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Junior golf scholarships awarded

The membership of Ocean Pines Golf Club and the Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council recently awarded four scholarships to area high school seniors in support of their college plans for the 2017-18 school year.

A \$2,100 scholarship was presented to Ocean Pines resident Hailey Brown. Brown, an employee of Ocean Pines Golf Club, has worked in the golf shop and at bag drop. She has also assisted with Ocean Pines junior golf camps, clinics and has participated in the course's junior golf tournaments as well as on the Stephen Decatur High School golf team. She will study nursing at Towson University.

Matthew Kristick, also an Ocean Pines resident and Stephen Decatur golf team member, received a \$700 scholarship. An honor student and All-Conference golfer, he will attend Temple University and play on the school's golf team.

Berlin resident Bailey Warren also received a \$700 scholarship and plans to attend Coastal Carolina University as a student in the professional golf management program. Warren was a four-year member of the Stephen Decatur golf team and was involved with Special Olympics.

Grant Brown, a recent graduate of Worcester Preparatory School, was awarded a \$500 scholarship. A member of his school's golf team and the National Honor Society, he will attend Coastal Carolina University's golf management program.

The Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council presents scholarships annually to students from Ocean Pines and local areas. The scholarships are intended for those who have shown an interest in golf; active participation in competitive golf is not required. Golf team members and recreational golfers as well as those students who are interested in golf management and turf science are encouraged to apply.

Several golf events sponsored by the Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council, including Sunday golf socials and the annual Taylor Bank / Ocean Pines Golf Tournament (held this year on August 16), help raise money for the scholarship fund.



Graduation - Joel Foreman reads from one of his readers at Seaside Christian Academy's recent Kindergarten graduation.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <small>Flag Day</small>	15	16	17
18 <small>Father's Day</small>	19	20	21 <small>Summer Begins</small>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Dem Club to meet

The Democratic Club of Worcester County will hold a general meeting on Thursday, June 22 in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. Refreshments and sign in is at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend

Swim lessons registration underway

Registration is open with Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) for summer swim lessons. Swimming is an essential skill for children living on the Eastern Shore, and WCRP staff are offering lessons for children ages three and older at the Shad Landing Swimming Pool in Pocomoke State Park near Snow Hill.

There will be three separate sessions offered. Each session will last two weeks. Session 1 will take place from July 10 through July 20, Session 2 from July 24 through August 3, and Session 3 from August 7 through August 17.

The cost to participate in swim lessons is \$45 per child and \$40 for each additional child. All sessions will meet Monday – Thursday for two consecutive weeks. Space is limited, and registration is first come, first served.

To determine which session is best suited to your child or to register for lessons, please contact Kelly Buchanan at 410-632-2144, ext. x2503 or kbuchanan@co.worcester.md.us or visit the WCRP website at www.Worcester-

RecAndParks.org. While there, be sure to click the links to follow us on social media.

Artists sought for show

The Worcester County Arts Council invites all interested artists to participate in a juried art show to be exhibited during the month of July at the WCAC Gallery located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin.

The exhibition is open to all artists, 18 years old and older, professional or amateur, with work in all media. All work must be original and completed within the last three years.

Work must be delivered to the Arts Council's Gallery between June 28 and 29, 2017, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., to be accepted. Artwork will be juried in and judged for the competition by award winning artist, Kevin Fitzgerald.

Monetary prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place during the Second Friday Arts Stroll reception to be held on July 14, from 5 p.m. to 8 pm.

Detailed entry guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website www.worcester-countyartscouncil.org.

Monday

Ocean Pines Poker Club

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

Sweet Adelines

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

Monday/Tuesday

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.

Tuesday

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.

Tuesday/Thursday

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.

Wednesday

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

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@delmarvahand-dancing.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.

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.

Thursday

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.

Friday

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.

First Saturday

Creative Writing Forum

Every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Berlin Library. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, non-fiction, and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciation, market leads, and writing exercises.



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Meet the Ocean Pines Board of Directors candidates

Editor's Note: The following is information provided by the Ocean Pines Association in advance of the election for two new board of director members. The candidates' answers have not been edited for grammar, punctuation or spelling.

In order to help you make your decision in this upcoming Board of Directors election, the Ocean Pines Elections Committee presents the biographies, which were submitted by each of the five candidates and answers to three questions presented to the candidates by the Elections Committee. They are presented in the same order as listed on the ballot.

Colette Horn

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I grew up in small-town Wisconsin, earned my B.A. degree in philosophy and Master's degree in Educational Psychology at Milwaukee's Marquette University where I met my husband, Jerry, a Ph.D. student and native of Harford County, Maryland. We moved to California where I earned my Ph.D. degree in Psychology at University of Southern California.



Colette Horn

In 1985 Jerry and I first incorporated our private psychology practice for which I still provide clinical and administrative services. We moved to Jerry's home town in Maryland in 1992 after our two daughters were born and have been Marylanders ever since. I am now semi-retired after 22 years as a school psychologist in Harford County where we now live part-time.

We moved to Ocean Pines in 2009. I love the beauty of the Eastern Shore's cooler months; exploring the waterways of the local area in our kayaks and pontoon throughout boating season; and taking our Labradoodle, Jack, on long walks. A lover of books, I recently added book-shelving for the OP library to my volunteer activities, which have also included Board governance for a non-profit organization, directing the Religious Education Program for my church, and serving on

inter-agency committees addressing needs of the mentally ill.

Nicole Schafer Crosariol

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As a lifelong resident of the eastern shore and Ocean Pines community I have cultivated relationships and memories that are immeasurable to my family and I. The Ocean Pines community has given so much to me over the years from employment at its clubs to business opportunities and most notably my home. As a multiyear homeowner and local business owner. I am seeking to serve on a board that wants to promote a vision for our community and will encourage first time home buyers to want to live here, not be scared that their home and livelihood will be scrutinized. The amenities in the community need to be self-sustaining and consistent, not a financial burden on the community. Ocean Pines needs real leadership, not nepotism and back channels to guide and delegate the departments. My value as a board member will be my tireless work ethic, unwavering principles, and my ability to succeed at difficult tasks. All in all, my ultimate goal is to promote the community and its amenities as the quintessential standard for the eastern shore beach lifestyle that our western Maryland brethren are envious of.



Nicole Schafer Crosariol

Doug Parks

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My wife Stevie and I have lived in Ocean Pines since 2007. Currently serving as a director on the board for the past year, I have contributed to several significant accomplishments during that time. Among them are the renovation of the Beach Club, the renovation of the golf course clubhouse and the completion of bridge repairs on Ocean Parkway and



Doug Park

Clubhouse Drive. I was a strong supporter of the approach to renovate rather than replace these amenities in order to prevent several million dollars in expenses and avoid an increased financial burden on the OPA membership.

