GA); George Walton (GA); Carter Braxton (VA) Thomas Nelson, Jr. (VA) and Arthur Middleton (SC). Many never recovered from the loss and died in poverty.

Other tidbits of information about the signers: During the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr. learned that British General Cornwallis had taken over his family farm for a headquarters and Nelson urged General George Washington to open fire. Thomas Nelson, Jr. actually requested the artillery barrage that destroyed his home. At the time of his death in 1789 he was

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Benjamin Franklin
(1706 - 1790)

bankrupt. Being in ill health, Thomas Lynch, Jr. (SC) sailed for the West Indies in 1777 but was not seen nor heard from again. His date of death is recorded as c.1779. On July 4, 1826 John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, both involved in drafting the Declaration of Independence and both having served as president, died within hours of each other on the 50th anniversary of the signing. Charles Carroll of Carrollton (MD) was the last surviving signer when he died on November 14, 1832 at 96 years old (56 years after the signing).

As the burgers sizzle on the barbecue, the kids splash in the waves or the fireworks burst in the night sky we are celebrating the courage of these 56 men. Each of them knew the act of signing the Declaration of Independence could ultimately result in their execution as a traitor, but they forged ahead.

The first observance of the anniversary took place in 1777. Finally, in 1941 the day was made a national holiday. The holiday is a fixed, not a floating holiday and always occurs on the actual date of July 4th. It is the day for all Americans to say "Happy Birthday America!"



Appreciation - On June 20, the commissioners extended their thanks and congratulations to five retiring staff members for their lasting contributions to the residents and visitors of Worcester County. Those pictured front row, from left include Recycle Worker III **Sylvester Byrd** (20 years), Vehicle & Equipment Mechanic III **Johnnie Lewis** (18 years), Benefits Manager **Hope Carmean** (47 years), Transfer Station Attendant **Wade Hudson** (10 years), and Human Resources Specialist **Ann Hankins** (15 years); and second row from left Commissioners **Caryn Abbott**, **Joe Mitrecic**, **Jim Bunting**, **Chip Bertino**, **Eric Fiori**, **Ted Elder**, and **Diana Purnell**.

Annual flounder tournament returns

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host its 16th Annual Flounder Tournament and Auction on Saturday, August 5, with the weigh-in and auction at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club and Marina from noon to 4:30 pm. This is the largest MD coastal flounder tournament and will feature an expected purse of over \$8,000.

“Our region gets tournament fever every summer, especially the first week in August. We are the little guy tournament. A great day on the water and a chance to win big without breaking your bank to enter”, says Ocean Pines Chamber President, Kerrie Bunting.

Registration is \$55 per angler or \$50 each when registering more than one. Calcuttas are available for \$20 per angler. The longest flounder brought in by any angler 13 or under wins \$100 and is also eligible for the main cash prizes. Make sure to register before noon on August 4. Collectable T-shirts are free for the first 250 registered. Sponsorships are available and we are seeking donations for the auction which is held during the weigh in. For tournament rules or to register as sponsor or angler go to: <https://business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/16th-annual-flounder-tournament-14865>

Bible school offered

One-Day, All-Day Family Vacation Bible School will be offered Saturday, July 22 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin. The theme of the event is “The Parables of Jesus.” Complimentary meals and snacks, bible lessons, games, crafts, music, and more will be offered. An ice cream sundae social and family registration will be held Wednesday, July 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bethany Church. You may also register by going to “contact us” at www.bethanyberlin.org. For more information, contact Megan Cooke at 443-614-3870 or mjcooke11@gmail.com.



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Sons and Daughters of Italy announce scholarship winners

The Ocean City Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Italy has awarded \$2,000 scholarships to three graduating seniors from two area high schools, Keeley Alexandra Catrino of Ocean City, Samantha Lee Teoli of Millsboro, and Isabella Grace Scharp of Dagsboro.

Catrino is a 2023 graduate of Stephen Decatur High school. Teoli and Scharp are 2023 graduates of Indian River High School. Donna Potenza, Chair of the Lodge Scholarship Committee, said all three excelled during application process, which considered an essay each wrote about their Italian Heritage. The selection process also considered academic achievement, community/civic involvement, co-curricular activities, and extra-curricular activities.

Catrino will attend the University of Delaware, majoring in English. Teoli will major in culinary Arts at Walnut Hill College in Philadelphia. Scharp has enrolled in the nursing program, also at the University of Delaware.

The Sons and Daughters of Italy is accepting new members. For information on how to join and our membership application, visit our website at sonsofitalyocencity.com

From left, **Isabela Scharp, Samantha Teoli, and Kelly Catrino** prepare to cut their scholarship celebration cake at the June Meeting of the Ocean City Sons and Daughters of Italy. Photo by Tom Pergola.

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“data” used to justify the need for “green energy” to combat climate change is corrupted - this is according to a new study “Corrupted Climate Stations: The Official U.S. Surface Temperature Record Remains Fatally Flawed” published by the Heartland Institute. The report finds that 96% of U.S. temperature stations used to measure climate change fail to meet what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration considers to be “acceptable” and uncorrupted by its own published standards. The research shows that 96% of these stations are corrupted by their “close proximity to asphalt, machinery, and other heat-producing, heat-trapping or heat-accentuating objects”. One has to ask oneself why on Earth one would place a temperature station in a location that will most definitely cause higher than actual temperature readings?

