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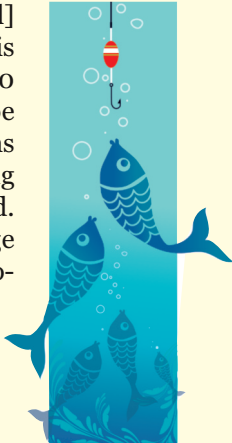
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### Fishing contest set

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will host the 20th annual Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest on Saturday July 23 at the South Gate Pond [near Sports Core Pool] in Ocean Pines. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the contest will be from 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Youths should bring their own fishing rod and reel. Bait is provided. There will be three age groups; 4-7, 8-11, 12-16. A trophy will be awarded for the biggest fish in each age group. Participants in each age group will be given special awards for the three largest fish and for the most fish. Children younger than age four can fish but will not be eligible for a trophy. All participants will receive a prize compliments of the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club and the Maryland Salt-water Sportfishing Association. For information call Walt Boge at 410-208-2855.



### Pines Players to perform

The Ocean Pines Players address life, the universe and everything in the acclaimed one-act comedy "The Whole Shebang." The show runs for two weekends only, July 22-24 and July 29-31, at the Life Center at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 103<sup>rd</sup> St and Coastal Highway in Ocean City.

Show times are as follows: July 22-23 and 29-30 (Friday and Saturday): doors open at 6 p.m.; show time is 7 p.m.; July 24 and 31 (Sunday): doors open at 3 p.m.; show time is 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15, payable at the door and includes both plays and the audience interaction, live pre-show entertainment, free snacks, punch, and wine before the show and coffee and dessert at intermission. Seating is limited so the Players advise making reservations, by phone at 410-208-6787 or by email at [oceanpinesplayers@gmail.com](mailto:oceanpinesplayers@gmail.com).

The Ocean Pines Players is an all-volunteer local 501(c)3 non-profit organization, whose mission includes enriching the local community through the performing arts. All profits from performances go directly back to the community through youth scholarships, historical and performing arts education, and the community outreach and support programs operated by their host venue, St. Peter's Lutheran Church.



### Chaplain discusses end of life preparation

Kiwanian and Chaplain Reverend **David Herr** was the guest speaker at the July 6 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City. Reverend Herr is a Methodist minister who previously served three local congregations before being re-assigned July 1 to Girdletree-Stockton. He has 20 years of experience as a hospital chaplain where he has encountered the challenges of patients and families who have not prepared for end of life circumstances. Rev. Herr discussed the importance of discussing such issues early to avoid problems and familial disagreements. He suggested Googling information on the topic and suggested the book, "The Conversation," as a great resource. He also urged that Living Wills, Healthcare Powers of Attorney and other wishes be prepared and discussed with family.

# Chincoteague gearing up for annual Pony Penning event

It will soon be Pony Penning time on Chincoteague, the small island off the northeast coast of Virginia.

Tens of thousands of people are expected to line the shores of Memorial Park and Pony Swim Lane in just under three weeks to watch the world-famous Chincoteague Ponies make their annual pilgrimage from Assateague Island, VA to Chincoteague Island. Charter boats line the Assateague Channel creating a pathway for the ponies as they make their yearly swim from shore to shore. This unique event was made famous by Marguerite Henry's book "Misty of Chincoteague" in 1947 and a Hollywood movie in 1961.

The traditional Beach Walk on Assateague Island at 6 a.m. on Monday, July 25 begins the week's festivities.

The north herd of wild Chincoteague Ponies will join the south herd to await the "big day." The annual swim on Wednesday, July 27 is at the earliest morning slack tide.

Visit [www.chincoteaguechamber.com](http://www.chincoteaguechamber.com) and the chamber Facebook page for updates on a more definite time and for shuttle bus information. The auction of foals takes place on Thursday morning July 28 at 8 a.m. at the Carnival Grounds on Main Street. "All proceeds from one of the buy backs this year will benefit Special Olympics of Virginia Eastern Shore Area 19," according to Roe Terry, public relations officer for the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company. The week's events culminate with the return swim of the adult ponies to Assateague on Friday morning July 29 (time to be announced). The Chincoteague Volunteer Fire-



man's Carnival will be open July 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 25-30 from 7-11 p.m. featuring rides, games, raffles, fabulous Eastern Shore food and local, live entertainment. Come get your oyster or clam fritter, enjoy the rides and games, and purchase chances on a

truckload of prizes offered by local non-profit organizations.

Visit the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce at [www.chincoteaguechamber.com](http://www.chincoteaguechamber.com) for details on all events and activities.



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**A touch of Italy** - At the Sons of Italy June 23 meeting, **Carrie Linch** (on left) brought 14 Italian students, working locally during for the summer, and treated them to dinner. Each student spoke about their interesting Italian heritage. **Vito Portenza**, president of the local Sons of Italy club in Ocean City, is on the right.

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## Counties partner to host Zika meeting

As part of the State of Maryland's ongoing Zika awareness campaign, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) Deputy Secretary of Public Health Services Dr. Howard Haft will visit the shore on August 1 to speak at a Zika Town Hall open to the public and held at the Tri-County Council building from 5 to 7 p.m. The Wicomico and Worcester County Health Departments are partnering to co-host the town hall, which will include background on Zika and tips on how to prevent transmission of the virus.

Zika is a disease caused by the Zika virus, spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito. Symptoms of Zika can include fever, rash, joint pain and red eyes. Though symptoms are usually mild, Zika has the potential to cause serious birth defects during pregnancy including microcephaly (abnormally small head development), and other severe fetal brain defects.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have stated – because transmission has chiefly occurred through the bite of the *aedes aegypti* mosquito – that preventing mosquito bites is the best way to prevent infection. The CDC also has

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# OPA candidates participate in forum

By **Chip Bertino**

They came. They spoke. They hoped to sway opinion and accrue votes.

The candidates running to fill three open seats on the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors assembled in the Parke Clubhouse on July 6 for a forum. All 11 candidates were in attendance: Jack Collins, Frank Daly, Brett Hill, Tom Janasek, Steve Lind, Doug Parks, Larry Perrone, George Simon, Patricia Supik, Slobodan Trendic and Ray Unger.