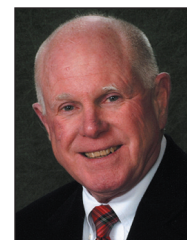
I also created the Technology Work Group to assess and address the existing problematic issues with the systems used to conduct Association business. The nine volunteers from our membership have been actively working with OPA leadership and staff and are currently moving forward with proposed solutions for critical financial systems.

My desire is to continue the work I have started as a current board director and promote a level of continuity on the board for the upcoming year. I ask for your consideration to support me with your vote so I can continue to serve the Ocean Pines Association.

Martin Clarke

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I have been a member of Ocean Pines Association, Inc. since 1977, and a full time resident since 1992. My wife and I raised our family and conducted our successful real estate and construction business in Ocean Pines for over thirty years.



Martin Clark

I have served on the following O P Advisory committees: Clubs; Ocean Pines Demographic Study; Budget & Finance; By-Laws & Resolutions; Environmental & Natural Assets. I have also served on community based committees which include the Worcester County Waste Water Task Force; S. T. O. P. (Stop Taxing Ocean Pines); and the OPA Marina Group. I was elected to serve as a Director for our Association (2007-2010) and (2012-2015). I also served as President of the Pines Point Marina Condominium. I am a member of Saint John Neumann Church; the American Legion; a life member of the V. F. W. and the Worcester Veterans Memorial; and a Sponsor of Worcester County Ducks Unlimited.

If elected to the Board of Directors it will be my goal to promote a conser-

vative zero based budget incorporating reasonable reserves and encourage sound, common sense business practices at our amenities.

Brenda Wascak

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My husband and I purchased a home in Ocean Pines about 6 years ago after discovering the wonderful amenities and friendly neighbors that Ocean Pines has to offer. I have 33 years of Federal service with the Department of Defense and will retire this September. I am amazed at how beautiful and efficiently run our community is and how everyone pitches in to keep it that way. I am running for the board because I want to help build the future of our community for our children and grandchildren. My goal is to listen and learn from the residents of Ocean Pines because they know best what services, amenities and future needs they want for our community. I would use this information to make informed choices on the Board if given the opportunity to serve. My work experience along with 5 years of volunteering with the homeless in Anne Arundel County have taught me how to work as a team player to resolve problems, prioritize projects, and bring them to completion.



Brenda Wascak

Questions and Answers

Describe your thoughts about OPA finances. What do you think is going well and what needs to change?

Colette Horn

Our most recent audited financial statements (fiscal year 2016) reflect strong cash flows covering operating expenses and capital expenditures. The unaudited financial statements for fiscal 2017, however, reflect an operating deficit of \$273,000, almost entirely due to poor performance at the Yacht Club. Going forward, we must examine factors contributing to this and search for remedies.

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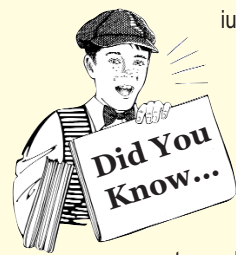
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2012 Business of the Year

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June 21 is the official start of summer. Here are some interesting facts about the season:

The “dog days of summer” refer to the weeks between July 3 and August 11 and are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the Canis Major constellation. The ancient



Greeks blamed Sirius for the hot temperatures, drought, discomfort, and sickness that occurred during the summer.

The top five most popular summer vacation activities in the United States are 1) shopping (54%), 2) visiting historical sites (49%), 3) swimming/water sports (49%), 4) going to a park or national park (46%), and 5) sightseeing tours (46%).

In the United States, over 650 million long-distance summer trips are made.

In the summer heat, the iron in France’s Eiffel Tower expands, making the tower grow more than 6 inches.

The word “solstice” is from the Latin solstitium, which is from *sol* (sun) and *stium* (to stop) because it seems as if the sun stops at the solstice. In the Northern Hemisphere, summer solstice occurs sometime between June 20 and June 22, and between December 20 and December 23 in the Southern Hemisphere.

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Our threshold for Board spending without referendum at \$1.7 million should be looked at in light of future asset repair and replacement needs to assure members that responsible spending will prevail. Our priorities must be to update the Reserve Study using current numbers and projected needs, taking into account inflation, and ensure fair allocation to members. The discovery of sink holes and worm-infested bulkheads points to the reality of unexpected and costly capital improvement needs.

The recent introduction of an unbudgeted 20% member discount for food and beverage venues seems questionable. This action substantially reduces our food and beverage margins. To make up this difference, we will need to dramatically increase our business to remain net revenue neutral. It would have been more prudent to allow the Board to consider potential impact to costs of sales and operations before finalizing the budget.

Nicole Schafer Crosariol

I am an amazing team player. During my 6 year employment at Powerhouse Gym and Beach Bounce, I collaborated and worked with over 200 employees, from 9 different departments and 4 physical locations. While collaborating from the head of each department, we were able to not only accomplish, but exceed what was expected across the board. Currently, I work with an amazing group of women who all own their own retail LuLaRoe businesses. We all use our strengths to execute creative ideas and strive to not only grow our businesses, but to branch out and support the whole small business community. In any great team, you need each member to bring their knowledge and expertise to the table to accomplish a common goal. I bring a unique background, and would make decisions based on what everyone needs. I listen, and will help bring innovative ideas that would help benefit us all.

Douglas Parks

While the annual assessment is very reasonable as compared to association fees in the surrounding areas, consideration should always be given to avoid increases, and if possible, reduce the annual fee for OPA property owners. This year’s budget is a good example of missing an opportunity to reduce the assess-

ment, as the budget was based on the previous year’s assessment fee, rather than approaching it from a zero-based revenue/expense perspective. For the record, I voted against the adoption of the budget for this and several other reasons.

On a positive note, I do need to point out that over 98% of the assessment fees have been collected from the membership, which is above the national average for associations and similar organizations.

The Board and General Manager need to continue to work closely with the Budget and Finance advisory committee in preparing next fiscal year budget. Given the recent successful renovation of the Beach Club and golf course clubhouse, the demand for contributing to the “reserve” fund is greatly reduced and consideration should be given to passing the savings to OPA property owners by reducing the annual assessment.

Martin Clarke

Ocean Pines is in a sound financial position. We benefit from an excellent Fire and Police Department. Our Public works, administrative and recreational staff are dedicated professionals. We have a potent balance in our maintenance and replacement reserves which currently exceeds well over Seven Million Dollars.

