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Happy Birthday - Vivian Mumford (left) recently celebrated her 101st birthday. With her is her daughter Susan Blanton. See story on page 4

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Artist and art advocate believes art unites us

By **Elaine Bean**

“Art helps us to relate and understand other people’s ideas and other cultures,” Laura Jenkins believes. “It’s the great unifier.”



As a working artist and a strong advocate for the arts, Jenkins is living her passion that art matters in our lives. “It is what keeps us alive and evolving,” she

said. “Before we knew anything else in this life, we created by movement, voice, and expression. Art gives us confidence and heals us in the challenging moments of our lives.”

August is a special month for Jenkins, as that’s the annual time of year for the Artists Paint OC Festival that Jenkins has chaired for the last two years. From August 9-13, fifty plein air painters from across the region gathered in the area to paint the iconic local scenery and celebrate the art of painting outdoors. A long-time annual program of the Art League of Ocean

City, the resulting artwork from the festival is currently on exhibition at the Ocean City Center for Arts through September and available for purchase.

Jenkins was born and raised on the Eastern Shore of Maryland into a family that embraced art in many forms, including music, painting, and the written word. Jenkins’ parents were both educators. Orem Robinson was Dean of Students at Salisbury University, and Harriet Robinson was principal at Pinehurst Elementary in Salisbury.

“Both of my parents came to art late in life and loved it,” Jenkins said. “My dad was handicapped as he grew older, and art became very important to him. He did pencil drawing and oil painting and also carved ducks. My mother did oil painting and had a very unique style. Art was a tremendous joy for them.”

Jenkins also came to make art herself later in life, teaching herself through workshops and classes, and now painting is her passion.

“I enjoy oils as I love the maneuverability of the medium. I started

with watercolor but found it to be too immediate. Once I tried oil, I never looked back,” she said.

As for many artists, the natural beauty of Delmarva is Jenkins’ inspiration. “Where we live ... the beauty of the marsh and landscape and the light in nature is ever changing. I am both a plein air painter and a studio painter. I have a studio at my home in Worcester County and could spend hours and hours there. I hope to be spending more time indoors and outside painting in the near future.”



Jenkins’ art advocacy extends way beyond the plein air festival, and she works closely with local organizations and helping to promote local art in the community. She has served on

the Board of Directors of the Art League for seven years and currently serves as vice president.

Jenkins also has created a fellowship in memory of her parents, the Orem and Harriet Robinson Fellowship for Contemporary Art and Community Engagement, because of their dedication and love for education and art. Each year a highly respected artist works through the Art League to bring their field of art to the community. The endowment provides \$2,000 annually and will fund the fellowship in perpetuity.

“This fellowship means a lot to me because of the opportunity for growth it provides the Art League and the fine art community,” Jenkins continued.

“Art matters in all of our lives. I am extremely grateful to have the opportunity to serve our community through the Art League and help inform and support artists in all mediums.”



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Ocean Pines resident celebrates 101st birthday

By **Josh Davis**

Ocean Pines resident Vivian Mumford celebrated a huge milestone on Friday, when she turned 101.



Mumford was born on Aug. 4, 1922, on a farm in a town called “Friendship” that today is known as Pittsville.

She said the farm grew various

crops and had one cow and a few chickens. She remembers picking strawberries.

“I loved it because I didn’t have to work on it!” she said.

Mumford went to high school in her hometown, where she was an honor student and was crowned May queen her senior year. She earned a partial scholarship to attend college, but said the family at the time couldn’t afford the rest of tuition.

“Instead, I worked at Woolworth’s dime store. That was my first job,” she said. “And then I worked at JCPenney’s and Benjamin’s. I worked all over the place.”

Mumford did everything from running the jewelry counter, to serving as a buyer for a sporting department.

Her eyes lit up when asked about meeting her late husband, Jack.

“You know, we met in Ocean City, at the Pier Club,” she said. “I was there with some friends that I worked with, and I was dancing with another fella and he cut in,” Mumford said. “I found out later he

worked in the dime store across from Woolworth’s called McCrory’s.”

Jack was drafted into the Army during World War II. After basic training he returned home, and the couple were married.

Around 1942, he was discharged and went to work for the electric company, then called Eastern Shore Public Service. Today, it’s Delmarva Power.

“He was a linesman when he first started, and he climbed poles,” Mumford said. “He put those spikes on his legs and climbed up those poles – they don’t do that now! They have a truck with a bucket.”

The couple had four children: Susan, Jay, Cynthia and Mike. She said Mike is the youngest and was born on her 46th birthday. Susan is the oldest.

“I have four children and four grandchildren – and I might have four great grandchildren,” Mumford said, pausing to count them off by name.

The family lived on Truitt Street in Salisbury for 38 years, and later nearby on Beaglin Park Drive.

Jack suffered from Alzheimer’s disease and passed away at Deer’s Head Hospital in Salisbury in 2006.

Mumford, on doctor’s orders not to drive any more, moved into the Gull Creek senior care facility in Berlin about eight years ago, at age 93.

Her daughter, Susan Blanton, often “ran back and forth” from Ocean Pines to help care for her.

