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Wilson helps nonprofits stay focused

By June Freeman

What if you really believed you could give a person hope where there is no hope? Would you reach out? Committing to be a volunteer can change someone's life and also can have a profound benefit on your own personal well-being.



Tom Wilson

Tom Wilson, founder and Executive Director for Lower Shore Support Services states that "whether you have plenty of time to share or only a few hours to spare, volunteering makes a difference." Wilson, a resident of Ocean Pines, is passionate

about helping and promoting the nonprofit sector. His experiences as finance director for the Peace Corps, executive officer for U.S. African Development Foundation, and president, treasurer and board member for Diakonia makes him the perfect match for the job of helping nonprofit organizations thrive and reach out to the community.

There are numerous obstacles and hurdles to overcome when running a nonprofit organization. "When someone starts a nonprofit organization, they deeply care and are devoted to the cause. Often they are stretched and trying to do everything themselves. They don't always have all the skills they need. Accounting, attracting and tracking donors, managing payrolls, dealing with taxes, and countless other tasks can demand time and experience," explained Wilson.

Almost all mission-driven organizations can only be successful if they have a strong volunteer

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Meet the candidates

The Ocean Pines Elections Committee released the biographies of each candidate running for the board of directors as well as the candidates' answers to three questions. This week *The Courier* is publishing (unedited) each candidate's profile and answers to the first question. In next week's edition answers to the second and third questions will be published.

Two candidates, Mark Mitchell and Scott Wagner, have submitted a formal withdrawal. Seven candidates now vie for three vacant Board positions. The candidates are presented below in the same order as they will appear on the ballot.

Steve Tuttle

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The values of hard work, diligence, and integrity characterize my life. My wife and I have been married nearly 50 years, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. We bought our home in Ocean Pines in 2014 and took up fulltime residency in 2015.



Steve Tuttle

Born into a farm family in Maine, working was a way of life. I earned a BS in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University, a Masters in Christian Education from Bethel Seminary and completed graduate work in engineering at the University of Minnesota.

My career includes 15 years as a licensed Professional Engineer in environmental and geotechnical engineering. At the age of 40 I began a 21-year career in college campus ministry, followed by 5 years as Director of Operations for a youth program in Camden, NJ and 4 years as Building and Facilities Manager for a program serving children and adults with moderate to severe disabilities.

I have served as chair of the Ocean Pines Elections Advisory Committee and led the process to bring greater transparency to our elections.

I currently serve as a Trustee of the Community Church of Ocean Pines. I am a member of the Anglers, Pickleball and Boat clubs of Ocean Pines.

Frank Daly

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My wife Irene and I moved to Ocean Pines in 2013 and are involved in a number of community organizations. I chair the Strategic Planning Committee and I am a member of the Golf Advisory Committee.



Frank Daly

My 40+ Year career includes Senior Management & Board Level Assignments. I have a MS Degree in Engineering, a MBA (Finance/Marketing) and attended the Wharton Executive Development Program.

I have served on the Executive Committees of four companies, the Board of Directors of a HOA and two major university consortiums (Cal-Berkeley & Arizona State). I am President of Jordan Frank Associates, an

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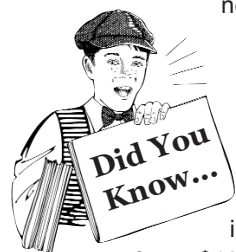
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2012 Business of the Year

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The per person average couples spend on guests at their weddings has risen considerably since 2009, as more and more couples seek to provide unique guest experiences. According to The Knot 2017 Real Weddings Study, which surveyed nearly 13,000



U.S.-based brides and grooms who tied the knot in 2017, per-guest spending increased from \$194 in 2009 to \$268 in 2017. Some of that increase can be traced to couples wanting to provide memorable experiences, including customized entertainment, for their guests. Among the couples surveyed, 69 percent paid for photo booths for their guests, while 24 percent provided sparklers. Twenty-two percent of couples included selfie stations or video booths in the festivities, while 19 percent provided games for guests during their receptions. The 2017 Real Weddings Study also found that customized entertainment options such as fireworks, cigar rolling stations, wine and liquor tastings, and magicians were more popular in 2017 than in 2009.

Elder Abuse Awareness shines light on problem

On June 5, the Worcester County Commissioners presented a proclamation to Jamie Manning, Assistant Director of Services within the Department of Social Services (DSS), Commission on Aging (COA) Director Rob Hart and others recognizing June 2018 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month and June 5 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Worcester County.

"Unfortunately, elder abuse is a real issue that is often underreported," DSS Director Roberta Baldwin said. "Many seniors do not report the abuse because of fear of ongoing abuse or threats that they will have to leave their home. Under the law any banking institution, in cases of financial exploitation, health practitioner, police officer, or human service worker who has reason to believe that a vulnerable adult is in danger is required to report to DSS. Any concerned person who suspects abuse and neglect should also report their suspicions. Those who report are protected under Section 14-309 of the Family Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland."