Under the leadership of our current board much of our long neglected and deferred maintenance has been achieved. The renovation of our Country Club, new Manklin Meadows playground and pickle ball courts, new Beach Club bath rooms, as well as the mandatory repair of two major bridges has been accomplished. The long overdue renovations to the administration building and police department have been approved in the recently finalized budget for completion within the next twelve months. We owe this board our sincere thanks and appreciation.

With this in mind, when our new General Manager prepares next year’s budget he should only fund the required depreciation and decrease the additional amounts we have continually been adding to our reserves under the five year funding plan. This strategy is no longer necessary, and by its elimination, we can easily reduce our membership’s assessments by more than \$75.00 a year.

Brenda Wascak

I appreciate the fact that Ocean Pines finances are listed in the OP Re-

port so we can see what the actual operating costs are for our community. I like the fact that the many articles written by the Treasurer explain the expenditures and share data points to help keep our community in the loop and better understand the financial issues that are addressed throughout the fiscal year. I am an advocate of our Fire Department and Police Department because they look out for our safety on a daily basis. I would work to make sure that the safety and infrastructure of our community is funded first and foremost and then recreation and beautification.

Describe your thoughts on OPA amenities. What is going well and what needs to change?

Colette Horn

Support of the amenities adds to the financial value of our homes. Acknowledging years of support by long-term residents, we should look at a “legacy member assessment discount” option.

The audited financial statements reflect a significant overall amenity operating profit for fiscal 2016. The unaudited financials for 2017 reflect a substantially lower profit (40%) than the prior year. The Yacht Club poor performance represented 70% of that decrease. It was the amenity with the largest variance from budget, with a loss of \$229,000 vs. a budgeted profit of \$34,000. One may expect that renovations of meeting and banquet space and enlargement of the Tern Grille at the Golf Club will position us for additional net revenue increases. Factors accounting for Food & Beverage operating losses this past year will need to be examined carefully and remedied going forward.

The Yacht Club is plagued by chronic complaints of poor food/beverage product and service quality. It is yet to be seen whether the 20% discount and recent personnel shake-up will exacerbate this or solve it. Increased stability in staffing and better management are critical to increased event bookings and greater overall customer satisfaction, which should boost revenues and improve financial performance.

Nicole Schafer Crosariol

My vision for Ocean Pines is to be an attractive and affordable place to live. This is a community we all call home, now we need to treat it as such.

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Writing handwritten letters

In the fast paced, ever changing world in which we live are there some human qualities that get lost and others amplified? Do we suffer from an ever increasing tendency to “short-hand” just about everything we do,

that begin with “Remember to...” or “Why didn’t you...”

Letter writing was the prime method of communication at one time. Such an endeavor requires thought and forces the writer to think

about what he wants to say and how to phrase it properly. There is a lot more personality in a handwritten letter than there is a text message or an e-mail regardless of the number of emojis inserted. Unfortunately fewer and

fewer people either have the time or make the time to sit down and compose a letter. Everything is on a fast track from food preparation and eating to getting the news to putting thoughts down on paper. Understandably, the likelihood of writing a letter while transporting a van full of kids to a sporting event with a stop at McDonalds in between is non-existent.

We’ve become so accustomed to just dashing off a quick word or two with a smiley face :) that we lose the opportunity to express in writing more meaningful thoughts and ideas. Such a shame it is too. One can only wonder

if our history would have been the same if electronic shorthand communication were available throughout history. Would we have had the Magna Carta, the Constitution, the Federalist Papers, Washington’s Farewell Address or the Gettysburg Address had the authors been using their thumbs on a keypad? LOL. Abbreviations, little smiley faces and hearts interspersed amongst the texts would have given them an entirely different meaning. And, can you imagine the thumb dexterity required to write and rewrite the Declaration of Independence. Would Jefferson have been up to such rigors? Probably.

Writing handwritten letters may never come into vogue again, and that’s a shame. There is a joy associated with opening the mailbox, finding a letter, tearing open the envelope and reading it. It’s just not the same as hearing, “you’ve got mail” when you log onto the Internet. ☺



It’s All About. . .
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that we forget that sometimes, the joy is in the journey? We have “instantized” and “fast food-ed” so much of our lives that when confronted with a situation that requires patience and understanding, we’re sometimes flustered and unsure how to proceed.

We have become so accustomed to leaving voice mail messages, sending text messages and conversing via e-mail that we forget how to interact with one another in person. There once was a time when people corresponded in an ancient form of communication called letter writing. It re-

quired nothing more than a writing instrument, paper and the ability to write a complete sentence. There was one additional, necessary requirement that can no longer be taken for granted, the ability to actually write legibly. Sometimes called handwriting or penmanship, it is becoming a lost skill unfortunately. What was called the Palmer method when I learned penmanship in grade school has gone the way of eight track tapes, rotary telephones and S&H green stamps.

Today, penmanship has been superseded by thumb dexterity on a cellular phone keypad. Sure, it is communication but in some of the text messages I’ve seen, the spelling is atrocious and you can forget about punctuation. It doesn’t exist. In the interest of full disclosure, I avail myself of this electronic communication mode from time to time. It is helpful when you want to send a quick reminder to someone or ask a question. My wife uses it, sending me messages



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Power Circuit training and yoga offered

Summer registration is open to adults ages 18 and older for two evening fitness classes, Power Circuit Training and Yoga, at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill.

Power Circuit Training, the perfect full-body workout, will run from July 5 to September 20 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Designed to hit all your muscle groups in this hour-long workout, participants will complete workouts individually or with a partner.

Instructor Carol Jenkins-Pike will lead yoga, which will run from July 6 to August 10 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Yoga is an excellent way to stretch tight

muscles and help calm stress and anxiety. This class is limited to 20 spots, and space will fill up quickly.

Each class is \$40 per person to participate. For more information or to register for one of these programs, contact Program Manager Myro Small at 410-632-2144, ext. 2512 or ms-mall@co.worcester.md.us or visit our website at www.WorcesterRecAndParks.org. While you're there, be sure to click the links to follow us on social media.

MSSA to meet

The Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association is holding its June monthly meeting on Tuesday June 27. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. The meeting is held at the Lion's Club off Airport Rd. in West OC. This month's guest speaker will be Capt. Mark Sampson. He will speak about sharks that are found in local waters, methods to catch sharks, conservation and tagging. He will also answer questions. Visitors are welcome to attend.