“I lived there for four-and-half years, and then Susan said would it just be easier if you came and lived with me?” Mumford said.

That was four years ago in 2019, when Mumford moved in with Blanton on Ivanhoe Court in Ocean Pines.

Blanton said it was good timing, with the pandemic coming a year later and cutting off access to senior centers.

She said her mom was strict growing up.

“You didn’t mess with mother,” she said.

“But I always stuck up for you!” Mumford added. “She was seven months old before [her father] ever saw her,” because of his service.

Mumford said her children

helped out with small chores, like doing dishes and clearing the table.

“She didn’t make us do too much around the house, because we couldn’t do it to suit her,” Blanton said with a laugh. “But everyone always thought my mother was the nicest and the prettiest.”

Now, Blanton is the caretaker for her mother – when she’ll let her be.

“She can still take care of herself. She does her own laundry and makes the bed. She does let me cook, because she can’t really remember recipes,” Blanton said.

“She doesn’t want me to turn the stove on, that’s what it is!” Mumford added. “But she does the cooking and I eat it – whatever it is.”

Mumford said she enjoys being in Ocean Pines with her daughter.

“I’ve got my own bedroom, and there’s a sitting room and I read a lot,” she said. “I’ve read the same books over and over again.”

They also take frequent trips to the local library.

“I like books that were written back in the time when there were dukes and princes and things like that, like ‘Gone with the Wind.’ And I’ve read a lot of Nicholas Sparks books,” Mumford said.

One Sparks series that she’s read many times frustrates her to no end.

“He wrote these two books [in a series] and this guy was so much in love with this girl, and then she died. If you want to read a book about how somebody mourned, that will really hurt you,” Mumford said. “I said I’d never read another one of his books. He killed that girl! But anyway, I have read many more of them.”

The most recent, she said, was “The Last Song.”

She’s also read “With Every Breath I Take” by Celia Martin at least three times.

“Every time, you find something different,” she said.

Mumford celebrated her birthday on Friday at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club with family and friends.

She said the milestone “just means I’m getting older.”

Asked for words of wisdom on living to 101, Mumford said, “don’t smoke, don’t drink, but dance all you want.”

“Just be yourself,” she said. “And be honest.”



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Behind the wheel

Sitting in the backseat of the family 1960 Oldsmobile 88, I spent countless hours looking at other cars, learning to distinguish a Ford from a Chevy, a Buick Electra from a Buick LeSabre. I could identify the year and make of cars of the late 1960s and 1970s just by glimpsing their head or tail lights.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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For reasons that defy logic, I had an affinity for the 1972 Ford LTD station wagon, with faux-wood paneled sides. I would imagine sitting in the backseat of that car with our dog Lassie riding in the wayback, her head poking out the back window. I know, it makes no sense, we didn't even have a dog named Lassie.

Like most kids my age, the Ford Mustang was to me the coolest car on the road. When the time came, all I wanted was to get a Mustang and cruise around. It took a few years but my first new car was a 1986 Ford Mustang. It was a garden variety type, nothing fancy. It had none of the oomph of a Shelby or Cobra. It was a four-cylinder, stick shift with no air conditioning. And there were times when the car couldn't get out of its own way. But oh, how I loved it! The arrival of our first child illuminated the shortcomings of a Mustang as a family car so it was eventually traded for a Subaru Legacy wagon.

I learned to drive in my grandfather's 1965 Plymouth Barracuda, arguably the first pony car, hitting showrooms a couple months before the Mustang. This was the 'Cuda that had the curved back window, which was, I believe, the largest manufactured window made for a production car. By the time I was a teenager, the Barracuda was really showing its age; faded red paint, hubcaps long gone, dings and dents. The car had no power steering. Nonetheless, I enjoyed driving it. Gramps would let me drive the car when I was underage. He'd sit in the passenger seat giving me instructions like come to a complete stop at the traffic light, turn on the turn signal, check your mirrors and don't tell your mother.

The car had a slant six motor that seemed to always be in need of a tune up or minor adjustment. Many an afternoon

I spent under the hood of that car passing tools to my grandfather who was elbows deep in the engine. It was on this car that I learned basic auto maintenance like changing spark plugs and oil. Gramps was the type who believed that experience was the best teacher, going so far as not telling me to put something under the oil filter to capture dripping oil when I unscrewed it. What a mess! Watching him from under the car as oil dripped down my face, I swear I noticed a mischievous smirk flash across his face.

I had hoped that when I was licensed to drive the Barracuda would be mine. But it wasn't to be. Gramps sold the car when he purchased a new Chrysler. There wasn't enough room in the driveway for the new car, my grandmother's car (a 1973 Plymouth Gold Duster) and the old 'Cuda. So much to my chagrin, it was sold.

When it did come time for me to get my first car, my grandparents bought me a four door 1977 Plymouth Volare off Bill Leed's used car lot in Villas, NJ. It wasn't the emerald green with white interior Oldsmobile Cutlass 442 I wanted or the 1976 Pontiac Firebird I would have settled for, but it was my first car and I loved it. White with a gold vinyl top, it looked pretty spiffy. No air conditioning and only an AM radio, I didn't care, it was mine. It did have a neat feature though, turn signal indicators on either side of the hood. Why that feature and not air conditioning? I have no clue.