Unfortunately, I could go on and on, but then, of course, few would bother to read this letter. I just want people to be aware of the facts - that these machines being proposed for our coast are not cute windmills - they are monstrously huge machines that will create (and as far as sea life and bird life is concerned already are creating) an environmental disaster.

Carol Frazier
Ocean Pines

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Maintenance update

Viola said maintenance continues to be a high priority, with work being split between Ocean Pines Public Works and outside contractors.

Recently completed initiatives include painting the Clubhouse and Yacht Club bathrooms, and painting the Yacht Club bar area. A new baby swing was added at Bridgewater Playground, and the Manklin Meadows Playground entrance was updated to make it more ADA accessible.

Ongoing initiatives include maintenance of Ocean Pines walking trails, general landscaping, and the addition of a second fountain at the North Gate.

Golf updates

The Golf Club recently hosted several major tournaments, including the 2023 Men’s Club Championship on June 24-25, and the annual Ravens Roost Tournament on June 2. The Ravens Roost event raised funds for scholarships for local high school students.

Viola said business at the course and the pro shop continue to be robust, and he credited Golf Director Bob Beckleman with the strong financial showing.

“Since Bob’s been here, every month has been a big increase from the prior year – all record breaking,” he said.

Viola also praised Golf Superintendent Justin Hartshorne and his staff for keeping the course well maintained.

“The course is in excellent, top shape [and] the place is packed,” he said.

For more information on Golf programs and events, visit www.oceanpinesgolf.org.

Racquet Center updates

Viola said the Racquet Center has also been busy, holding a Davis Cup tennis event on June 10 and a “Pickle Bowl” on June 23.

Staff held an open house on May 27, and platform tennis clinics are scheduled each Saturday in June.

For more information on Racquet Sports programs and events, visit

www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/racquet-sports.

Recreation and Parks events

The Veterans Memorial recently hosted field trips for Worcester County fifth graders, an annual Memorial Day ceremony, and a car show sponsored by Kiwanis.

Coming up, the Recreation and Parks Department will host Family Fun Nights on Wednesdays, June 21-Aug. 23, at the Yacht Club Pool from 6-8 p.m. Concerts in the Park return on Thursdays, June 22 to Aug. 24, at White Horse Park from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information on Recreation programs and events, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/recreation-parks.

Rules reminder

As a public service announcement, Senior Executive Office Manager Linda Martin asked residents to keep in mind that all dogs must be on a leash – even on Ocean Pines property – per county law. She also asked dog owners to clean up after their pets.

Additionally, per Ocean Pines guidelines, trash cans must be stored away from the curb on the evening after trash is collected.

CPI, work orders, and other questions

The Compliance, Permit and Inspections (CPI) Department saw 73 new violations opened in May, including 56 for maintenance, trash or high grass. During the same period, 48 cases were closed. In total, 167 remain open.

The department also saw 121 new work orders opened in May and 117 work orders closed. As of May 31, 110 remain open, most of which are related to drainage items.

On customer service, Martin said the info@oceanpines.org email for general questions received 156 questions in May. Most, 84, were general questions. Thirty-five were about amenities, 24 were about Public Works issues, and 13 were for CPI.

For additional questions, email info@oceanpines.org any time or call 410-641-7717 during normal business hours.

Notable events that have taken place on July Fourth

Residents of the United States spend July 4th celebrating the country's independence. Though July 4 has served as America's Independence Day for centuries, many other significant and memorable events have taken place on the fourth day of July.

1744: The Treaty of Lancaster is signed in Pennsylvania. The treaty dictates that the Iroquois will cede land between the Allegheny

Mountains and the Ohio River to the British colonies.

1776: The United States Declaration of Independence is adopted by the Second Continental Congress. July 4 actually marks the day the final wording of the declaration, which had been submitted on July 2, was approved.

1802: The United States Military Academy officially commences operations. Located in

West Point, New York, the USMA is the oldest of the five American service academies.

1826: On the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of the Independence, the second and third presidents of the United States, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, respectively, pass away. Both men were instrumental to American success during the American Revolution.

1831: Samuel Francis Smith's "America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)" is performed in public for the first time. The performance took place during a children's Independence Day celebration in Boston.

1845: Naturalist and essayist Henry David Thoreau moves into a cabin on Walden Pond in Concord, Massachusetts. His experiences there would later be detailed in "Walden Pond."

1913: President Woodrow Wilson addresses veterans of the American Civil War at a reunion marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. More than 50,000 veterans of the war, including roughly 9,000 Confederate veterans, attend the reunion.

1939: New York Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig announces his retirement to a crowd at Yankee Stadium, informing them he feels he is "the luckiest man on the face of the earth." Gehrig had recently been diagnosed

with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a disease that would later be widely referred to as "Lou Gehrig's disease."