Achievement - Jackson Pielstick of Boy Scout Troop 261 recently achieved Eagle Scout level during a ceremony on Saturday, June 3 at the Ocean City Lions Club. Above Jackson Pielstick with Maryland State Senator Jim Mathias.

Scholarships awarded

The Worcester County Arts Council is pleased to award \$14,500 in the Community Arts Development Grants program to 12 art projects and events to be presented by local nonprofit arts organizations during the six-month granting cycle beginning July 1. Funding will support a wide variety of creative and innovative projects that are of outstanding artistic quality and demonstrate community benefit enhancing the lives of everyone living and visiting the Worcester County. This program is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Grant projects are evaluated based on overall quality of cultural excellence, community outreach and public impact, and financial/administrative merit.

The following is a list of organizations and their projects that are being awarded a Community Arts Development

Grant for the current granting period:

- Art League of Ocean City - Various Art Exhibits
- Berlin Arts & Entertainment - Public Art Mural Panel #3
- Berlin Heritage Foundation - Berlin Peach Festival
- Berlin Main Street - Paint Berlin Coloring Book Project
- Brown Box Theatre Project - 2017/2018 Season
- Furnace Town Museum - Americana Music Series
- Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra - Concert Performances
- Ocean Pines Players - 2017 2nd Performance Season
- Pine Tones Chorus - Winter Concert Series
- Pocomoke Indian Nation, Inc. -

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Monday

Chicken Parmesan over Pasta \$9.95

LARGE CHEESE PIZZA
\$8.50 (carry-out only)

Tuesday

Burger and French Fries \$6
LARGE CHEESE PIZZA
\$8.50 (carry-out only)

Wednesday

Pasta Night

Thursday

Steak Night!

Friday

Fried Shrimp with French Fries
& cole slaw \$14.75

Saturday

Crabcake Platter with 2 sides and a
choice of a soup or salad \$15

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Carozza garners highest pro-business rating

Maryland Business for Responsive Government (MBRG), a statewide, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, has released the 2017 results of its annual publication Roll Call, now available online. Roll Call is in its 32nd year of printing.

Delegate Mary Beth Carozza (R-38C) scored 100%, indicating a pro-business position. MBRG considers cumulative scores above 70% as pro-business.

Each year, MBRG's State Advisory Council selects recorded votes from the most recent General Assembly session that are essential to create/retain jobs and promote a healthy business climate throughout Maryland. MBRG identifies these bills in Roll Call and analyzes the votes to produce a score for each legislator.

For the 2017 analysis, "Roll Call" analyzed 15 Senate votes and 16 House votes.

This year, 11 Senators (just 23% of the Senate) and 37 Delegates (just 26% of the House) received perfect scores of 100%, whereas 84 Delegates (60%) and 18 Senators (38%) scored below 30%. The high-scoring legislators generally rejected the extreme policies of legislative mandates and bans, whereas the lower-scoring legislators generally embraced such approaches. For example, the paid leave bill (House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 230) mandated paid leave for employees of 15-person organizations who work as little as 12 hours per week or as few as 107 days per year, and dozens of proposed amendments that sought to lessen the job-killing effects of this mandate were roundly rejected. The legislators who voted against the bill and in favor of the amendments generally scored well, whereas those who favored the mandate and rejected the amendments generally scored poorly.

"Maryland Business for Responsive Government truly understands the policies needed to increase economic development and grow jobs for Maryland's future, and I am proud that they recognize my pro-business votes that benefit both employers and workers across the state," said Delegate Carozza. "I respect the leadership and work of the members of MBRG and am grateful for my 100 percent rating this year."

MBRG is a statewide, nonpartisan

political research and education organization supported by corporations, trade associations, chambers of commerce, and individuals. Its purpose is to inform Maryland's business community, elected officials, and the general public about the political and economic environment needed to foster economic development and job creation in Maryland. Annual evaluations of the voting records of Maryland's state and federal legislators enable MBRG and its members to hold politicians accountable for the state's economic well-being like no other organization.

Diakonia golf tournament set

Diakonia, the only comprehensive provider of emergency and transitional housing for men, women and families on the Lower Shore, is accepting registrations for its eighth annual golf tournament on Wednesday, July 19, at the Ocean City Golf Club, Seaside Course, on South Point. This is the organization's most important fundraiser of the year.

Registration includes golf cart, Captain's Choice Scramble, tee gift and complimentary refreshments. Mulligans will be available. A catered lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar during the final scoring segment. The event concludes with an awards presentation and announcement of all raffle and 50-50 prize winners.

Sign up with a team of four, or as an individual and be assigned to a team. Cost is \$100 per player, \$400 a team. Business or professional sponsorships are also available at the \$1,000, \$460 and \$150 level. Event and Team sponsorships include free golf for four players and prominent inclusion, with logo, in the program. Tee Flag sponsorships include business logo on flags on the course.

To register to play, or inquire about being an event, team or tee-flag sponsor, contact Sandy Sribnick at 301-922-4127 or email at diakoniagolftournament@gmail.com



Clean up - On June 12, members of the Ocean City Power Squadron (OCPS) participated in the annual spring cleanup of Pintail Park in Ocean Pines. The OCPS has adopted Pintail Park and has maintained it for the past several years.

Members pictured from left to right are **Tony Curro, John Hess, John Tellman, Jeanne Stiehl, Neal Lookner and Tony Smith.**

Players to perform Independence Day program

Start your Independence Day celebration early with an upbeat multimedia musical revue for the whole family that celebrates our country and all it stands for, produced by the Ocean Pines Players. In this one-time showing, the talented cast of adults and children will perform both classic and modern patriotic songs as well as entertaining and moving dramatic readings. There are many opportunities to sing along, as well as a special appreciation for our veterans and service members.

Just a few of the classic songs include "You're a Grand Old Flag," "The Yankee Doodle Boy," "This is My Country," "Shenandoah," "What a Wonderful World," "Strike Up the Band" and "God Bless America." Laugh along with "50 Nifty United States," a special song about living right here in Delmarva, and a wacky "history" of the U.S. as seen through

the eyes of American high school students. Listen to a powerful poem and stirring historic words.

The show is at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 1. Seats are \$10 for adults and kids are free. Children will receive goodie bags and the Players will provide free cookies and drinks at intermission. Seating is limited so reservations are strongly encouraged. Call 410-600-0462 for

reservations and information.

Funding for this event is provided in part by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.



Sharon Sorrentino having fun at rehearsal

Perdue Foundation donates to Hospice at the Ocean

Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care announced a major gift to its campaign to build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean. The Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation has invested \$100,000 to support the project.