Each year, the human rights of nearly 2.1 million senior-age U.S. citizens are violated when they become

victims of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation at the hands of known individuals, like family members and caregivers, who violate that sacred trust. Through the Adult Protective Services Program, which provides professional services to protect the health, safety and welfare of vulnerable adults, local DSS officials have conducted 121 investigations involving allegations of physical abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.

Mishandling and misuse of bank accounts leads to financial hardships that result in seniors unable to support financial responsibilities. Seniors experiencing this type of abuse have found themselves challenged with new problems such as malnutrition, homelessness, and even displacement from a caretaking institution.

"Financial exploitation of the elderly has become a significant growing issue amongst this population," Baldwin said. "Many seniors are seeing their bank accounts exhausted by adult children or grandchildren who are struggling with substance abuse disorders. By being empathetic in addressing the issue, a senior is more

likely to open up and talk about what is happening."

Elder abuse robs victims of their sense of dignity and self-worth. Together we can prevent or end the cycle of abuse in a victim's life through prevention, detection, and intervention by becoming aware, recognizing the warning signs, and advocating for that individual by reporting suspected abuse. "Ask questions about unexplained injuries or marks," Baldwin said. "Be aware of changes to behaviors or routine. Once you are aware that an elderly person may be a victim of abuse, contact DSS or your local law enforcement agency." The County Commissioners in partnership with DSS and other local and state officials urge citizens to learn the red flags of elder abuse and to advocate to prevent or end abuse.

Actors, singers sought

Open auditions will be held June 24 and 26 for friendly and nurturing local non-profit community theater group, the Ocean Pines Players. The troupe seeks actors and singers of all ages for upcoming shows and

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base. Wilson said, "I want the people of Ocean Pines to know what great things are going on and what wonderful opportunities there are for them to really become engaged in the community. We have so many people, so many skills and talents, and there is such a great need for volunteers."

The large number of nonprofit organizations in Worcester County is remarkable and a credit to those who volunteer. Unfortunately, many nonprofits still remain unknown.

Stories Love Music is a special and unique nonprofit organization which is designed to improve care and to give support to both the caretakers and to those dealing with dementia and Alzheimer's. The ever-growing number of elders with memory loss is devastating; it can isolate and leave one with the feeling of being neither heard or seen. Music and storytelling are blended together in order to spark the imagination and bring the person more fully into the moment. This impressive and creative program offers a better quality

of life to those who have lost so much.

Another nonprofit organization is Lower Shore Land Trust which located in Snow Hill. It has stepped up and is working to promote a healthier and more connected lower Eastern Shore. Their vision is to see families, residents, and government agencies working together to identify and permanently protect critical lands to benefit water, wildlife, working landscapes, and the people of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling (WYFC) is a vital and overburdened nonprofit organization which has a broad spectrum of services. The needs of WYFC have increased over 500 percent in the recent years. They service hundreds of families and individuals ranging from toddlers to senior citizens who find themselves in critical situations. Frequently they give aid to people who are suffering from both a financial and an emotional crisis. Situations arise every day where families become homeless or face eviction while others cannot afford food and basic necessities.

The Family Connections program

provides a safety net for these families while working towards the goal of empowering them towards self-sufficiency.

The Court Appointed Special Advocates program which is often referred to as CASA advocates for neglected children who through no fault of their own are unable to live safely at home.

The Youth Program helps children and adolescent boys and girls understand how to achieve a happy and healthy life in their school, home, and community. Meaningful cultural, educational and wellness experiences are the fundamental parts of the Youth Program.

Volunteering allows everyone the opportunity to be devoted to a cause that is close to their heart. No matter what the cause, what connects volunteers is the reward and challenge of giving of oneself.

Author's note: To find more information, email Tom Wilson at lowershoresvcs@gmail.com, go to the website lowershoresvcs.org or call 443-478-4985. Website worcestervolunteer.org also helps connect with local nonprofits.

Today is my anniversary

On this day 31 years ago, Susan and I exchanged vows. We were young. We were excited. We were naïve. Although I don't express my feelings to her as often as I should, Susan is the best thing to happened to me. She and I have grown up together, sharing suc-

Weddings are fraught with all sorts of challenges whether it's the guest list, the venue or one of so many other things. Ours was no different. Family members told us what we should do and who we should invite. We weren't seasoned enough or mature enough or bold enough to tell everyone to back off and then just do what we wanted. Part of the problem was we didn't know how to articulate what we wanted, if we even knew what that was. Looking back, we were young, dealing with many pressures we didn't realize or quite understand. At the time we acquiesced. It's in the past. If only we knew then what we know now.