Gushing with youthful, first-car enthusiasm and pride, I washed and waxed that car more than I've ever washed and waxed any car since. It was the car I drove to Florida. And it was the car I drove during my senior year of high school and my first year of college. It was also the car I took my wife, then girlfriend, on a first date. Unfortunately, while driving between Villas, NJ and Philadelphia on a lonely backroad, a carload of migrant farmers blew through a stop sign, and smashed into the side of my car spinning it into a farmer's field. Fortunately, I was wearing my seatbelt. Unfortunately, the Volare was totaled.

Many years have passed since I last sat behind the wheel of that old Barracuda and the Volare. But the memories of those experiences remain as does my wish to have had that '76 Firebird. Well, there's still time to make new memories.

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Obituary

Rudy Magnone

Rudy Magnone was born on May 23, 1932 in the village of Brenizer, PA to Tito and Laura Magnone. He was the youngest of seven children. After graduating from high school in 1949, Rudy married his soulmate, Bernice (Hlad).



Rudy Magnone

In 1952 he joined the US Army. He served as an infantryman for two years of active combat duty in Korea in the US Army Third Division. He was seriously injured in combat but was always humble about his military career. He was, however, proud of the fact that he was made to scrub the bathrooms with a toothbrush after pointing out that a particular Lieutenant had gotten shot in the buttocks while running "the wrong way" in combat.

When he returned stateside, Rudy enrolled in Slippery Rock University, not sure if he would enjoy academic life. He thrived in college and went on to earn a B.S. in Education, a Master's in Education, a second Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling, and a PhD in Education/Behavioral Science from The University of WV, Temple University and The University of MI.

Rudy began his career as a high school teacher and youth counselor. He became the Director of

The Youth Corps in Elmira, NY, which was a work/study organization that served young people with intellectual disabilities.

Eventually, his career took him to New England, where he was the Regional Services Administrator for the MA Department of Mental Health. He then was appointed to the Governor's Cabinet in the State of Ohio as Director of the Ohio Dept. of Mental Retardation.

Rudy was then recruited as the Special Master to help the State of New York navigate through the famous

Willowbrook case. Rudy was instrumental in successfully finding appropriate placements for the thousands of patients who were displaced when the notorious institution was shut down.

Rudy then accepted a position in The State of Georgia as director of two of its largest hospitals that served people with developmental disabilities.

After finally retiring, not happy to be idle, Rudy volunteered with CASA of Worcester County MD, where he served as an advocate for children in foster care.

When not volunteering, Rudy's escapades include him race walking through the streets of Havana, Cuba, in the middle of the night after enjoying a show at La Tropicana, driving crazily through the streets of Milan, Italy, jumping out of perfectly good airplanes, cruising the neighborhood on his bike with this chihuahua riding in the basket, and other such nonsense.

On August 5, 2023, Rudy passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by love. Rudy was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, and his five sisters. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife, Bernice, whom he loved beyond human limits. He was the caring father of his children, Dino (Hollie) and Leah (Rob). He was the beloved Pappy to his grandchildren, Niko, Dina, Romy, Sienna, Aaliyah, Claudia, Shelbi and Marcus.

Rudy was kind, intelligent, compassionate, fearless, and loving. He was a scholar, a soldier, a civil rights activist, a humanitarian, and a friend to all. He will be deeply missed but his legacy will continue through the countless lives he touched.

Arrangements are in the care of Eastern Shore Cremation and Funeral Service, 504 Franklin Avenue, Berlin, Maryland 21811. To send condolences to the family, please visit www.easternshorecremation.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: LOWER SHORE CASA, Lower Shore CASA, Box 387, Salisbury, MD 21811. 443-782-3585

Artist registration remains open

The Worcester County Arts Council is currently accepting artists' registration for the Paint Worcester County, plein air event to be held September 17 - 23. This year's event will be proudly presented in partnership with the Worcester County Library Foundation.



Local and regional artists will paint outdoors at their leisure at any chosen location in Worcester County and compete for attractive cash prizes in this annual plein air competition.

Registration is open to experienced and novice painters, 18 years or older.

Registration, event schedule, and artists' guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org. Deadline to register:

August 31, 2023.

Artwork in this competition will be judged by Ann Coates, local art supported and owner of the Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine Gallery in Snow Hill, MD.

Visitors will have a unique opportunity to watch the artists as they set up their easels around Worcester County and paint picturesque scenes. Visitors are also invited to attend a free and open-to-the-public sale and exhibit, featuring work created during this event, to be held on Friday, September 22, from 5 pm - 7 pm and Saturday, September 23 from 10 am - 2 pm at the Berlin public library located at 13 Harrison Avenue. All artwork will be available for sale.

The selection of artwork will continue to be on display at the Berlin Library Gallery until October 30, 2023.