Among those in the audience were OPA Board Vice President Cheryl Jacobs and Dave Stevens, a resident of The Parke.

Parke resident Steve Habeger moderated the two-hour forum in which candidates answered questions and had the opportunity to ask questions of each other. Many of the questions revolved around the direction and management of the community. Because of the format the candidates did

not have an opportunity to address all the topics discussed.

## Yacht Club Management

Lack of accountability and poor management were themes that ran through many of the candidates comments about the Yacht Club.

*"We need to protect the essence of Ocean Pines"*

-Doug Parks

"It's a beautiful facility," said Janasek. But he believes it's run poorly. "The biggest problem is no accountability." He said

it needs to be run better, that there is too much staff. He said facility manager Jerry Lewis should get a bonus when the club makes money. "It's not run professionally. That's the biggest problem I have." He stated that he did not vote for the new club facility, preferring renovation of the old facility.

Parks said there is a "great opportunity" at the facility. He said it needs to be run as a business and that from a

marketing perspective, calling it a Yacht Club could make it seem exclusive and deter customers from outside the Pines.

"If you look at the Yacht Club and the last six months have been worse than the previous years' same six-month period," said Hill. "It's not going in the right direction. It's a failure." Referring to the Yacht Club operation during his closing statement, Hill said, "This month we had a credit card machine that wasn't working on

Fourth of July weekend, cash bar only and we shut down the Tiki Bar with 150 people on the deck to watch fireworks. How is that a board of directors' problem? That's management. Management has to be fixed and the board of directors is responsible for doing that."

*The Courier* called General Manager Bob Thompson to inquire about Hill's comments. As of press time,

*please see forum on page 8*

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Different beaches (and states) have different colored flags and assigned meanings, so be sure to ask the lifeguard if you're not sure what the flags signify.



Generally, red flags indicate strong surf and currents (i.e., "Be Careful!"). At some

beaches, red means "beach closed" — so be sure to check before entering the water. Yellow flags indicate moderate surf and currents — the water is likely to be rough but not exceedingly dangerous. Exercise caution and stay near the lifeguards. Green flags indicate the ocean is calm or clear (though it's always smart to remain alert). Blue or purple flags often indicate that potentially dangerous marine life (think sharks or jellyfish) are in the area or have been spotted nearby. Use caution. And remember: Not all beaches are suitable for swimming, so know the rules before you set foot on the sand.

## Annual chamber flounder tournament gearing up

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Flounder Fishing Tournament on Saturday August 6.

There will be cash prizes for the largest flounder caught. The first place winner will get \$500 plus a trophy. Second place angler will win \$300 and the third place largest flounder will win \$100. There will be an optional Calcutta contest for \$10 with cash prizes to the first, second and third place for the largest flounder caught by an angler who enters the Calcutta. With more than 250 anglers, last year's first place

winner took home almost \$2,000.

The tournament is a relaxing, fun contest. Participants can fish from the shore, pier, private boat, flounder party boats or charter boats, really anywhere in Maryland and Delaware coastal waters between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. on tournament day. The tournament excludes the Chesapeake Bay. Fish must be caught within three nautical miles of shore and inland waters to the Virginia state lines.

The weigh-in will take place at Pines Point Marina located at 869 Yacht Club Drive in Ocean Pines between noon and 4 p.m. Entrants can bring in legal sized flounder (16" or larger- up to 4 fish per angler) for weighing-in.

The first 100 entries also receive a free T-shirt. T-shirts will also be

available for purchase at the Ocean Pines Chamber office on Cathell Road or at the weigh-in the day of the tournament for \$10

Anglers must be registered for the contest by Friday August 5 at 3 p.m. to participate in the tournament.

Entry forms are available at the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce office at 11031 Cathell Road or you can now register on-line at OceanPinesChamber.org. Just click on Events from the home page. Entry fee is \$35 per person with discount for multiple fishermen. (2 or more \$30 per person)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Ocean Pines Chamber office at 410-641-5306 or E-Mail at info@OceanPinesChamber.org

## Taylor Bank plans to expand into Chincoteague

Raymond M. Thompson, President and CEO of Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares, Inc. and Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company, has announced that the bank has made application with the Maryland Division of Financial Regulation, The Virginia



Ray Thompson

Bureau of Financial Institutions, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to establish a new branch location at 4116 Main St. within the town limits of Chincoteague, Virginia. The proposed full-service branch will provide general banking services to residents and businesses located in the Chincoteague and northern Accomack County, Virginia areas.

The non-confidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

Calvin B. Taylor Bank is a community bank providing deposit and loan services to consumers and businesses through 10 offices located in Worcester County, MD, and lower Sussex County, DE. Information on the bank is also available through its website, www.taylorbank.com.



**Award** - High school senior Kira Yates was given a monetary educational award by Ocean Pines Chapter AK of PEO for her outstanding accomplishments in high school. She plans to attend the University of Maryland in the Honors Program.

Above from left to right: **Barbara Ferger, Donna Hickey, Kira Yates, Margaret Yates and Lita Yates.**



## 'Dawg' Team celebrates 4th

The Kiwanis "Dawg" Team added hamburgers to the normal hot dog venue at this year's 4th of July festivities held at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines. Pictured are (L-R) **Dan Peletier, Charlie Warner, Pat Winklemayer, Robin Beall, Barb Peletier** (president-elect), **Joe Beall** and **Ralph Chinn.**

# Memory recall and when to use it

From time to time my wife and I will go to the furniture store. It's not that we're looking to buy something in particular it's more to get ideas on how we might like, someday, to refurnish a particular room. Such was the case on a Saturday not too long ago when,

matter.

Our children learned early on that their mother had quite a good memory and that they should not attempt to circumvent or parse something she had told them regardless of how far in the past the conversation occurred.

One or two of them may have tried once or twice to pull a fast one but they eventually gave up when they realized the consequence to such behavior just wasn't worth it. How many times do you really want to joust with a wind-

mill? It took one of the children a little longer to answer that question.