Susan handled alone just about all the planning and she did an exceptional job. But, through the years she has said she would have done things much differently. And her subsequent ideas are awesome. Maybe for our fiftieth. When our daughter was planning her wedding, Susan and I gave her free reign, within monetary guidelines. She created the wedding she wanted or at least I hope she did. I even

think she asked her husband-to-be what he wanted from time to time. As a result, she and her husband had a casual, family-oriented affair that was memorable and beautiful, despite some unexpected last minutes hitches involving weather and the unfortunate passing of her fiancé's grandfather several days before the nuptials.

Marriages aren't about wedding days. Marriages are not about who is or who isn't invited to the reception or what color the bridesmaids' dresses are. It's even less about the invitation design or seating arrangements.

Marriage is about whether the lifetime commitment you're making is to the right person. For me, despite nights spent on the sofa, I made the commitment to the right person. And if for no other indicator than she has stuck around for thirty years plus one, I believe Susan feels the same way.

It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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cesses and failures, learning from each other and at times giving the other a swift kick in the ... area of reason. We take much joy in our family: our three children, their spouses and significant others and especially our grandchildren.

Our marriage has been an exceptional journey. Not to say it's been clear sailing. Far from it. But it's been wonderful nonetheless. Through the years we've made mistakes; said things to each other that we've regretted. We've disappointed each other. We've yelled. We've loved. I've slept on the sofa.

Along the way, we became comfortable with ourselves as individuals and the couple we've become. In public we've had each other's back. Behind closed doors we've given it to each other straight and sometimes without varnish. We've become better as a result, even if I did have to sleep on the sofa a few nights after.

Looking back at that couple standing at the altar of St. Matthew's church in Philadelphia, it is obvious through the lens of time that couple who was us really had no idea what they were getting themselves into. It is also obvious that the wedding we had did not reflect who we were. If Susan and I had it to do over again, we would have an entirely different type of wedding; much more casual and most likely in autumn, her favorite time of year. We had the wedding that was expected. At the time we didn't think to do anything different.



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Hi, my name is Greg Turner.

I am running for the Board of Directors. I have lived in Ocean Pines full time since 1978 and part time

since 1968. I've watched Ocean Pines grow by leaps and bounds. It has been amazing what has happened during that time.



Gregory Turner

I worked for the Ocean Pines Clubs/Association for 6 years in various positions ranging from lifeguard, working at the horse stables, maintenance and finally in the food service area. I served in the Ocean Pines Fire and EMS department for 20 years and was a line officer in charge. Finally, I was elected as the fire chief for 3 years.

Today I am an electrical contractor in the Worcester county area.

I attended Prince George Community College. Upon moving to Ocean Pines, I attended Wor-Wic Community College and studied Hotel and Restaurant Management. I then entered the electrical Apprentice program at Eastern Air Control and became a foreman and then promoted to construction manager.

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200 Words to tell you who I am? Here's a broad brush resume...My



Paula Gray

name is Paula Gray, Resident of Ocean Pines, wife, mother, grandmother, and... Railroad yardmaster of 32 years (retired), a position that Required extreme and daily planning, decision making, and a myriad of interactions With Federal agencies, corporate

departments, State departments, Customers both large and small (ex: UPS at Christmas and Mom/Pops Waiting for basics); personnel planning, training, and placement; "common ground finding" with unions, corporate, and customers; And an additional 3 page small print job description; Federal Hazmat Training and DOD contractual instructor; And, various volunteer positions: Treasurer and then President Of Friends of Downs Park (Non-profit) 4 years; worked with women's Prisoners educational programs; appointed by Governor Schaefer Foster Care Review Board (servicing children in peril) 4 years; Little League Volunteer 12 years; UMBC graduate; member of: American Assn University Women; Ocean Pines Womens' Club; Mensa; current National Aquarium Seal Steward volunteer; former volunteer Stem program for middle school Girls; et al, I have always worked within and for my community!

Esther Diller

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My husband, Stuart, and I are from Bucks County, PA, and have owned



Esther Diller

several properties in the Worcester County resort area for the last fifteen years. In 2014, I purchased in Ocean Pines with the intention of retiring to Ocean Pines in the next few years. I am the CEO or CFO in eight different businesses, and I know how to manage people. The Board of

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Directors needs leaders who can provide oversight and let the area experts do their jobs. A board is supposed to provide executive guidance, staff is supposed to provide operational support.

As an executive, I know how to make this happen, and will bring the leadership OPA needs to create a solid path forward for the next fifty years. This community is a great place, but it needs help. I intend to use my voice on the board to manage assessments

(they are over 10% too high), hold staff accountable for our money, and bring in professionals. This can turn struggling portions of our operations around and protect our financial future so we can all afford to live here for the next fifty years, enjoying what has been built in the first fifty.