This is the Perdue Foundation's first gift to the capital campaign. Through the years, the foundation has generously supported the outreach



Left to right: **Kim Nechay**, executive director of the Perdue Foundation; **Alane Capen**, president of Coastal Hospice; **Jim Perdue**, Perdue chairman; and **Dirk Widdowson**, co-chair of the Campaign to Build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

programs and charity care of the non-profit hospice with gifts totaling more than \$60,000.

The Perdue gift will be commemorated in the naming of the foyer at the new facility, a welcoming and inviting area for family and friends visiting loved ones who are residents of the home.

"This generous gift to our capital campaign takes us one step closer to opening this much-needed care facility that will serve the entire Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland," said Alane Capen, President of Coastal Hospice. "The Perdue Foundation's vote of confidence in the project assures its future success."

"The services provided by Coastal Hospice are invaluable to the families who need them," Jim Perdue, Perdue chairman, said. "When hospice is needed, there is no greater blessing than these folks and their efforts. We've seen these benefits first hand in my own family and with the families of many of our associates. Perdue is honored to be a part of making sure Coastal Hospice is here when others need them, too."

"Coastal Hospice is about to do something really special here," Kim Nechay, Executive Director of the Perdue Foundation, said. "We are so glad to be a part of it to assure that this type

of care is available for everyone who needs it."

Coastal Hospice at the Ocean will be a hospice residence and outreach center located at The Point in Ocean Pines. It will address a growing and unmet need on the Lower Shore: a residence for hospice care for patients who are not able to stay in their homes during their final days because they lack an able caregiver.

When built, Coastal Hospice at the Ocean will feature a home-like atmosphere for residents. It will also serve as headquarters for the hospice team that cares for approximately 80 patients in their own homes each day in Worcester and Somerset counties. In addition, Coastal Hospice at the Ocean will offer palliative care clinics (to treat the physical, emotional and spiritual pain that comes with serious illness), and facilities for grief support and community education.

The Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation is the charitable giving arm of Perdue Farms, a third-generation, family-owned U.S. food and agriculture company headquartered in Salisbury. The foundation was established in 1957 by company founder Arthur W. Perdue and is funded through the estates of Arthur W. Perdue and Frank Perdue. The foundation's mission is to support the communities where they do business and where their associates live

and work.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible. Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their home, nursing home, assisted living facility or at Coastal Hospice at the Lake. The organization serves Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester and Somerset counties.

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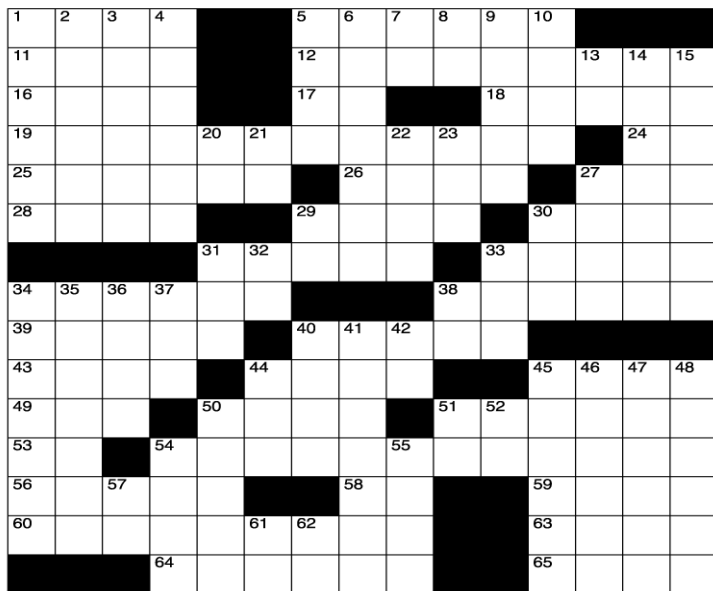
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Monetary unit of Iran
- 5. Soared the seas
- 11. Ornamental box
- 12. Involuntary
- 16. German term for Prague
- 17. Lethal dose
- 18. Where rockers play
- 19. Quality of being based on one's own feelings
- 24. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 25. People of Asia
- 26. Uttered
- 27. Unhappy
- 28. British pop duo
- 29. The Muse of history
- 30. Greek cheese
- 31. Semi-aquatic fish-eating mammal
- 33. Horse racing list
- 34. Add as an attachment
- 38. Thinly scattered
- 39. Northeastern American state
- 40. Decorative design
- 43. Sea eagle
- 44. European river
- 45. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Pick on
- 50. Easily manageable
- 51. Ingratiating insincerely
- 53. Commercial
- 54. Combining radio waves
- 56. Political divisions
- 58. Football's biggest event (abbr.)
- 59. Genus of true owls
- 60. One to whom something is mailed
- 63. It can sometimes be full
- 64. Bird of prey
- 65. Diarist Frank

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Carpenter's saw
- 2. Sudden arrival of something
- 3. Peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
- 4. Impasse
- 5. Pepper's partner
- 6. Perceptible by the ear
- 7. Stephen King's clown tale
- 8. ___ and behold
- 9. Related on the mother's side
- 10. A fish worth finding
- 13. Of I
- 14. Convicts
- 15. Having a tail
- 20. ___ masse
- 21. Culinary specialist
- 22. Kind of fur
- 23. What couples say
- 27. One with unusual powers of foresight
- 29. Connecticut
- 30. Fed'l Housing Administration
- 31. Smallest whole number
- 32. Touchdown
- 33. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Old Hess Corp.'s name
- 35. Marched through
- 36. A sharp high-pitched metallic sound
- 37. Between northeast and east
- 38. Sports magazine
- 40. Female horse
- 41. A way to supervise
- 42. Tantalum
- 44. Was in session
- 45. Bahrain capital
- 46. Prayer
- 47. Membranes
- 48. Belong to an earlier time
- 50. Affirmatives
- 51. South Dakota
- 52. Sinatra hit "___ Way"
- 54. Villain's enemy
- 55. A way to conform
- 57. Doctor of Medicine
- 61. Starting price
- 62. Junior's father

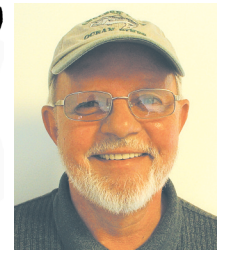


Answers for June 14



Captain Ron's
Fish Tales

By Ron Fisher



Croaker Fishing

Fishing Report: Flounder fishing has been good when the water is clear with quite a few keepers being reported. The good news is that weakfish seem to be returning to the bays with some nice fish being caught in the South Bay behind Assateague. Off-shore when the weather permits there have been some good catches of black sea bass, a few flounder and tile fish.