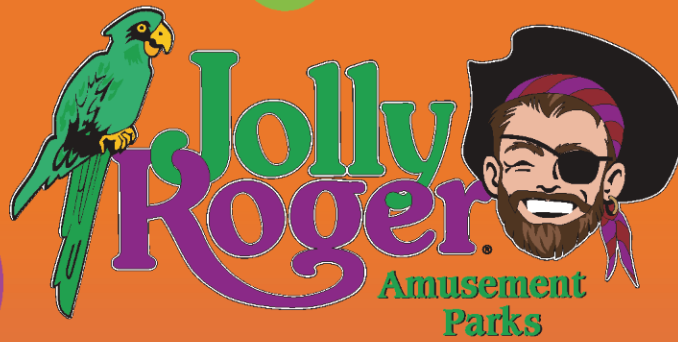
For more information, please contact the Arts Council at 410-641-0809.

Courier Almanac

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More than 62 million people in the United States identify as Hispanic or Latino, according to U.S. Census Bureau data from 2020. The states with the largest Hispanic populations are California, Texas and Florida. Forty percent of California residents, 40 percent of Texas residents and 30 percent of Florida residents identify as Hispanic/Latino. That means that more than half of the entire Hispanic population resides in these three states, and numbers are growing every year.



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Memorial hosts golf tournament to benefit education programs

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation announced the 16th annual Veterans Memorial Tournament, Wednesday, September 20 at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

The event will benefit education programs of the Memorial Foundation that include annual tours of the memorial grounds by all fifth-grade students in Worcester County.

The annual tours are part of a collaboration between the Worcester County Board of Education and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation. Tours are led by dedicated volunteer docents who share their knowledge of veterans' sacrifices, the history of different service branches, and flag etiquette.

Complementing these sessions, JROTC cadets from Stephen Decatur High School, Snow Hill High School, and Pocomoke High School provide hands-on guidance in proper flag handling and folding, helping to foster intergenerational connections and respect for the nation's heritage.

All students also receive an activity guide to reinforce those lessons and encourage ongoing conversations about their family's contributions and military service history.

The annual golf tournament is the major fundraiser for Memorial Foundation education programs.

The tournament will feature a scramble best ball format with a 9

a.m. shotgun start.

Registration is \$125 per player and includes tournament entry, golf cart, lunch, and access to tournament prizes.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at various levels, ranging from \$100 to \$2,000, with each offering distinct benefits.

The foundation also welcomes donations, gift certificates, and prizes for the tournament's silent auction. All contributions are tax-deductible.

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the tax ID EIN# 20-3130695.

For more information, contact Marie Gilmore at 410-726-2881 or opmarie@aol.com, or Don McMullen at 443-388-2941 or mcmullen1@aol.com.



Law enforcement class graduates

Worcester County law enforcement officers who graduated in the 90th entrance-level law enforcement class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by WorWic Community College in Salisbury are shown, in the front row, from left, **Nicolas Centeio, Timothy Chaykosky Jr., Ja-Quez Harrell, Ian Williams and Ezra Wong** of the Ocean City Police Department. In the back row, from left, are **Hunter Nelson and Andrew Ortiz** of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

Ernie Styles' Bavarian Hops Scramble returns

The Ocean Pines Golf Club will once again play host to the Ernie Styles' Bavarian Hops Scramble on Friday, August 25 at 4 p.m.

Originally conceived by the late Ernie Styles, the Bavarian Hops Scramble was designed as a fun, nine-hole experience where participants could engage in a friendly round of golf, accompanied by four refreshing hops beverages.

Laughter, camaraderie, and enjoyment were at the forefront of this unique event, with participants raising their glasses to toast cherished memories and contribute to local causes. Notable beneficiaries have included the Worcester County Humane Society and Diakonia, and the event has raised more than \$30,000 for local charities since its inception.

This year, Patty Curtin and Don McMullen have taken over as event

organizers.

The 2023 Ernie Styles' Bavarian Hops Scramble promises an array of exciting features:

-A nine-hole, two-person scramble, allowing participants to register as a team or as individuals.

-The opportunity to secure a "clear" low net on each hole, earning a skin and a share of the prize (pro shop credits).

-A spirited "closest-to-the-pin" competition on hole number seven, with the winner receiving the coveted "Hops Hat" for an entire year.

-A lively seventh tee box party designed for those not participating in the golf event.

-An inviting dinner is available at the Clubhouse Bar and Grille, extending camaraderie among Ocean Pines Golf friends.

-All proceeds are directed towards the worthy causes of Diakonia and the Worcester County Humane Society.

Entry is \$25 per person, and cart and greens fees are the responsibility of each participant. The registration deadline is Monday, Aug. 21.

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Golf Club issues reminder about course access and respect for property

The Ocean Pines Golf Club is offering a friendly reminder to the community about course access and the importance of respecting the property.

Golf Club staff are focused on ensuring the safety of registered golfers, preserving the course's integrity, and minimizing any potential damage or liability issues.

To help maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for all golfers, it is crucial that the public – including nonregistered individuals – refrain from accessing the course. Instances of unauthorized access pose risks such as accidents, property damage, vandalism, and interference with ongoing play.