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Ted Moroney

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I was born and raised in Alexandria, VA and graduated from Norwich University. For 35 years I was CEO of Superior Foundation, Inc. a design-build sub-contractor in the DC area, turning the business over to my brothers and semi-retiring as a Risk Management VP for a firm in Maryland.

My wife Sue and I bought in Ocean Pines in 2006 and are currently transitioning to become full-time residents. I have been active serving on the Contract Review Team, the Ten Year Task Force, numerous OPA building committees including the Yacht Club and Community Center, the Reserve Study selection group and a number of other OPA activities in the

last decade.

I was asked to fill an empty board position at the end of September 2017. As I said then the easiest step would have been to sit on the sidelines and wait for this election. I understood that my best value to OPA would be to jump in and to assist in righting the association. It is my desire to continue that progress; build on the success over the last nine months; complete a number of outstanding projects and to bring continuity and the best practices to the OPA operation.

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Arie Klapholz

My name is Arie Klapholz and I reside at 38 Seabreeze Road. We bought a lot here in 1996, built a vacation/forever home, and moved in early 1997. I spent my youth on a farm in South Jersey, moved to Philadelphia, PA in 1960 where I lived until 2003, and then made Ocean Pines my home. I am a Viet Nam Era veteran having served in the Army from 1967 to 1969. I spent thirty plus years in civil service working for the City of Philadelphia, mostly in construction project management. I also spent forty years working for the Philadelphia Inquirer in the newsprint packaging division. I served as secretary-treasurer of one of my bowling leagues, consisting of twenty, five-man teams, for ten years. I served on the Board of Trustees for eight years for the synagogue we belonged to in Philadelphia. I served as Master of my Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia, Shekinah Lodge #246, and I am currently a

member of Evergreen Lodge #153 in Berlin. I served on the Board of Trustees for Temple Bat Yam where I am a current active member. I am the current president of the Ocean City Cruzers car club.

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

Steve Tuttle

The Ocean Pines Association is still financially strong despite last years losses. If you elect me to the Board, I will support the recommendations of the deep dive audit and the Forensic Audit. I will be committed to implementing interim and final audit recommendations. In this regard, I would request written status reports on at least a quarterly basis to ensure compliance with the outstanding recommendations. Appropriate controls must be in place to assure that all monies of the Association are properly accounted for and properly utilized. There is no place in our Association for theft, hidden bank accounts, or mishandled money. Investments should be placed in insured accounts that gain the highest possible interest. Our reserve accounts are strong. The only major project anticipated is the second floor of the country club. Adding more to the reserve accounts is unnecessary. I support maintaining our assessment at the current level, or if possible, based on a careful analysis of the budget, reducing the assessment. The amount of the assessment needs to be justified and explained to the membership.

Frank Daly

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The Bad (Requiring MAJOR Changes). The planning, budgeting, business processes and financial reporting systems are weak, ineffectual and poorly managed according to a 'Deep Dive' audit commissioned by the BOD.

Examples:

1. The budget determines the assessment (8452 lots). 2018/19 budget calls for road/bulkhead spending of \$1,499,732. Information from Public Works is the actual work planned is \$747,172; an overassessment of \$89.04 per home. SURPRISED?

2. Theft. We have a reported theft of \$27,000 from the Finance Department in August. It remains unsolved and under investigation. The reason cited by law enforcement – poor business practices and the number of individuals with access to the cash within the department. TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE & INEXCUSABLE!

3. Allegations of theft, fraud and corruption within the Association by two former Board Members that triggered a \$250,000 forensic audit. A REAL SHOW STOPPER!

4. Monthly bank statements that are only reconciled/audited for one month out of the entire year per instructions from management. WHY NOT MONTHLY?

5. 5/24/18 BOD Treasurer's report indicates an operating loss of \$1,600,000; revised to \$1,218,000 on 6/1/18, a \$400,000 difference. AC-CURATE REPORTING?

Gregory Turner

It is my belief that undue monies have been spent needlessly over the years because there was not sufficient oversight and accountability while lacking residence input. For example, the Country Club has been remodeled 4 times. The bulk heads have been done twice on my canal because they were not installed properly (still not properly done). This is directly due to lack of oversight by the Association. I really want to know the reason for a million dollar deficit. The first response by the association is to raise our Association dues. Why was the Forensic Audit done after you raise our dues?

Paula Gray

Looking at OPA Finances, currently, is a stare into murky water, knowing It's there but not sure of any-

thing else. The Pines has been growing for 50 years. The financial structure and process has not! Not an insult to those who came before but A statement of where we need to go now.

We all have budgets, big, small, and very necessary. Here and now it Appears that budgets in the Pines have never been viewed as a "process" Where those in charge should watch, review, alter, update or abandon. An observation – and this seemed to happen in a very large fashion last Year – like giving a credit card to someone with instructions to spend a dollar limit, and then never checking to see what happened. And it got us here!