Despite the multiple gigabyte memory at my wife's disposal she possesses an instinct or maybe better described as a personality trait that is

just as powerful: the ability to forget things that are not all that important or the stupid things her husband has done over the years. Although I don't want to provide too many examples to illustrate this point for fear of charging up the spousal memory banks, one or two are probably in order.

Not long after our first child was born I completely forgot that a particular Sunday in May would be my wife's first Mother's Day. It's not like I forgot the day. Oh, no. I remembered to get a gift for my mother and grandmother but completely forgot my wife. It wasn't until a couple days later when the deafening silence around the house became too much to bear that I learned of my mistake. To her credit once I realized my utter stupidity and insensitivity I've not heard of this oversight again.

Then there was the time when I bought a new car without consulting her. It was a really nice car and I was excited to bring it home and show her. Let's just say that fortunately for me the front seat reclined and it was a comfortable place to sleep for a few nights. She has never brought this episode up again. Also, I've not purchased anything of consequence since that episode without spousal consultation.

## It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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not really having else to do, we ventured out to several different stores.

At one of the stores that we've been to multiple times over the years, my wife was interested in looking once again at furniture we liked for our family room. Just after we passed through the front door my wife took off at a deliberate pace. It took me several moments and a rather athletic vault over an ottoman to catch up with her.

"Where are you going?" I asked. Still looking and heading forward she replied, "To the furniture we liked." She honed in on that furniture that we had last seen a couple months ago like a heat seeking missile. When she finally came to a stop, and I had reached her gasping for breath, she was a little perturbed it wasn't there. Fortunately it had been moved just a few feet away to another gallery.

So where am I going with this? Well, it never ceases to amaze me the memory capability possessed by my wife. The fact that she can recall exactly where some furniture was situated in a store we hadn't visited in a couple months is just the tip of the iceberg. It's when she remembers conversations that took place years ago that her talent is illuminated in full color. She remembers just about everything or at the very least has a convincing way of making me believe that I don't remember as much as she does. That could be true. Maybe. To be sure I had forgotten about the furniture we liked and the store for that

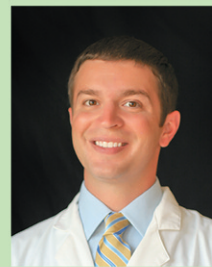


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Paddle the Pocomoke for GOLD, a fundraiser for the local charity, will attract outdoor enthusiasts and provide family entertainment on Saturday, August 20 at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company facilities in Snow Hill, between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Board President Carol Jacobs says, "We hope to feed the bodies and the souls of participants who will enjoy canoeing or kayaking the River for a good cause. GOLD will be using the proceeds of the event to meet the emergency needs of local families this winter."

Guests will experience the wildlife of the Pocomoke River on guided tours, enjoy a cookout-style meal, and relax to the live music of Frank Nanna and son. Adult tickets include two complimentary wines or beers. All guests will receive entries into raffles: one for an overnight stay for two at Snow Hill's River House Inn (including a canoe trip and lunch) and the second, for a basket of goodies selected to delight the outdoor enthusiast (including an Assateague Island

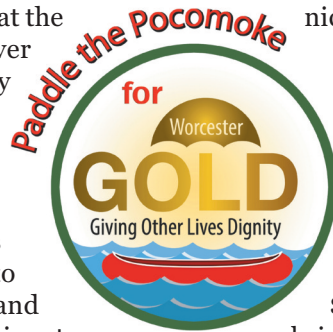
pass, picnic ware, beach towels and a yoga mat.)

The event will provide the watercraft to paddle one of two guided, scenic routes. *The Jaunt* will go southward to Goat Island and back, while *The Expedition* will head northward for a longer paddle. The cost for adult canoers/kayakers is \$50; for children under 10 and for those who wish to skip the paddle, the cost is \$25. Guests are welcome to bring their own canoes or kayaks.

Barry Laws, proprietor of the Pocomoke River Canoe Company, is donating his facility and its watercraft for the fundraiser. Laws says, "We hope that our canoeing and kayaking communities will support this relaxing event to assure that those less fortunate will have resources to meet their emergency needs. Our staff also is looking forward to introducing some young people and novice paddlers to the joys of the sport." The Canoe Co. sits right on the Pocomoke River at the corner of River and Washington Streets in downtown Snow Hill.

The funds raised at the event will support GOLD's charitable programs. Since its founding in 1996, Worcester County GOLD has been providing emergency assistance to those living in poverty in Worcester County. Emergency assistance funds are used for housing, utilities, food, medication other essential services. Along with emergency assistance, GOLD offers several special projects throughout the year: the Spring Basket Project, School Supplies for Students Project, and Helping Hands for the Holidays. These special projects—made possible with the help of generous sponsors in the community—provide services for hundreds of children and vulnerable adults each year. Additionally, several other programs targeting the needs of specific groups are provided by GOLD. These include the Baby Pantry, which provides diapers and baby-care supplies for emergency needs. A summer camp fund provides recreational and social opportunities for at-risk children.

For more information and to register for Paddle the Pocomoke for GOLD, visit [www.worcestergold.org](http://www.worcestergold.org), or call GOLD's Executive Director, Claire Otterbein, at 410-677-6830.



**New officers** — New platform tennis officers were recently installed for the 2016-2017 year. From left to right are **Dawn Gallick** (treasurer), **Susan Morris** (president), **Vin Morris** (vice president) and **Jim Freeman** (member at large). Secretary Ginger Burke is not present.

## Ocean Pines to host junior tennis open

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department and Delmarva Beach Tennis will host the Ocean Pines Junior Tennis Open on Saturday, July 23 at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex.

This non-sanctioned competitive tournament is offered to current and future high school students. The match format for singles will be eight-game pro sets. Registered players will play at least two matches.

The entry fee is \$20 per person and includes an event t-shirt. Registration forms may be obtained at the Ocean Pines Community Center, the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex or online at [OceanPines.org](http://OceanPines.org). The deadline for entry is Wednesday, July 20.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on Sunday, July 24.

For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

### zika

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confirmed that people who have traveled to countries where the virus is actively transmitted (the Caribbean, Central American and South American countries) should abstain from unprotected sexual activity, especially if their partner is a woman who is pregnant or who could become pregnant.