1983: Twenty-four-year-old New York Yankees left-hander Dave Righetti throws a no-hitter against the rival Boston Red Sox at Yankee Stadium. Righetti struck seven of the first nine batters he faced and even overcame a delay in the eighth inning when umpire Steve Palermo suffered a knee injury. Outspoken Yankees owner George Steinbrenner did not attend the game, as he was in Florida celebrating his 53rd birthday with family.

2004: The cornerstone of the Freedom Tower is laid on the World Trade Center site in New York City. Now known as One World Trade Center, the building formally opened in November 2014.

United States flag facts and handling etiquette

The United States flag was first imagined after the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The Continental Congress authorized creation of the first national flag on June 14, 1777. It was decided that the flag should have 13 stripes, alternating red and white, to represent the original 13 colonies, and that the new union be represented by 13 white stars in a blue field to signify a "new constellation." Francis Hopkinson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is most often credited with the original design.

Today there are 50 stars on the flag to represent the 50 states, while the 13 stripes still represent the 13 British colonies that became the first states. While this may be common knowledge, Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, may not be as widely known. The code dictates that the flag is to be treated with respect and proper etiquette. The code is extensive, but the following guidelines can help private individuals interested in displaying their flags do so in accordance with the law.

Flags should only be displayed in public from sunrise to sunset, unless the flag can be properly illuminated during darkness. In this instance, it may be displayed at all times.

When displayed with other flags, such as on a single staff or lanyard, the U.S. flag should be above all other flags. If flags are displayed in a row, the U.S. flag goes to the observer's left.

State and local flags are traditionally flown lower than the American flag.

During marching ceremonies or parades with other flags, the U.S. flag should be to the observer's left.

The flag should be displayed at every public institution and at schools during school days.

When displayed vertically and not on a staff, the union should be on the left when observed. It should be suspended so its folds fall freely as though the flag were staffed.

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The flag is often displayed at half-staff on days of mourning, including Memorial Day. The flag should first be hoisted to the peak for an instant, then lowered to half-staff position, which is half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.

On a vehicle, the U.S. flag should be displayed from a staff firmly fixed to the chassis. It should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle.

The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise. It also should never have anything placed on it.

A flag in poor condition should be destroyed with dignity, preferably by burning. Most American Legion posts and local Boy Scouts troops will have the resources to retire flags accordingly. Many will host annual flag retirement ceremonies on Flag Day.



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Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**

How the fight started

One year, a husband decided to buy his mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift.

The next year, he didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked him why, he replied. "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.

My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed.

I turned to her and said, "Do you want to have sex?"

'No,' she answered.

I then said, "Is that your final answer?"

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying "Yes."

So, I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And that's when the fight started.

I tried to talk my wife into buying a case of Miller Light for \$14.95.

Instead, she bought a jar of cold cream for \$7.95.

I told her the beer would make her look better at night than the cold cream.

And that's when the fight started.

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping the channels.

She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust."

And then the fight started.

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniver-

sary.

She said, "I want something shiny that goes from zero to 200 in about 3 seconds."

I bought her a scale.

And then the fight started.

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.

I asked her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes," she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My Gosh!" I said, "who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And then the fight started.

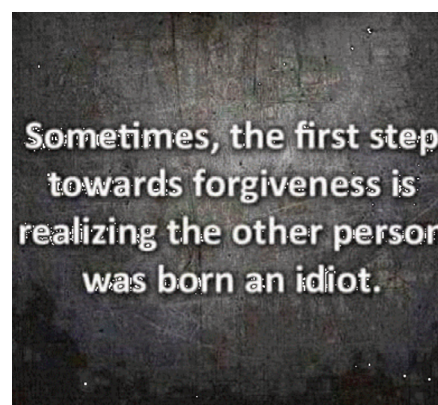
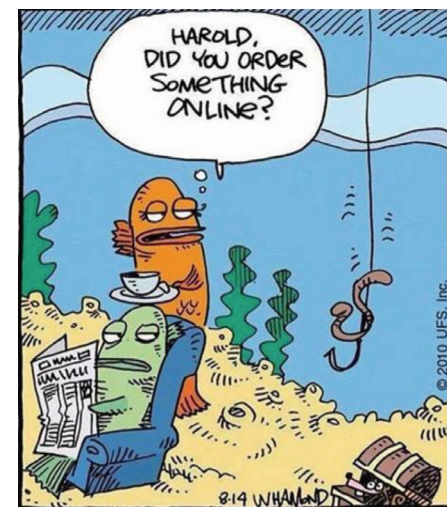
When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. Somehow, I always had something else to take care of first, the truck, the car, playing golf.

Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors.

I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I came out again and handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

And then the fight started.



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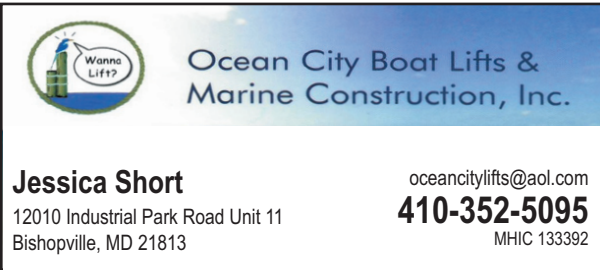
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