There are those that will say our charter doesn't call for that... Perhaps it should. Whatever needs to happen needs to be more, much More, open to the Pines membership. Perhaps a one hour meeting every Quarter? A site updated monthly on where we are? And finally Getting egos suppressed if a question is asked? It is, after all, Pines money!

Esther Diller

OPA finances need help. First, our assessments are too high. Our current reserve balance has over TEN MILLION DOLLARS. We do not need to raise assessment and actually need to lower them. I will work to make that a reality.

The theft, fraud, corruption, embezzlement, or whatever you want to call our issues needs to end. We can no longer turn a blind eye to these activities. I will insist we prosecute EVERYTIME we discover even the smallest issue. To this I am not negotiable. This behavior must stop immediately. We must be accountable for every dollar of Association money.

Last, the days of our antiquated systems and processes needs to end. We need to look at all options to bring accountability to the finance department, and this includes outsourcing if necessary. Outsourcing is not a bad word. Outsourcing can work We need experienced people to run back office, and a deep enough staff to meet GAAP standards. We are a small city and need the help of professionals.

Ted Moroney

OPA is coming off the worse operating performance - possibly in the history of the association. Multiple Directors of Finance, turmoil on the board, poor budgeting, and poor management performance all contributed to this problem. While many say use the reserves to pay for operating losses, that option would inevitably lead to the reserves becoming a "slush fund" for poor management and board decisions. The good news is that our reserves are currently in good shape overall.

The answer is simple: we must budget realistically and live within that budget. Since September we have brought stability back to the operation with a new General Manager and new Director of Finance; worked in tandem with the B&F Committee to develop a realistic budget; outsourced the bulk of food service to the Matt Ortt Company; engaged a forensic auditing team to identify fraud, theft and management practices that need correct-

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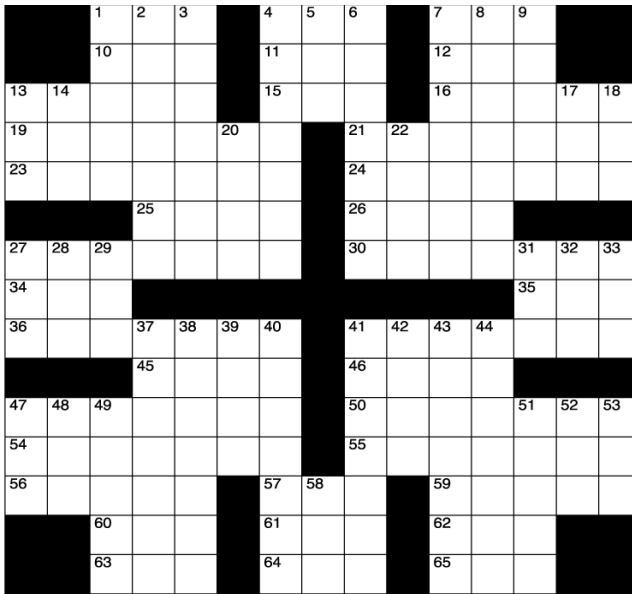
EARLY VOTING

June 14th-21st

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday June 26th





CLUES ACROSS

1. __ fi (slang)

4. Anecdotes about a person

7. Central Standard Time

10. Beverage receptacle

11. Football's Newton

12. Be in debt

13. Tattles

15. Musician __ Lo

16. Arrange again

19. A binary compound of carbon with a metal

21. Brazilian futbol great

23. Feared

24. Annoy

25. Unit of heredity

26. Small freshwater fish

27. Muscular weaknesses

30. Fined

34. One-time EU currency
35. Egyptian unit of weight

36. Winged horse

41. Increments

45. Abnormal rattling sound

46. Middle Eastern country

47. A type of greeter

50. __ inning stretch

54. Reaches

55. More gray

56. Football term

57. Swiss river

59. Ninth day before the ides

60. Grow old

61. Don't know when yet

62. College hoops tournament

63. Japanese monetary unit

64. Medical device

65. Antidiuretic hormone

CLUES DOWN

1. Put fear into

2. Partner to corned beef

3. Interiors

4. Agrees to a demand

5. No (Scottish)

6. __ Hess Corp.

7. Ornamental molding

8. Garment

9. Electric car company

13. Decimal digits in binary (abbr.)

14. Gibbon

17. Sun up in New York

18. __ the line

20. A vale

22. Old Irish alphabet

27. A type of band

28. A team's best pitcher

29. Floor covering

31. A __ in the machine
32. Supplement with difficulty

33. Prosecutors

37. Place in order

38. Japanese lute

39. Mongolian city __ Bator

40. Perceived

41. A cloth for washing dishes

42. Chocolate cookie with white cream filling

43. Grassy plain

44. Barometer

47. Father

48. Of the ear

49. Thomas __, British dramatist 1652-85

51. After eighth

52. Where golfers begin

53. Time units (abbr.)

58. Basics



Answers for June 13



What did I catch?