For more information on the Zika virus, mosquito prevention and the upcoming town hall, visit [worcesterhealth.org](http://worcesterhealth.org) or [wicomico-health.org](http://wicomico-health.org) or call 410.632.4321 in Worcester or 410.749.1244 in Wicomico. The Tri-County Council building is located at 917 Mount Hermon Road, Salisbury, MD 21804. You can register for the town hall by visiting [www.eventbrite.com/e/zika-town-hall-meeting-tickets-25316507355](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/zika-town-hall-meeting-tickets-25316507355).

The town hall is free to attend, but due to limited space, registration is required.



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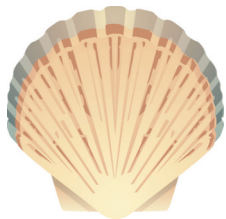




*I Love to Cook!*

by Bev Wisch

I recently purchased some fresh scallops and treated my hubby to a nice baked scallop dinner. As he kept eating, he remarked, "You must put this recipe in your column." I think he did enjoy it and you can too so here is the recipe. When choosing fresh scallops make sure they are nice and white which indicates their freshness. Corn on the cob is a nice side plus a salad.



**Baked Scallops**  
2 lbs. fresh scallops  
4 T. melted butter  
Lemon pepper  
Garlic Salt  
Pepper

Juice of half lemon

Place washed scallops in a casserole dish in a single layer. Top with seasonings. Bake for 20 minutes at 400 degrees or until scallops are tender. Place under broiler for five minutes more to brown slightly. Serve on toast points and add a little more butter and lemon juice; serves six.

If you prefer your scallops fried, try this recipe.

Fried Scallops

Wash scallops, dip in beaten egg, then flour and fry for five to 10 minutes, turning when half done. Season with garlic salt and pepper. Drain on paper towels and serve with tartar sauce.

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there had been no response.

**Reserves**

“As it stands now the reserve fund is way too high,” believes Lind when asked about long term planning as it pertains to replacement reserves and capital improvements. He doesn’t believe it’s practical to have a high reserve balance because it could be used for projects for which the fund was not intended. He referred to a suggestion that the fund could be reduced and money refunded to property owners. He was unsure of the practicality of such a notion. “I’m worried that it’s just being used as a savings account to pay for a new Country Club.”

“We have too much money sitting around in the hands of really one person,” said Hill when asked the same question. “We need to shift the focus from what we think we’re going to build here to see what can be fixed up. If we were managing our operating budget properly then put money into repairing facilities. We wouldn’t need to have \$9 million sitting in the bank for something to fall down to replace. That’s ludicrous.” He questioned why the Country Club has not been fixed and believes management is just letting it fall apart. He believes that reserve funds need to be transferred to

operations to maintain the community’s facilities.

In response to a question posed to him by Supik about funding solutions for capital needs, Trendic replied that “Reserve funds is kind of a misnomer term used for a very long time.” He suggested that a better term would be “Major Repairs and Replacement” fund. He said the best way to finance replacements of community assets such as a new HVAC system or a damaged roof is to develop a funding method that is fair for current and future owners.

Perrone expressed frustration in the way the reserves have been managed. He said that as a property owner for thirty years he has paid his annual assessment, a portion of which went into reserves and when it came time to build a new Yacht Club, the funds were not there. “Here I was for thirty years paying and I have to pay again.” He stated that the reserve balance should be about \$5 million.

Supik, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, is a proponent of “adequate reserves.” She said that having been a part of a community that did not have adequate reserves and it was a “disaster.”

**General Manager**

Although not in the room, the presence of General Manager Bob Thompson was felt. His performance as general manager and the management of the community was part of the forum’s dialogue.

In response to a question about the general manager, Perrone said the board is responsible for directing management and that issues with the general manager are a symptom of problems with the board. He believes that for nearly six years the board has not provided a proper structure in which the general manager could op-

erate. “The board is as much a problem as the GM is a symptom,” he said. He believes Thompson has taken on too much responsibility on himself.

The problem of the general manager did not just happen, believes Lind who said that for the last three election cycles, the general manager has been an issue. “We need to take politics and personality out of the GM office.” He stated that the general manager has been at the center of a controversy that has enveloped the community for years. He further stated that the general manager has not been an “innocent bystander.” “For the good of the community this personnel issue must be quickly resolved. We need a board that will supervise the management.”

Simon defended Thompson saying that he has known the general manager for nearly 30 years and that there is no one in the community with more integrity than he. “Our values are similar,” said Simon comparing himself to Thompson. He went on to say that he has never worked with Thomson and that he believes there is a problem with the board of directors, not the general manager.

When asked by Parks how a transition should be handled if the general manager’s services are terminated, Daly said there should be a plan in place before such action was taken. The “replacement should be capable of running the day to day activities of the association plus continuing the work on long term, non-operational problems,” he said. Referring to the general manager’s employment contract, Daly cautioned that there would be a cost involved if termination proceedings were undertaken. “If you think you’re going to pay less, you’re kidding yourself. It’s going to take six to nine months based on what I know about Bob Thompson’s contract” and severance, it’s going to cost about

\$250,000. He further speculated based on his recruitment background that the chances of success for a new general manager would be 70% or less over a two-year period.

He said the termination process needs to be planned well or the community could be facing the same issue during the next election cycle.

**Board Dynamics**

As anyone who has attended OPA board meetings, watched them on the website or read about them in the local publications knows, the meetings can at times be tumultuous, factious and downright unprofessional straddling between comical and deplorable. The dynamics of the board was discussed by the candidates and there appeared to be a consensus that the meetings could be managed better and that the members themselves should act more respectfully to one another and the work they were elected to undertake.

“I would like to see a board that moves things forward,” said Hill. He said that at the last board meeting which lasted about two and half hours, the only thing accomplished was the minutes were passed.

Janasek said that the biggest problem he wants to address if he gets on the board is the transparency of the body and stop the infighting. “Nothing gets done,” he said.

“We need a board that will prioritize spending,” said Lind. “Simply sitting at the table and voting on spending projects based only on the facts and opinions of one unelected person, the general manager, is not enough. Board members need to do independent research and have the facts necessary to question and challenge management’s spending proposals.”