What is a Croaker?

(Refer to the illustration)

The Atlantic croaker is one of the most abundant fish in North American coastal waters and is important as a commercial fish as well as an important sport fish. Locally they can be caught from fishing piers as well as the surf and by boat in both the ocean and coastal bays. They usually arrive in our waters in early July or as late as August. Just keep up to date with the fishing reports to find out when the action starts. Croaker will not remain in the bays for long. Usually, 2-3 weeks at the most then they will migrate offshore to the shoals.



Croakers are bottom feeders and a close relative of spot and red drum. They are given their name because of the unique sound they make when caught. However, they are fun to catch and good to eat. Kids love to catch them because when they are biting it can be nonstop action.

Maryland Regulations:

In the state of Maryland Croaker must be a minimum of nine inches in length to keep and the limit is 25/per person/per day. I must admit I usually do not keep croaker less than 13 inches as I like to fillet croaker and you need larger fish for a reasonable size fillet. Also keep in mind that in Maryland a 14 inch croaker will get you a citation and a 17 inch croaker will get you a patch.

What type rig should you use?

Croakers are one of the easiest fish

to catch because they are bottom feeders. The best way to catch them is with a standard two-hook high-low rig with a 2-3 oz. bank sinker. Hook size is important as you need to use a smaller hook in the size 4-6 range. Usually either a wide gap or (long shank) hook will do the job.

What bait should you use?

Expensive bait is not necessary when fishing for croaker. A small piece of squid, shrimp, cut bait such as spot or mullet or a piece of clam will do just fine for these hungry fish but like any other fish if you want a bigger fish put on a bigger piece of bait. If you are also fishing for flounder you can also catch them on frozen shiners and squid combination.

When is the best time to fish?

I personally have had my best luck on the early outgoing tide but most fishermen feel you should fish the same tide as you would for flounder. That is the last two hours of the incoming tide and the first two hours of the outgoing tide.

Where is the best place to fish?

Any of the local fishing piers, Route 50 Bridge, or surf but if you are surf fishing be certain to comply with local regulations as to when and where you can fish. Behind the convention center and along the bulkhead from Second to Fourth street. Also, check with your local tackle shops as they will give you great advice as to where the bite is best. If fishing by boat try the area around Harbor Island in 12-15 ft. of water. Also, the thoroughfare around the convention center and the south bay behind Assateague Island is a great location. Move around and watch for the concentration of boats as this is a good indication someone found a school of croaker.

Note: Don't forget the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament Saturday August 5. This is a great tournament - sign up at the Chamber office.

Remember to take a kid fishing
Capt. Ron

Jeter to speak on pollinator issues

Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) will host a Brown Bag lunch event on Thursday, June 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the LSLT office located at 100 River Street in Snow Hill. Pack your lunch and catch up on the latest pollinator buzz.

The featured speaker is Mary Jeter, who will present a talk about issues facing pollinators, management practices and information about the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. Mary is from Annapolis where she lives and works for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Mary has spent the last year with the service doing community outreach in Baltimore City, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland as part of the Service's mission to connect people with nature. A recent graduate of Salisbury University, she is

excited to return to the area.

National Pollinator Week is a time to celebrate pollinators and spread the word about what you can do to protect them. Ten years ago the U.S. Senate's unanimous approval and designation of a week in June as "National Pollinator Week"

marked a necessary step toward addressing the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations. Pollinator Week has now grown into an international celebration of the valuable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles.

For more information about the featured Brown Bag Lunch Talk, pollinator resources or how you can make a difference locally, contact LSLT at 443-234-5587 or visit the website at www.lowershorelandtrust.org.



Perfect - Seven Worcester Prep Lower School students earned Perfect Attendance Certificates for the school year. Front L-R: **Brax Giardina, John Lynch and Collin Hastings.** Back L-R: **Beckett Green, Jack Lynch, Hunter Simons, Briar Parsons and Head of Lower School Celeste Bunting.**

Adult summer fitness program offered

Summer registration is now open for Early Bird Fitness at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill from July 5 to September 22 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8:40 a.m.

This program is open to active adults ages 45 and older who would like to get up and get moving to start their day. Participants will work

through a variety of exercises during 40-minute workouts designed to increase mobility and flexibility and challenge participants to increase their fitness abilities.

The cost per participant is \$40. For more information or to register, contact Program Manager Myro Small at 410-632-2144, ext. 2512 or msmall@co.worcester.md.us.

Greason joins Art League

The Art League of Ocean City/Ocean City Center for the Arts welcomes Georgette Greason of Ocean View as their new Development and Events Coordinator. Greason will assist with donor relations and help coordinate special events.

Originally from New York State, Greason holds a BS in special education from Florida International University and an MS in education from Western Connecticut State University. She has previously volunteered extensively in the nonprofit sector, working in development, fundraising, and grant writing.

"Working collaboratively, I look forward to establishing partnerships with those who value, appreciate and understand the importance of supporting a vibrant arts community," Greason said.



Georgette Greason

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Rhythms of the Pocomoke
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The next deadline to apply for Community Arts Development Grants is October 15.

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Fri., June 23	7:16 a.m. 7:48 p.m.	1:25 a.m. 1:24 p.m.	5:38 a.m.	8:28 p.m.
Sat., June 24	8:10 a.m. 8:42 p.m.	2:19 a.m. 2:17 p.m.	5:38 a.m.	8:28 p.m.
Sun., June 25	9:05 a.m. 9:35 p.m.	3:12 a.m. 3:10 p.m.	5:38 a.m.	8:28 p.m.
Mon., June 26	9:59 a.m. 10:27 p.m.	4:04 a.m. 4:04 a.m.	5:39 a.m.	8:28 p.m.
Tues., June 27	10:23 a.m. 11:18 p.m.	4:56 a.m. 4:59 p.m.	5:39 a.m.	8:28 p.m.
Wed., June 28	11:47 a.m.	5:49 a.m. 5:57 p.m.	5:39 a.m.	8:28 p.m.

Paddle event supports scholarships

Friends of the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund will gather for the 9th annual Jesse's Paddle on Saturday July 15, at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company in Snow Hill. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. and boats will hit the water by 5:00. Support raised at the Paddle funds the annual Jesse Klump Memorial Scholarship as well as the non-profit's suicide prevention outreach mission.