Recently I became aware that fish identification is an area that requires some attention. During a recent fishing trip a friend of mine caught almost every species of unusual non-game fish in the Bay. As a result of this trip I thought I would dedicate this column to identification of some of those other fish you might catch in the bays that are not your typical game fish.

Northern Puffer: These fish are frequently caught in the bays as they are bottom-dwelling fish and are commonly found in the flats and channels. They feed on small fish or crustaceans. Note: *Contrary to popular belief, the Northern Puffer unlike some members of the puffer family is not poisonous. It is a delicious eating fish usually sold commercially as “sea squab”.*

Lizardfish: This fish has an elongated tubular body. It is colored light gray with pale olive brown blotches. The mouth of this fish is quite large, extending well past the eye. They have strong jaws lined with numerous sharp teeth. Be careful when removing the hook to avoid the sharp teeth.

They are usually caught in shallow sand and mud bottom areas of the bay. They are an ambush fish that usually bury themselves in the sand and await unsuspecting bait to swim by. They are not good to eat but do make excellent flounder bait if you cut a fillet off the side and place it on your hook as a strip bait.

Oyster Toadfish: The Toadfish has a scaleless body that is olive brown on top and pale on the underside. They usually have fleshy flaps or whiskers on their cheeks and jaws.

They also have dark blotches or bars on their body. Their eyes are big and bulgy on the top of a very large flat head. They are carnivorous bottom feeders usually found around debris, vegetation, rocky or muddy bottoms and oyster reefs. Be careful to avoid the strong mouth when removing the hook. They are not good to eat and are not good for bait.

Northern Stargazer: (*Caution, Electrical current can deliver up to 50 volts*) This fish has a blackish brown body covered with white spots that gradually increase in size towards the rear of the body. The white spots are widely spaced on the top of the head and body. There are also three dark horizontal stripes on the tail. Their head is somewhat flat with small teeth and fringes around the mouth and nostrils to keep sand from entering as they bury themselves in the sand. *The Stargazer has a special talent as it is able to produce electrical currents from an organ located around the eyes. It uses this talent to fend off threatening fish or anglers if they touch it.* They are a bottom ambush feeder and fairly common in our bays. If you catch one either use pliers to remove the hook without touching the fish or cut the line. Some people say they are good to eat. I am not one of them!

Cownose Ray: (*Caution, They have a Poisonous spine at the end of the tail*) You will frequently catch these rays in the bays as they usually travel in schools. They have a kite shaped body usually brown to olive

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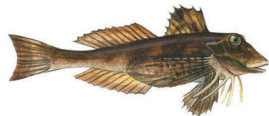
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green with a white belly. Their tail is long and looks like a whip. This particular ray has a square indented snout that resembles a cow's nose. They can

have a wingspan of up to 3 feet and weigh up to 50 lbs. They feed on oysters, clams and will also find your minnow or other bait as they are not particular about what they feed on. My best advise unless you are very experienced is cut the line if you catch one as they have a poisonous spine at the end of the tail.



Northern Seabobin: Very unusual looking fish with the large pectoral fins many confuse them with flying fish. They have a reddish brown back and whitish belly with three finger like pectoral rays and large pectoral fins, a flat, bony head and bright blue eyes. Their body tapers back to the tail. They usually grow up to 12 inches. They are bottom feeders



and are found over the deep flats and channels. They feed on crabs, shrimp and other fishes such as your bait. In spite of their ugly appearance they are a good fish to eat although most people do not eat them. A fillet off the side of the sea robin fished as a strip bait however is good flounder bait. I hope this was helpful and the next time you catch one of these unusual fish you will know what is on the end of your line.

Remember to take a kid fishing,
Capt. Ron

Tides for Ocean City (Fishing Pier)				
Day		High /Low	Tide Time	Sunrise Sunset
Th	21	High	2:34 AM	5:37 AM
	21	Low	8:59 AM	8:27 PM
	21	High	3:18 PM	
	21	Low	9:33 PM	
F	22	High	3:35 AM	5:37 AM
	22	Low	9:52 AM	8:27 PM
	22	High	4:18 PM	
	22	Low	10:38 PM	
Sa	23	High	4:32 AM	5:37 AM
	23	Low	10:43 AM	8:28 PM
	23	High	5:11 PM	
	23	Low	11:38 PM	
Su	24	High	5:23 AM	5:38 AM
	24	Low	11:31 AM	8:28 PM
	24	High	5:57 PM	
M	25	Low	12:30 AM	5:38 AM
	25	High	6:10 AM	8:28 PM
	25	Low	12:16 PM	
	25	High	6:40 PM	
Tu	26	Low	1:15 AM	5:38 AM
	26	High	6:53 AM	8:28 PM
	26	Low	12:59 PM	
	26	High	7:21 PM	
W	27	Low	1:56 AM	5:39 AM
	27	High	7:36 AM	8:28 PM
	27	Low	1:39 PM	
	27	High	8:02 PM	