Parks said he was concerned about  
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## Dark Money by Jane Mayer

*We must make our choice. We may have democracy or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both.*

-Louis Brandeis

Robert Redford said to “follow the money,” in the movie “All The President’s Men” (1976) and he was talking about Watergate. Today Congress’s tendency to sit on its hands and do little or no work coupled with the U.S. Supreme Court decision of “Citizens United,” gives the money aphorism new legs. Author and journalist Jane Mayer walks us through this scenario in her current non-fiction book “Dark Money.” She leads readers from the Koch brothers’ first seminar in 2009 inviting 18 billionaires to address “the projects at hand” onto their present seminars where a war chest of \$889M stands at the ready to pursue what they want in the November election. But first she goes into a bit of history as to how some of these billionaires came by their wealth and the means to hold on to it while they restructure the law.

Let’s just note here that one billion dollars or the equivalent of one thousand million dollars is pretty inconceivable to the average guy on the street who is focused on whether gas is up by 4 cents a gallon or down by 3 cents.

But back to our history lesson where Ms. Mayer begins with a look at the Koch family. As founder of Koch Industries, Fred Koch developed an “improved process for extracting gasoline from crude oil.” In 1930 he helped Russian engineers set up refineries for Stalin. Then in 1933 as Hitler rose to power Koch aided in the “construction

of a massive oil refinery...on the Elbe River in Hamburg...crucial industrial targets.” (The refinery was later pounded in a series of WWII bombing raids resulting in its eventual destruction by the Americans in June, 1944.)

One of the original founders of the John Birch Society and a long time Libertarian, Koch had four sons, Frederick, Charles and twins, David and William. Early alliances were formed between the boys with Charles as leader of the pack and David his wingman. They eventually became CEO and vice-president, respectively, of Koch Industries, located in Wichita, Kansas buying out their brothers because of escalating differences and snarling hostilities. With a personal fortune of \$43.7 billion each in 2016, Charles Koch (80) and David Koch (75) are the richest of the four broth-

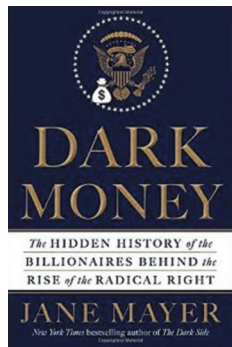
ers. But despite their massive fortunes, from 1980-2005 alone Koch Industries “developed a stunning record of corporate malfeasance.” Ms. Mayer documents this period in a single chapter outlining the human misery caused by one private polluting industry that believes it deserves to police itself.

Charles Koch’s hero was Richard Mellon Scaife who spent a “fortune on philanthropy...aimed at influencing American public affairs” and set out to emulate him. Koch’s ultimate path was really basic when analyzed; it just needed money, commitment and

savvy marketing. It learned to spin an intersecting web of donations (\$28.9M, \$2.8M, \$15.3M, etc. – documented inside the fly-leaf of the book) along with ideals to foundations, institutes, policy centers and think tanks which were originally established “to promote the general public interest, not narrow private or partisan ones.” Names and alliances were kept as confidential as legally (and sometimes illegally) as possible.

Also strong “influence” was pumped into an alphabet soup of uni-

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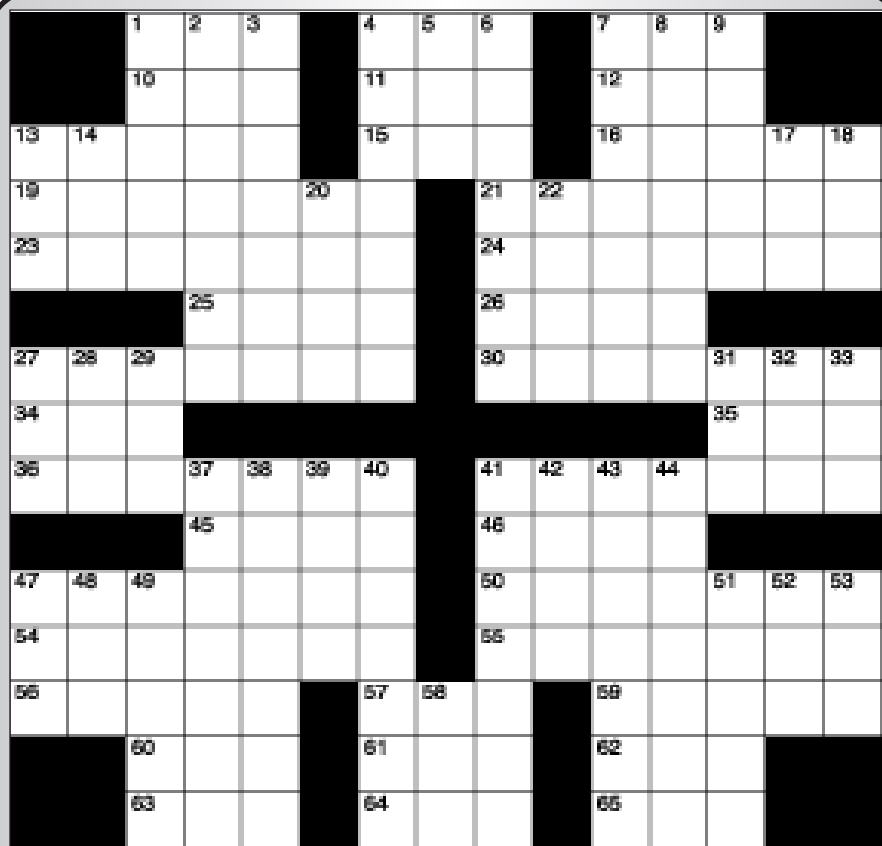
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20. Reactive structure  
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29. Someone  
31. 007's creator  
32. Martial artists wear one  
33. Midway between north and northeast  
37. Edible  
38. \_\_\_ up: quit a substance  
39. Taiwanese city  
40. Make an effort  
41. Fielders  
42. Restrain  
43. Herb  
44. Agonized  
47. Time zone  
48. Abandoned European money  
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51. Hit well in baseball (slang)  
52. Expresses good wishes  
53. Congressman (abbr.)  
58. Small constellation



Answers for July 6

# That's how my garden grows...



By Betty McDermott

## Hello Fellow Gardeners,

WOW! The gardens are green and lush; plants are growing by leaps and bounds and already producing those luscious summer crops. The rain has helped a lot and it has also produced a lot of weeds. Guess we have to accept the good with the bad. The cold weather crops are already picking cucumbers, squash of different types, eggplant, green beans, and those wonderful red, ripe tomatoes. We can finally say good-bye to those hard, tasteless store bought tomatoes. Let's hope that this good growing season continues for the rest of the summer. Here are some gardening tips and hints for you gardeners.