"There will be free boats for those who raise more than \$30 to participate in 'Jesse's Poker Paddle,'" said JKMF President Kim Klump. "While our missions are very serious, this is a day of fun and celebration, and we expect to put more than 50 boats on the Pocomoke River. The fabulous young duo of Gabe and Gigi will be rocking at the dock, opened by Snow Hill's King of Rock and Roll Nick Haglich. There is a great silent auction, food and beverages, all for important causes."

Prizes for top fundraisers include nights in Ocean City, and a luxury pontoon boat cruise on the Pocomoke. There are also prizes for those holding the best hands in the Poker Paddle.

Founded in 2009, the JKMF pro-

vided \$17,500 in scholarships to Snow Hill High School graduates in the class of 2017. "Funds from the *Paddle* are key to our ability to support a significant scholarship," said Fund officer Ron Pilling. "Since 2009 we have granted \$93,000 in scholarships, and this year we added a program to offer grants to educators and mental health professionals to augment our work in suicide prevention."

Supporters can create their own fundraising pages, or pledge on the behalf of others who have goals set on the website, by visiting <http://jessespaddle.donorpages.com/JessesPaddle2017>. For those who prefer to gather pledges other than online, the JKMF will provide paper Pledge Forms. For forms, or for information, call 443-982-2716 or email to weremember@jessespaddle.org.

Canoes, solo or two-person kayaks, or standup paddleboards must be reserved in advance for Jesse's Poker Paddle. Paddlers must raise a minimum of \$30 for a free boat for the event. To reserve your boat, call the Pocomoke River Canoe Company at 410-632-3971.



Field Day - Students from Seaside Christian Academy competed in a tug-of-war. Pictured are **Spencer Beauchamp, Max Hilbert, Samantha Cummings, and anchor Andrew Baker.**

AGH joins national COPD effort

On May 22, the National Institutes of Health in a collaborative effort with representatives from across the entire COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) community, released the COPD National Action Plan. This first-of-its-kind document provides a unified framework to guide stakeholders nationwide in their efforts to work together to positively impact the effect of the disease.

COPD is the third leading cause of death in the United States, affecting 16 million Americans and millions more who have not yet been diagnosed. Over time, this lung disease can affect the ability to breathe and lead to long-term disability. Although COPD is not curable, it is highly treatable, and early diagnosis can lead to an improved quality of life. Everyone has an important role to play in the success of the COPD National Action Plan.

"Atlantic General Hospital is excited about the release of this plan and we look forward to collaborating with others in the COPD community to ensure its successful implementation," commented Lou Brecht, Lead Respiratory Therapist Atlantic General Pulmonary Clinic.

The Action Plan addresses the needs

of patients and the greater public, health care delivery and practice guidelines, research potential, and policy implications. Broken into five goals, each goal of the Action Plan is designed to address a different aspect of COPD so that the entire spectrum of complex issues related to the disease is covered.

Goal 1: Empower patients, their families, and caregivers to recognize and reduce the burden of COPD; Goal 2: Equip health care professionals to provide comprehensive care to people with COPD; Goal 3: Collect, analyze, report, and disseminate COPD data; Goal 4: Increase and sustain COPD research; Goal 5: Turn COPD recommendations into research and public health care Actions. Brecht, Lead Respiratory Therapist at the Pulmonary Clinic participated in the NHLBI (National Heart Lung and Blood Institute) COPD Town Hall collaborating on goal 2.

Atlantic General is helping our COPD patients with these goals through the establishment of the Pulmonary Clinic to educate and provide a forum for patients to get questions answered and to foster self-management of COPD. The Pulmonary Clinic has also invested in training for the Registered Respiratory Therapists through the American Association for Respiratory Care. These Therapists are now certified COPD educators. The Pulmonary Clinic has also adopted the eBright ACO standardized guidelines to help with diagnosis, treatment and improved quality of life for patients with COPD.

To learn more about the Atlantic General Pulmonary Clinic, please visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/pulmonary.

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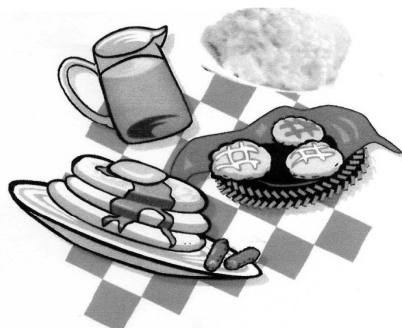
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Winners recognized

Two local students were recently presented certificates of appreciation from the Maryland State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for their participation in a DAR American History essay contest sponsored by the General Levin Winder Chapter. Ava C. Skorobatsch of Pocomoke Middle School and Natalie Marie Canham of Berlin Intermediate School, were chapter winners for Grade 5 and Grade 6, respectively. The essay topic was "Celebrating a Century: America's National Parks."

Above: Berlin Intermediate School Principal **Tom Sites**, **Natalie Canham** and Chapter Regent **Patricia Ayers**.



Justice earns credential

Kim Justice, FACHE, vice president planning/operations at Atlantic General Hospital recently became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), the nation's leading professional society for healthcare leaders.



Kim Justice

"The healthcare management field plays a vital role in providing high-quality care to the people in our communities, which makes having a standard of excellence promoted by a professional organization critically important," says Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE, president and chief executive officer of ACHE. "By becoming an ACHE Fellow and earning the distinction of board certification from ACHE, healthcare leaders demonstrate a commitment to excellence in serving their patients and the community."

Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development. In fact, only 9,100 healthcare executives hold this

distinction. To obtain Fellow status, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional/community involvement. Fellows are also committed to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

Justice is privileged to use the FACHE credential, which signifies board certification in healthcare management and ACHE Fellow status. "I am extremely grateful to have earned this designation and truly believe myself and the other FACHE executives and leaders at Atlantic General Hospital are furthering the hospital and health system's mission and ethical commitment to the community through lifelong learning," said Justice.

Justice has been with Atlantic General Hospital since 1993 and prior to becoming vice president of planning/operations in 2000 held positions as laboratory manager and director of ancillary services.



Anna's at it again - A fundraiser for the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay was sponsored by Anna Foltz and Star Charities at the Sunset Grille in Ocean City, June 11 to a sell-out crowd of Anna's supporters. Along with \$2,300 raised for the Girl Scouts, Anna was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Anne Hogan, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay. The certificate recognized Anna's outstanding contribution, dedication and volunteer service to the Scouts.

From left: **Anne Hogan** and **Anna Foltz**. Photo by Ted Page.