Hunting and trapping seasons proposed

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is now accepting public comment on proposed hunting and trapping seasons for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

The proposed regulations were published in the Maryland Register June 8 and would establish hunting season dates and bag limits for deer, bear, wild turkey, and small game species such as squirrels and rabbits. The prospective rules also outline hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits for furbearers such as beaver, muskrat, fox and raccoon.

Over the past several months, the department has presented potential management concepts to a variety of external and internal partners and stakeholders, including farmers, community representatives, hunters, trappers and other outdoor enthusiasts.

“The public suggestions have proven instrumental in shaping this regulatory packet,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. “As a result, we have been able to adapt our original concepts to make them more desirable to our stakeholders, while maintaining the scientific integrity of our wildlife management concepts.”

The public is welcome to view the proposed regulations and submit comments online. Feedback can also be given by calling Karina Stonesifer at 301-777-2136, by fax to 301-777-2029, by emailing karina.stonesifer@maryland.gov or by written correspondence to Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Heritage Service, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-1, Annapolis MD 21401. The comment period will close July 9, 2018.

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Community Calendar

JUNE

Summer youth golf clinics sign-up open

Worcester County Recreation and Parks (WCRP) staff are excited to announce that registration is now open for the new Clinics Fore Fun program. Youth ages seven to 14 will be taught golf basics from PGA Instructor Brett Marshall.

Marshall will teach full swing, chipping/pitching, putting, sand and play a hole or two at a course.

Clinics Fore Fun will meet twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays. The program begins June 20 and runs for seven sessions throughout the summer at the Ocean City Golf Club from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The cost per child is \$50 each session, and \$30 per session for each additional child.

Registered participants should bring sunscreen and clubs and dress appropriately for the weather.

For more information on the Clinics Fore Fun Golf program, contact Program Manager Jacob Stephens at 410-632-2144, ext. 2506 or jstephens@co.worcester.md.us, or visit www.WorcesterRecAndParks.org. While there, be sure to click the links to follow WCRP on social media.

Thrift shop opening scheduled

Atlantic General Hospital is holding a ribbon cutting for the newly expanded Auxiliary Thrift Shop located at 10452 Old Ocean City Blvd. in Berlin on Thursday, June 21 at 1 p.m. During the time of the ribbon cutting, there will be refreshments available for all who attend. From open to close that day, the thrift shop will be selling all items for 10% off.

The thrift shop accepts donations at the door of a large variety, including clothing, shoes, accessories, jewelry, household items, sports equipment, books, linens, and more. All items are sold at a reasonable price, with all of the profits from the sales going to the hospital to support patient care services, new technology and education to benefit the community.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

GOP women to meet

The Republican Women of Worcester County will hold its annual Red, White and Blue Luncheon meeting on Thursday, June 28, at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. The guest speaker will be Craig Wolf, who is running for Attorney General of Maryland. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. To make your reservation and/or for more information, contact Ann Lutz at annlutz60@gmail.com or at 410-208-9767.

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.

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 Pinestepers 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 or Kate at 410-524-0649 for more activities. BeachSingles.org.

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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cabarets. No experience is necessary. The event will occur at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Community Life Center located at 10301 Coastal Highway (across from the Clarion) between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Call 703-727-0528 for more information. Appointments encouraged.

Juried art show participants sought

The Worcester County Arts Council (WCAC) invites all interested artists to participate in a juried art show with a subject: "Summertime," 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, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., to be accepted. Artwork will be juried in and judged for the competition by Tamara Mills, the Worcester County Board of Education Coordinator of Instruction.

Monetary prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place during the Second Friday Arts Stroll reception to be held on July 13, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Detailed entry guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcestercount-yartscouncil.org.

Art League offers activities

The public is invited to a free weekend of pottery demonstrations and hands-on activities geared for all ages at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 94th St. bayside. Activities run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 23 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 24.

Organized by the Art League of Ocean City and the Clay Guild of the Eastern Shore, the free weekend includes pottery demonstrations, children's activities, competitions among the potters, and an artisan marketplace.

Children's activities include the making of ceramic pins, rings, whistles, stamps, ceramic pumpkins, and

mermaid sculptures. Clay Guild members will also demonstrate throwing techniques and compete against each other for top thrower.