**Snap Beans** – also called string beans. To encourage beans to produce over a longer period of time, pick the beans when they are pencil width and the seeds are barely visible. If you allow them to get bigger, the plants will put their energy into seed production rather than flower production; it is the flower production that gives you more beans. Snap beans will grow up to 10 inches long if you let them. They are much more tender and have few or no strings at five to six inches in length. When your beans stop producing, pull them out, work up the soil and plant another row or two for a late summer crop. Never pick snap beans that are wet from dew or rain. Jostling a wet plant can spread spores that cause one of the many mildews and blights that attack beans. Direct watering can damage the flowers on bean plants, stunting the production of beans. Try to water plants at their base or between rows; avoid watering the leaves and plants themselves.

**Summer squash** – It is best to harvest summer squash, including zucchini when it is small. Remember, the more you pick, the more you stimulate the plant to produce. This is also true for cucumbers. Remember, cucumbers like to hide under the heavy foliage, so look closely or you will end up picking massive cucumbers that have huge seeds inside. To avoid damaging the plants of squash and cucumbers, use a very narrow blade but sharp knife to make a clean cut across the stem when picking squash or cucumbers.

**Tomatoes** – Do you have an overabundance of tomatoes this summer? Try

freezing them for your winter use in soups, stews, and sauces. Wash them and dry them well, then freeze your whole tomatoes on baking sheets. Once they are well frozen, store them in freezer zip lock bags in your freezer. The skin will conveniently crack during freezing making it easy for you to remove the skins once the tomatoes have thawed. It saves you from having to buy canned tomatoes this winter.

**Bolted Plants** – Now what? These cold weather plants have gone to seed. If your lettuce and spinach plants have bolted, it is time to pull them out. If you try to eat them, they are tough and tasteless; work up the soil and plant another vegetable or some herbs. There are so many varieties of basil, you may want to experiment and try some different ones. Or, if it is not too late, buy some cantaloupe plants and try your hand at that. You will have to wait until fall to plant lettuce and spinach as they like cool temperatures and cool soil. If you are a fresh lettuce fanatic, you can try pruning back the lower branches of your tomato plants and sow seeds under the tomato plants where they will get shade. Try to buy the slow bolting lettuce variety.

**Herb Hints** – Dill, parsley, basil and other long stemmed herbs will last longer if you stand them in a tall glass of water in the refrigerator. Cover the herbs loosely with an upside down plastic bag and change the water every four or five days.

**Frozen basil** – To best preserve the flavor and color of frozen basil, blanch it before you freeze it. Hold it with tongs and swish it in boiling water for about 30 seconds. Dry it thoroughly before freezing.

**Cold-dried parsley** – I'll bet you never heard about this method. Rinse off fresh parsley, pat it dry and put it in the refrigerator in a small, brown, paper bag – don't use plastic. In about a month, the parsley will have dried, but will be green and aromatic, much more than dried parsley. You can add it to dishes as needed.

Don't forget to keep those annuals and perennials blooming all summer by dead-heading your plants. It will stimulate growth and more blossoming and your plants will love you for it.

# WINE about it

by Jean Marx

## More summer wine refreshment ideas

In last month's column, we delved into rosé wines for summer refreshment. This article provides three more suggestions to please your palate now that schools are out and summer vacations are in full swing. Sangria is a perfect choice with the delicious variety of fresh fruits available at roadside and farmers' markets. A wine spritzer adds zest in the form of club soda or seltzer water. Finally, as temperatures soar, what could be better than reaching for a frozen wine cocktail? Wine slushies and granitas are just as

scrumptious as they sound.

Sangria has come a long way in the U.S. since it was first introduced at the Spanish Pavilion of the 1964 World's Fair. The name sangria is derived from the Latin word for blood due to the dark red color of the deep red wines used in the early batches. Today, white and red wine sangrias with their array of fruits and herbs used provide a virtual explosion of flavors that can have you and your house guests trading both smiles and favorite recipes.

Food and Wine.com offers a helpful article entitled "Everything you

didn't know about Sangria" that provides suggestions for the kinds of reds, whites, and rosés to look for in making your sangria. For red wines, the article recommends a Tempranillo from the Rioja region of Spain, although any dry, fruit-based red wine can work nicely. Deeper red wines such as a Shiraz or Red Zinfandel that are heavy in tannins are not recommended as they could overpower the light and fruity taste you're going for. White wine varieties that work well are unoaked Chardonnay or Chenin Blanc.

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versities beginning with the Ivy League's Brown University and ending with West Virginia University – to the tune of billionaires' dollars. This money given in the guise of philanthropy was their way to monitor hiring professors, funding chairs, influencing curricula and providing alternative student newspapers. The resultant educational activities were described to the IRS as "nonpolitical charitable work" in order to qualify for tax breaks and anonymity. Secrecy in all this work was of prime importance. And to me the university influence is the scariest of all – preying on the most vulnerable in our society...our youth.

Inherited charitable trusts featured prominently in both the Kochs' and Scaifes' (Mellon banking, Alcoa and Gulf Oil) fortunes. Inheritances from the previous generation were handed down in the form of trusts where all net income would be donated to charity (including their private foundations) for the next 20 twenty years; then, after that the principal was free from all inheritance taxes. Scaife was 26 when his father died and he lived to be 82 – you do the math on years of inheritance-free tax on his father's trust.

Whatever your party affiliation, Ms. Mayer lays out some alarming facts in deep detail - dark money is chipping away at the freedom to govern. We and those who govern supposedly in our names should never be at the disposal and price of a privileged few.