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Updating rotting signs and making all amenities equality desirable for our full and part timers. Investing a little is essential if we want residents to support it. As we gather to these amenities that were built for us, we engage and meet so many residents/friends, and isn't that what makes a great community anyway? As the amenities thrive, I would like to explore ways to take financial burden off of home owners, both in memberships and annual assessments.

Douglas Parks

Resolution M-02 specifically states that the amenities should be run in a business-like manner and fee-based amenities should be managed to cover, at a minimum, operating costs through fees and operating revenues. I am a proponent of making an honest attempt to operate our beautiful amenities in a sensible manner. For the most part, our amenities are run in reasonable compliance with M-02. The Beach Club and the 5 pools managed by the Association are prime examples of this compliance.

However, one obvious problem is the Cove at Mumford's (formerly the Yacht Club). Over the years, despite the various changes in business strategy, the amenity continues to lose money, especially in the off-season months. Even with the quality, and quite frankly marvelous, effort the acting General Manager and his team put forth to reinvigorate the building and business management of the Cove, we still showed significant operating losses during these off-season months. In my opinion, if that level of effort and creativity, didn't produce the desired results, its proof enough that we need to close down the operation during the off-season as a prudent business decision and am very interested in what OPA members think of that approach.

Martin Clarke

Ocean Pines has always enjoyed the finest amenities of any community on the eastern shore of Maryland. Every property owner pays for the cost of these amenities as part of their yearly assessment. The board of directors is charged to operate the business amenities in a "businesslike manner". We should also operate them in the best interest of the majority of our fellow property owners.

We are clearly NOT operating the new Five Million Dollar Yacht Club in a

"businesslike manner". This is obvious to anyone who looks at the numbers, and I do. In the first three years the new facility lost over \$880,000.00 in the off-season.

This loss addresses operational loss and does not include the very expensive depreciation costs also funded by our assessment dollars. Let me please ask you, if this was your personal business enterprise, would you stay open in the off season to lose \$300,000.00 a year? I didn't think so, and, neither should we. Next year's board must make the only sensible business decision in the best interest of our membership and close this facility in the off season. This would result in a savings of \$30.00 from our yearly assessment.

Brenda Wascak

I have enjoyed many of the amenities our community has to offer!! I appreciate the people in our community who work on the front-line or behind the scenes to provide these amenities. Since purchasing a home here 6 years ago, I have been fortunate enough to arrive for the weekend to enjoy myself at the beach club or pool because of their hard work and dedication. Now that I am getting ready to retire, I want to donate my time so I can meet my fellow residents and to give back to our community. I want to learn what the majority of people like or don't like about the current amenities and to be a part of updating them or creating new amenities for residents of all ages to enjoy.

Describe what you feel you would bring to the OPA BOD.

Colette Horn

I have a Ph.D. in psychology with expertise in data analysis and research as well as clinical practice. For 30 years I have been President and Chief Financial Officer for the psychology business I own with my husband. I have experience with board governance in the non-profit sector. I am a published researcher with university teaching experience.

I have the skills and knowledge to represent the financial interests of the membership and to collaborate with other Directors in steering the Board toward sensible decision-making and responsible spending based on faithful adherence to our governing documents and sound business practices. My skills also support the Board's need for careful study of the priorities of the members and the characteristics of our community and its amenities, and to

use this information to guide decision-making, I am semi-retired, and live part-time in Harford County MD, which will bring to the Board the perspective of a resident who maintains property value in two places. My training and experience prepared me to see problems and issues objectively from various points of view, which will allow me to represent the interests and needs of both full-time and part-time resident-owners.

Nicole Schafer Crosariol

I bring new perceptiveness to the board. Growing up here, this community has been my childhood and soon to be, my children's home. I have many heartwarming memories of the beach club, recreation activities and pool days with my family. Making essential structural updates will ensure constant growth and please all demographics. Not just current residents, but for future generations to come. With my extensive marketing background and business management (including my own), I can assist in being fiscally responsible for budgeting.

Eager to hear of a new General Manager coming in the near future, I am confident the current board members will hire a great leader to fill some very big shoes. The opportunity to work and oversee the productivity with the current board members, will keep the Operation management accountable and amenities sustainable at the very least.

Douglas Parks

I bring over 30 years of executive leadership from a successful career in leading information technology for several prominent organizations, including the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Pew Charitable Trusts. More importantly, as a current member of the Board of Directors, I bring a valuable level of experience that can only be gained by serving the Association on its Board.

I also bring to the table a demonstrated commitment in building a collaborative relationship among the members of the board, so that varying opinions on important topics can be shared openly and candidly, with the intent of reaching consensus on a solution or course of action. Over this past year, we, as a board have shared a number of successes, while at the same time have faced several challenges. One of my focus areas is to continue to work with my fellow directors to address the challenges ahead and serve in the best interest of the OPA and its members, and

I ask for your consideration as you cast your vote in the upcoming election.

Martin Clarke

As a successful local resort businessman operating in Ocean Pines for 30 plus years I try to look at every penny of every assessment like it was my money. Over the past twenty years my due diligence and commitment to Ocean Pines has saved the membership a great deal of money. I have served Ocean Pines as a director and as a committee member for longer than the combined tenure of the entire sitting board. I understand the financial reports and I am the only candidate with a long history of service that brings with it an understanding of our operations and finances.

I promise to work in your best interests and that of Ocean Pines. I would appreciate your vote.

Brenda Wascak

I bring several years of leadership experience from running a military office for 3 years including Officers and Enlisted personnel. I have served as a team member on numerous projects and programs and I have a great appreciation for the contributions that everyone brings to a team due to their different views and perspectives based on their diverse backgrounds and experience levels. I love working with people and I am open minded when listening to other's ideas and opinions. I ask a lot of questions so I can learn as much as possible before forming my opinion about an issue. I have a can-do attitude and am very enthusiastic when it comes to turning a vision into a reality.

The Elections Committee is seeking questions from members of the Association for the Candidates' Forum. Residents are encouraged to submit questions, 75 words or less, by calling the Elections Committee Telephone Hotline at 410-208-3989, or sending questions by email to Elections Committee Chair Steve Tuttle at sltuttle08@gmail.com .

The deadline for submitting questions is Sunday, June 18.

The cutoff date for voter eligibility in Ocean Pines is July 1. Ballots will be mailed on July 11 and are due on August 10. Votes will be counted on August 11. The two winners, each serving a three-year term, will be announced during the annual meeting on Saturday, August 12 at 10 a.m. at the Assateague Room in the Ocean Pines Community Center.

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