To prevent such incidents and ensure the well-being of all participants, the Ocean Pines Golf Club would like to reinforce the following guidelines:

-Restricted access: The golf course is exclusively for registered golfers. No walking, biking, dog walking, or any other activities are permitted on the course. Additionally, no fishing is permitted anywhere on the golf course property.

-Safety and liability: Unauthorized access to the course can result in potential hazards and liability issues. It is important that community members and their children understand and respect these regulations to ensure the

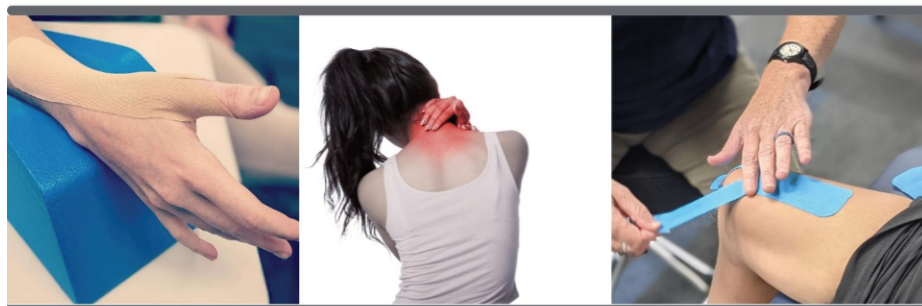
well-being of everyone involved.

-Property respect: The Ocean Pines Golf Club requests that all visitors to the course remain mindful and respectful of the course and its property. Engaging in any activities that may cause damage or disrupt play is strictly prohibited.

Golf Director Bob Beckelman said there have been incidents involving damage caused by individuals who access the course without authorization. He said these actions not only compromise the course's quality, but also hinder the enjoyment of golf for registered players.

"We kindly ask the community to cooperate and respect our regulations to ensure the safety and satisfaction of all our registered golfers. The golf course is a big asset to our community, and by adhering to the access guidelines we can continue to provide an exceptional golfing experience for everyone," Beckelman said.

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Cars will be \$20 (cash only) day of, but \$15 if they pre-register at <https://business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/2023-classic-car-jeep-show-14915>. The event is free for the public. Trophies will be awarded for Best Jeep, and car categories such as Antique, Classic, and Hot Rod. A variety of food vendors will be on hand with music provided by Radio Ocean City. This year's event is sponsored by Derrick Elzey State Farm Insurance and Seafloor Hardwood, Carpets and More. For more information, visit OceanPines-Chamber.org or contact them at (410) 641-5306, kerrie@oceanpines-chamber.org.



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Healthwatch

Avoid ticks and lyme disease this summer

By **Alyce Marzola**, MSN, RN
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Clinical Coordinator, Atlantic General Hospital Population Health Department*

Nearly 500,000 people in the United States contract Lyme disease each year. Ticks carrying the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* pass it to humans by a bite, which causes the bacteria to migrate through the skin and sometimes into the bloodstream. Antibiotics offered soon after can help most people.

Blood tests can take several weeks to turn positive, however, so recognizing the early symptoms is important. The most common indicator is a rash that develops after you've spent time outdoors, especially if it has a bullseye or circular shape that expands over a day or two.

Undiagnosed cases of Lyme can lead to serious complications, including arthritis, meningitis and heart problems. About 10% to 20% of people experience persistent fatigue, joint pain, mental impairment and

other symptoms lasting for months to years.

Ticks have an incredible ability to hitchhike. While spending time outdoors this summer, keep the following tips in mind to avoid tick bites and Lyme disease:

-Be sure to avoid tall grass and dense brush by staying toward the middle of hiking trails.

-Wear light-colored clothing so you can easily spot the dark-colored bugs. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and closed-toed shoes, tucking your pants legs into your socks.

-Use proven repellents, containing at least 20% DEET.

-Spray repellent on your skin, ideally in an open area, according to the directions on product labels.

-DEET can be used on children and infants older than two months, according to the U.S. Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention. Avoid applying the product to children's hands and around the eyes and mouth. Children under age 10 shouldn't apply repellent to themselves.

-Consider spraying clothing, shoes and camping gear with insecticides that contain 0.5% permethrin, following label instructions and applying the chemical in a well-ventilated area.

-Keep the spray and any still-wet treated items away from cats, because permethrin is toxic to them.

-Do regular tick checks when you're outside, even if you're dressed defensively, and check again every time you come indoors.

-Take a shower and feel for new bumps on soapy skin. This can also wash away the tick before it has a chance to bite.

-Pay special attention to areas where ticks try to hide, including under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the toes, under hair, in groin areas and near the waist.

-Wash clothing after time spent outdoors.

Ticks can transmit Lyme disease after being attached 36 to 72 hours, so finding them earlier helps.

If you do find a tick, use pointed tweezers to remove it. Grasp the tick at its mouth where it's attached to your skin, and pull back slowly, steadily and firmly, as you would do for a splinter. The tick will eventually ease out. After removing the tick, clean the area with soap and water.