## Tide and Sun Chart

\* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide

DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., July 14	3:40 a.m. 4:20 p.m.	9:48 a.m. 10:40 p.m.	5:49 a.m.	8:24 p.m.
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Sun., July 17	6:09 a.m. 6:40 p.m.	12:21 a.m. 12:13 p.m.	5:51 a.m.	8:22 p.m.
Mon., July 18	6:55 a.m. 7:24 p.m.	1:06 a.m. 12:59 p.m.	5:52 a.m.	8:21 p.m.
Tues., July 19	7:41 a.m. 8:08 p.m.	1:49 a.m. 1:44 p.m.	5:52 a.m.	8:21 p.m.
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Children and adults at Egypt will join nearly a million participants in Operation Kid-to-Kid, a project to help fund basic home repairs through the nonprofit association Group Cares. With this service opportunity, donations will change the lives of other families in the United States by helping provide them with a safe place to live.

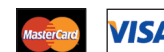
Dinner is offered at 5:30 p.m. and Egypt activities will run between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. each day. Dinner and Egypt activities are free. Bethany Church is located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway in Berlin. For more information call Megan at 443-614-3870.



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When submitting items for the calendar please include the event name, date, where held, time and a little about the event. Items being considered for the calendar need to be in by noon on Friday. E-mail to [thecourier@delmarvacourier.com](mailto:thecourier@delmarvacourier.com)

## **Mondays**

### **Ocean Pines Poker Club**

Poker players wanted in Ocean Pines area for Monday evenings. Call 410-208-1928

Open every Monday through October: **Historic St. Martin's Church Museum.** 1-4 pm. 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD. For more information, call 410-251-2849

### **Sweet Adelines**

The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Call 410-641-6876.

## **Mon. & Tues.**

### **Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge**

Open bridge games Monday at 12 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. at OP Community Center. Call Mary Stover 410-726-1795

## **Mon., Wed. & Sat.**

### **Church Thrift Shop**

OC Baptist Church's Thrift Shop by Seaside Christian Academy behind White Marlin Mall open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon. & Wed., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat. Call 410-251-6971.

## **Tuesdays**

### **Families Anonymous**

From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at room 37 in the the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Rte. 589. For more information call Carol at 410-208-4515.

**Take off Pounds Sensibly Meeting.** Berlin group No. 331, Worcester County Health Center 9730 Healthway Dr., Berlin, 5:30-7:00 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly on Tuesdays. Info: [jean-duck47@gmail.com](mailto:jean-duck47@gmail.com)

## **Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**Poker players** wanted for Gentlemen's Poker in North Gate

area Ocean Pines. Game played every Tuesday & Thursday evening 5:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. on Pinehurst Rd. Ocean Pines. Call 410-208-0063 for more information.

## **Wednesdays**

### **Kiwanis Club Meeting**

Weekly meetings at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open 7 a.m. October through April.

### **Elks Bingo**

Ocean City Elks in Ocean City (behind Fenwick Inn) open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 and bingo at 7 p.m. Call 410-250-2645.

### **Delmarva Hand Dancing**

Dancing at The Fenwick Inn in Ocean City from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Contact 302-934-7951 or [info@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:info@delmarvahanddancing.com)

### **Rotary Club**

Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held at 5:45 p.m. at the Captains Table in Ocean City. Contact [Stan.Kahn@carouselhotel.com](mailto:Stan.Kahn@carouselhotel.com).

### **Square Dancing**

The Pinesteppers have introduction to square dancing at the OP Community Center at 7 p.m. Call Bruce Barrett at 410-208-6777.

### **AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin**

Wednesday Night Bayside Beginnings Al-Anon family meetings are held at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

## **Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.**

### **Church Thrift Shop**

The Shepherd's Nook at Community Church at Ocean Pines is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 410-641-5433.

### **Diakonia Thrift Shop**

'Used to be Mine' offers clothing, furniture, household items and more. Proceeds benefit Diakonia shelter and pantry. Located at

Rte. 611 and Sunset Ave. Open 10 - 4. Call 410-213-0243.

## **Thursdays**

### **Story Time**

Stories, music and crafts at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 at Ocean Pines library. Call 410-208-4014.

### **Beach Singles**

Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna's at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577, Kate at 410-524-0649 or Dianne at 302-541-4642.

### **Legion Bingo**

American Legion in Ocean City opens doors at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7. For information call 410-289-3166.

### **Gamblers Anonymous**

Group meets at 8 p.m. at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Call 888-424-3577 for help.

## **Fridays**

### **Knights of Columbus Bingo**

Bingo will be held behind St. Luke's Church, 100th St. in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Call 410-524-7994.

## **Candidate session scheduled**

A concerned Ocean Pines resident has organized a Board of Director Candidate Conversation and Q & A event to be held Saturday, July 16 at the Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines branch at 9 a.m. This year three candidates will be chosen for the Board of Directors for the Ocean Pines Homeowners Association. The outcome of the election can have a significant impact on the future direction, work and practice of the Board.

Resident Steve Tuttle has reserved the large meeting room at the library and is coordinating the event. The intent is to have an opportunity for audience members to ask questions directly of each candidate. All Ocean Pines members, eligible to vote in the election are encouraged to attend.

Each of the 11 candidates have been invited to attend.

For more information call Steve Tuttle at 610-368-9919.

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**At the game** - Members of the Pinestepers Square Dance Club recently attended a Shorebirds baseball game at Perdue Stadium in Salisbury. Pictured are (front row) **Greg Vernicek, Claudia Cianci, Louise Lassiter, Sherman the Shorebird, Sandy Clark, Don Clark and Peggy Barrett.** (standing) **Mary Jolly, Ed Jolly, and Phil Lassiter.**

The Pinestepers dance at the Ocean Pines Community Hall every Wednesday between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Anyone interested in Modern Western Square Dancing is invited to join them September 7 and/or September 14 for an introduction to this fun activity. For more information contact Arlene at 302-436-4033

**wine**  
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Rosé wines offer beauty in addition to excellent taste; the article suggests dry rosés that have raspberries, cranberries, or other red berries in their ingredients. Food and Wine's Classic Red sangria recipe is to combine a bottle of red wine, 4 ounces of brandy, 3 ounces of syrup and chunks of oranges, lemons, and limes into a pitcher. Refrigerate a minimum of 4 hours and serve with ice in chilled wineglasses.