If you develop a rash, call your doctor and ask for a Lyme test. But take note: Not all tick bites produce the bullseye or lead to any rash at all.

It's important to also pay attention to how you're feeling. See a doctor if you have fatigue, fever, aches and pains, or headaches.



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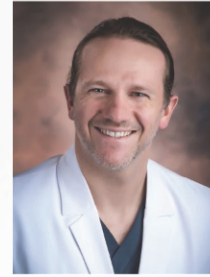
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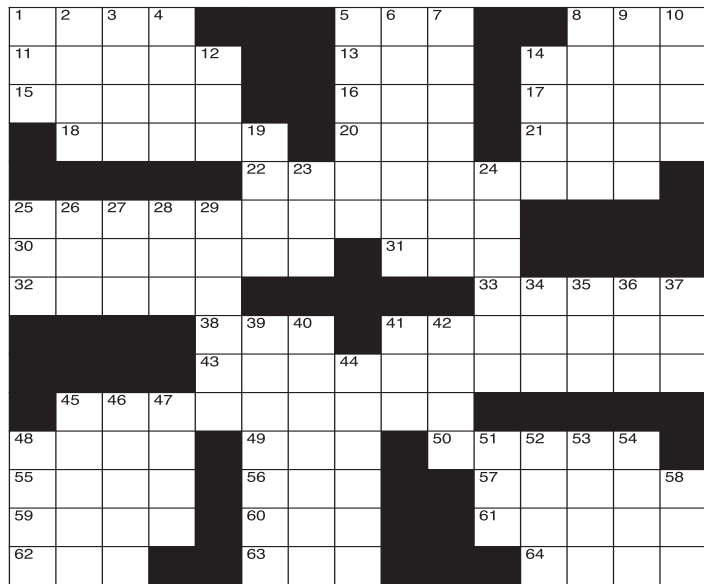


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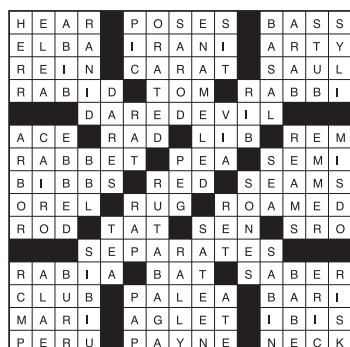


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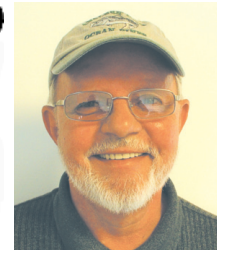
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- 8. Monetary unit of Burma
- 11. Twyla __, US dancer
- 13. Everything included
- 14. "Antman" actor Rudd
- 15. Italian city
- 16. Nowhere to be found
- 17. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 18. Turkish officer
- 20. Perform on stage
- 21. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 22. Canadian coastal provinces
- 25. Furnishes anew
- 30. Edible mollusk
- 31. No seats available
- 32. Garden figurine
- 33. Two-legged support
- 38. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 41. In a silly way
- 43. One from the Golden State
- 45. Photographers
- 48. Native religion in parts of China
- 49. Dickens character
- 50. Broadway actress Daisy
- 55. Ancient Greek sophist
- 56. Undivided
- 57. Daniel __, French composer
- 59. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 60. Rusty
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Patti Hearst's captors
- 63. Popular global holiday (abbr.)
- 64. Tall, slender plant

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- 2. Fellow
- 3. It's issued from volcanoes
- 4. Type of acid
- 5. Winged nut
- 6. Arouses
- 7. Things are served on it
- 8. San Diego ballplayer
- 9. Currency and a Chinese dynasty
- 10. __ mater, one's school
- 12. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 14. Hairstyle
- 19. Supreme ancient Egyptian god
- 23. They __
- 24. Connecting line on a map
- 25. Mock
- 26. One point north of due east
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Answers for August 9



It's not too early to think fall striper fishing

Fishing Report: The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament was once again a great success. The weather was great but a little windy. The water was fairly clear. Quite a few fish were caught mostly on live Bunker and Gulp. Well run tournament.

Fall Rock or Striper fishing: This is the time of year to begin looking forward to when the water cools that rock fishing improves with the fall migration. They are not a difficult fish to catch but you need to know what equipment is used, when and where to fish, baits and how to fish for rock. Rock can be caught from a boat, bridge, surf or bulkhead. For the purpose of this column, I am going to focus on fishing from a boat. Also, don't forget to check the DNR website for current regulations.

Equipment: A medium action spinning or conventional rod and reel are required but one that has enough backbone to set the hook. I personally prefer a conventional rod and reel because I find it easier to use particularly when bottom fishing. For rock I will use 15 lb. or 17 lb. monofilament line with a three-way swivel tied to the end to which I attach approximately 30 inches of 40lb. test fluorocarbon or monofilament leader material and a 2.5 oz. or 3 oz. weight depending on the tidal flow. At the business end of the leader attach either a circle hook in the range of #4/0 to #6/0. At times I will also use a fish finder rig. If fishing plugs or other artificial baits simply attach a swivel at the business end of the line to attach the lures.

Where and when to fish: Rock fishing by boat is best in deeper water such as the East Channel, Harbor Island, the inlet along the North and South Jetty. Off shore in locations such as Gull Shoal or just off the Coast Guard Station

but remember to stay within the 3-mile limit. I prefer to fish the incoming tide and the first two hours of the outgoing tide early in the morning or at night are the best times.

Baits and how to fish: When fishing from a boat and fish are in the area two deadly baits are live spot and live eels fished close to the bottom on the rig I described earlier. Spot should be hooked through the upper lip and out the hard tissue next to the nostril. Eels should be hooked through the eyes or lips then simply drop your rig to the bottom and drift with the tide. Be certain you have enough weight to hold bottom. Other options are to cast plugs, lures, or bucktail jigs with a worm attached along the bulkhead in the East Channel or along the jetties in the Inlet. Some popular lures are soft body worms and shad, Gotcha plugs, Rattletrap, Zoom flukes, Roy's Rig and Mirror lures are also popular. Also, don't overlook trying peelers and bloodworms.

Fishing with eels: Although eels are excellent bait for rock fishing they are difficult to handle and will frequently twist up your line if not handled properly. I keep my eels on ice which reduces their activity and will retrieve them from the bucket with a paper towel or glove. A helpful hint once hooked, keep their tail in the water and they will not twist your line.

Did you know?

Oysters have been around for approximately 15 million years? Or that they can change their gender? In fact, often more than once.

Your next raw oyster may still be alive as you eat it. The next time someone shucks you a fresh oyster, its likely breathing. Give it a poke with a fork to see if it moves.

Until next time remember to take a kid fishing,
Capt. Ron

Should you downsize when you retire?

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

When you retire, you'll experience many changes — should one of them involve your living arrangements?



John Bennish

The issue of downsizing is one that many retirees will consider. If you have children, and they've grown and left the home, you might find yourself with more space

than you really need. Of course, this doesn't necessarily mean you must pack up and scale down yourself. You might love your home and neighborhood and see no reason to go. But if you're open to a change, you could find that moving to a smaller house, a condo or an apartment may make sense for you.

Let's consider some of the advantages of downsizing:

- *You could save money.* Moving to a smaller space could lower your utility bills and upkeep costs.
- *You could save effort.* A smaller home will mean less maintenance and cleaning.
- *You could de-clutter.* Over the

years, most of us accumulate more possessions than we really need. Downsizing gives you a chance to de-clutter. And you can do some good along the way, too, because many charitable organizations will welcome some of your items.

• *You could make money.* If you've had your home for many years, it's certainly possible that it's worth more — perhaps a great deal more — than what you paid for it. So, when you sell it, you could pocket a lot of money — possibly without being taxed on the gains. Generally, if you've lived in your home for at least two years in the five-year period before you sold it, you can exclude \$250,000 of capital gains, if you're single, or \$500,000 if you're married and file taxes jointly. (You'll want to consult with your tax advisor, though, before selling your home, to ensure you're eligible for the exclusion, especially if you do own multiple homes. Issues can arise in connection with determining one's "primary" residence.)

While downsizing does offer some potentially big benefits, it can also entail some drawbacks. First of all, it's possible that your home might not be worth as much as you had hoped, which means you won't clear as much

money from the sale as you anticipated. Also, if you still were paying off a mortgage on your bigger home, you may have been deducting the interest payments on your taxes — a deduction that might be reduced or lost to you if you purchase a less-expensive condo or become a renter. Besides these financial factors, there's the ordinary hassle of packing and moving. And if you're going to a much smaller living space, you may not have much room for family members who want to visit or occasionally spend the night.

So, as you can see, you'll need to weigh a variety of financial, practical and emotional issues when deciding whether to downsize. And you will also want to communicate your thoughts to grown children or other family members who may someday have reason to be involved in your living space. In short, it's a big decision — so give it the attention it deserves.

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Day	High / Low	Tide Time
Th 17	Low	3:12 AM
17	High	9:18 AM
17	Low	3:08 PM
17	High	9:43 PM
F 18	Low	3:45 AM
18	High	9:57 AM
18	Low	3:46 PM
18	High	10:19 PM
Sa 19	Low	4:18 AM
19	High	10:36 AM
19	Low	4:27 PM
19	High	10:55 PM
Su 20	Low	4:52 AM
20	High	11:14 AM
20	Low	5:09 PM
20	High	11:31 PM
M 21	Low	5:28 AM
21	High	11:54 AM
21	Low	5:55 PM
Tu 22	High	12:09 AM
22	Low	6:07 AM
22	High	12:37 PM
22	Low	6:46 PM
W 23	High	12:51 AM
23	Low	6:50 AM
23	High	1:25 PM
23	Low	7:42 PM

Ocean Pines Police adopts body camera policy

Ocean Pines Police have adopted a policy for body cameras that were expected to go into use last week.

Body cameras were leased by Ocean Pines at an annual cost of \$30,000. However, there was a delay



PFC John Pianka

in implementation because police first needed to adopt a policy to use the equipment.