Wine spritzers are refreshing, easy to make, and fun to experiment with. You simply fill a wineglass half full with ice cubes, add 4 ounces of red or white wine, and 2 ounces of club soda or seltzer water. Chilling the wine ahead of time is recommended because it keeps the ice from melting too quickly and diluting the drink. A cranberry spritzer recipe I like calls for 2 cups of cranberry juice, a cup of chilled white wine, and a cup of chilled club soda. Rachael Ray's recipe for a Citrus White Wine Spritzer features flavored seltzer water. Insert 2 lemon slices and 2 lime slices in a glass with ice cubes in between them. Then, just add 4 ounces of white wine and 2 ounces of lemon-lime spritzer and you're all set. I look forward to trying this recipe. To add pizzazz, you can garnish your drink with more fruit or with sprigs of fresh mint.

As the temperatures outside really climb, how about plunging your taste buds into a frozen wine concoction? A wine slushie calls for a bottle of Moscato wine (a sweet wine) with 2 cups of fresh or frozen fruit. Freeze the mixture into ice cube trays. When ready, you can simply toss a handful of the cubes into a blender for each glass you'll be making, add a splash of extra wine to loosen the ice, and blend away.

For granita recipes, this link of <http://blog.williams-sonoma.com/granita-4-ways> offers 4 simple recipes for outstanding granitas. They recommend using the best quality produce and serving the granita with fresh mint, edible flowers, or cookies to provide "an elegant and well-rounded final course" to your summer meal. Their recipe for Rosé Champagne Granita calls for 1/2 cup of sugar, a bottle of rosé champagne, and a tablespoon of fresh lime juice. In a saucepan, stir the sugar and 1 1/2 cups of water. Bring the mixture to a boil over medium-high heat until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat and when the mixture has cooled completely, stir in the champagne and lime juice. Freeze the mixture for a minimum of 8 hours, occasionally scraping it to break up the ice crystals. Serve in 6 to 8 small chilled glasses or bowls.

Whatever your summer plans are, I hope these refreshment ideas come in handy to liven your party or allow you some much needed downtime. Enjoy the tastes, sounds, and memories summer has to offer.

## Combine blessing event scheduled

Have you ever seen a farmer's Combine up close? Well, picture a whole line of them, parked right downtown along Green Street in Snow Hill. Add farm animals, a city block loaded with



agricultural t h e m e d games for children, lots of food and live stage entertainment and you have the

Blessing of the Combines.

The event which honors the agricultural community, is in its 18<sup>th</sup> year and will take place Saturday, August 6 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Vendors will open at 9 a.m.

There is still room for a few craft vendors and area organizations to participate. Contact Diana Nolte at 443-944-4402 or email [blesscombines@gmail.com](mailto:blesscombines@gmail.com) to register.

The Parade of Combines sets off down Rte. 12 to Green Street at 11:15. A "throttle thrust" will signal Master of Ceremonies Steve Hales to begin the pro-

gram with the presentation of colors by the award-winning Snow Hill High School Junior Marine Corps ROTC. Following the parade, a lineup of area musicians will perform including the "Michael Christopher Band."

Children can visit a variety of animals at the Petting Barnyard, then hop aboard a wagon for a free hayride. There will also be free pony rides, a Children's Barnyard full of activities, the popular Children's Tractor Pull and a Scales and Tales presentation by representatives of the Pocomoke River State Park.

For details contact Becky Payne at 443-783-1715, or email [blesscombines@gmail.com](mailto:blesscombines@gmail.com).

## Fire company to hold fundraiser

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold a Fried Chicken Carryout on Sunday, July 24. Chicken will be available between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Half chicken (4 pieces) is \$8; full chicken (8 pieces) is \$14. There will also be a bake table. Call 443-235-2926 to arrange for premade carry outs. Funds generated from the event will go toward the purchase of a new fire truck.



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**forum**  
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a lack of transparency between the board and the constituency and among the



board members themselves. "There's a rare opportunity to try to keep information on the up and up."

Perrone said he believes the last few boards have been "dysfunctional and disappointing in the manner in which they have behaved. I find it unacceptable for the political infighting and nastiness of one director takes his ball and goes home if doesn't get his way ... of another director threatening to throw another director through a wall. Completely unacceptable." He said he would work and cooperate with other board members if elected.

Collins, hoping to secure a second three-year term, said there needs to be a common ground among board members. "It takes two parts to come together. The four have to come together with the three. Unfortunately, the way it was worked is 'my way or the highway.'" He went on to say, "We don't have a board problem, we have an understanding problem. That understanding must come from the general manager as well as each and every board member."

Responding to a question about how to improve the management of the association, Collins said he would like to see each board member develop three ideas they want to accomplish during the coming year. Then the entire board would select the top three ideas and work toward their fulfillment. Once they were accomplished, the board would select the next three items and so on down the list. As a result he said the board would be "directing the GM as to what the priorities are and when they are to be finished and when they are to taking place."

Board infighting is what motivated Simon to run for the board. "Everyone has to be on the same page," he said. "We have to have goals to make this community nice." He believes the community has "good, firm" leadership which needs

to continue.

"I think the board needs to function better," said Supik. To make that happen, she advocates a self-evaluation process every six months or a year to determine whether the body has met objectives and been effective.

Trendic stated that the board and general manager's performance has gone from bad to worse. Citing examples of a deteriorating infrastructure and a lack of transparency he questioned the board's decision to recently renew the general manager's employment contract with an "outrageous" salary of \$165,000. He commented that that is the same salary as the governor of the state of Maryland.

He went on to say that if elected he would work to rebuild the trust between the homeowners and the board and management.

Daley stressed the importance of board oversight, not micromanagement.

He said that he would work toward the "highest level" of board transparency.

Another candidate forum has been scheduled for Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library. All the candidates have been invited to attend.

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