Police Chief Tim Robinson said he reviewed and approved a "body worn camera" policy and was able to get the equipment out to the officers of the Ocean Pines Police Department.

"These body cameras are an incredible tool. First and foremost, they act almost as an independent witness to what happened. In my professional experience, they have been invaluable to ascertaining an accurate accounting of what transpired on any scene involving a police officer," Robinson said.

General Manager John Viola said the body cameras will benefit both police and the Ocean Pines public.

"Safety is always a top priority, and we believe the use of these cameras will help foster mutual trust and accountability between our dedicated police force and our valued Ocean Pines homeowners and residents," Viola said.

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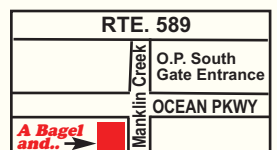
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Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet by **Jack Barnes**

Getting Older

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks. "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" 'Sure.' 'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks. 'No, I can remember it.' 'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?' He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.' 'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks. Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!' Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. 'Where's my toast?'

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great I would recommend it very highly.' The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant? The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns.' 'Do you mean a rose?' 'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a

student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. 'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year-old buddy: 'So I hear you're getting married?' 'Yep!' 'Do I know her?' 'Nope!' 'This woman, is she good-looking?' 'Not really.' 'Is she a good cook?' 'Nah, she can't cook too well.' 'Does she have lots of money?' 'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.' 'Well, then, is she good in bed?' 'I don't know.' 'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?' 'Because she can still drive!'

A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect. 'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?' 'Twelve thirty.'

Morris, an 82-year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, 'I didn't say that... I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful'

One more. A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?' 'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'

Senator Carozza named Legislative All-Star by Maryland Retailers

The Maryland Retailers Association (MRA) again has recognized Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R-District 38) as a 2023 Legislative All-Star for her support of the retail business community.

"We have some of the most creative retail operators right here on the Shore who offer quality products to local residents and visitors alike," said Senator Carozza who represents businesses in Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset. "I will continue to support policies that give these operators the flexibility they need to be job creators and to be successful with their businesses."

Senator Carozza worked with MRA on legislation assigned to the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee on which she serves. Her efforts helped ensure that the concerns of Maryland retailers were considered on several pieces of legislation, including:

-SB 250 – Environment – Climate Crisis Plan – Requirement, which was opposed by MRA, would require climate crisis plans at the county level, creating a patchwork of policies with a variety of standards and compliance deadlines that would further encumber the daily operations of retailers. The Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee did not advance SB 250.

-SB 260 – Maryland Paint Stewardship bill, which was opposed by MRA, would set a dangerous precedent by awarding State taxing authority to a private entity without addressing organizational issues and costs. SB 260 passed the full Senate by a 35-12 vote but was not passed by the House of Delegates before the end of the 2023 legislative session. Carozza voted against SB 260.

-SB 916 – Environment – Ethylene Oxide – Prohibition, which was opposed by MRA, would prohibit the use of a chemical compound used in a wide variety of manufacturing production and industries including the production of textiles, personal products like shampoo and laundry detergent, and automotive products like antifreeze and brake fluid, and the sterilization of spices and medical equipment. SB 916 was not advanced by the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.

-SB 222 – Environment –

Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment and Producer Responsibility for Packaging Materials, which while intended to have packaging producers take more responsibility for the life cycle of their products, would penalize packaging producers and increase the cost of products. SB 222 passed the General Assembly and was signed into law by Governor Wes Moore on May 8. Carozza supported amendments to SB 222 designed to reduce the burden on retailers and voted against final passage of SB 222.

The MRA is a diverse organization covering all segments of the retail industry and consists of thousands of retailers across the State. The MRA represents the traditional retail business industry, the Tri-State Jewelers Association, the Maryland Chain Drug Store Association, and the Maryland Food Dealers Council, and advocates for local businesses through partnership with the Maryland Main Street Program.

Film challenge to present entries, winners

The Ocean City Film Festival presents "Film Challenge Night," showing the entries into the 6th Annual Ocean City Film Challenge, on Saturday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m. at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St. bayside. All are welcome, and advanced tickets are not required. A \$5 donation at the door is suggested.

Twenty entries were received into the 2023 challenge and will be screened on Film Challenge Night. The films will be screened outdoors on the tennis courts next to the Arts Center, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, the films will be shown indoors at the Arts Center.

The 6th Annual Ocean City Film Challenge inspired filmmakers to produce an original short film no longer than 15 minutes and made between July 1 and July 31, 2023. Films must have been shot in Ocean City or outside of Ocean City, but with the resort central to the premise of the film.

B.L. Strang-Moya, creative director

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of the OC Film Festival, said, "Ocean City is a beautiful landscape, and there's so much that filmmakers can take advantage of right here in town. This year, we challenged filmmakers to explore their creative boundaries by featuring the re-

sort in new ways."

The OC Film Festival will announce the winning films on Film Challenge Night and award prizes to the winners. Prizes include an Ocean City hotel stay, swag bag, and two all-access passes during the 2024 OC Film Festival. The films will also be screened at the Film Festival in March 2024.



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