In addition, the Empty Bowl Project will kick off with bowl-making sessions on both Saturday and Sunday, led by the Art League's resident potter, Nancy Barnas. As space is limited for some events, the Art League encourages pre-registration at artleagueofoceancity.org. All events are free, but if participants wish to take home the pottery they make, a firing fee based on size will apply. Pottery will be fired later for pickup in three weeks.

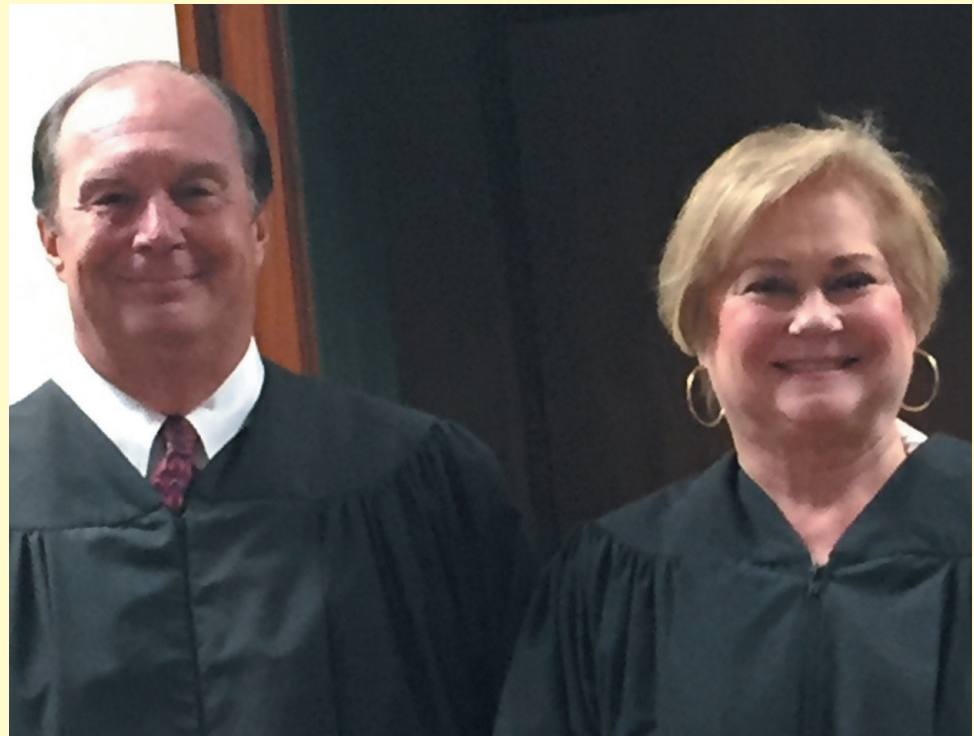
More information is available at 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

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Terri Delaney Westcott
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Associate Judge Michael Diffendal and Chief Judge Linda M. Hess

I wholeheartedly endorse Chief Judge Linda M. Hess and Judge Mike Diffendal to continue in the positions of Orphans' Court Judges and Terri Delaney Westcott for Register of Wills. Judge Hess and Judge Diffendal are two of the best Orphans' Court Judges in the entire state having the necessary knowledge and experience to perform their duties in a compassionate and educated manner. Terri Westcott (my Chief Deputy Register for over 17 years) is the absolute best candidate for Register of Wills and possesses the qualifications, knowledge and caring temperament to expertly administer the duties of Register starting on the first day of holding office.

-Charlotte K. Cathell
Worcester County Register of Wills

I have known and worked with **Judge Linda Hess** for over a decade. **She is kind, knowledgeable, very capable and most trustworthy.** She has done a great job for me and the Orphans Court and I give my full support to her."

William T. Greer, III, M.D.

I earnestly endorse Chief Judge Linda M. Hess and Judge Mike Diffendal to continue in the positions of Orphans' Court Judges and Terri Delaney Westcott for Register of Wills. **Judge Hess and Judge Diffendal have proven to have and display the necessary knowledge and experience to perform their duties in a compassionate and educated manner.**

Terri Westcott, who I worked with for approximately 10 years, **is the best candidate for Register of Wills and possesses all the needed qualifications.**

John D Smack III
Former Chief Judge
Orphans' Court Worcester County

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ing; addressed the deep dive audit; and moved forward to prepare a true Capital Improvement Plan through use of the soon to be updated Reserve Study. We still need to expand the narrative in our financial reporting, explaining the reasons as much as the actual numbers. We are moving in the right direction.

Arie Klapholz

I have constantly seen reports of Ocean Pines Association losing money and as a result the annual assessment goes higher and higher. There seems to be many reasons given; amenities losing money, higher salaries, higher employee costs, etc. Amenity losses must be reined in for once and for all and that can be done with proper oversight and good management. One area that I simply cannot understand is the compensation Ocean Pines As-

sociation pays the General Manager. The total package with bonuses and health and welfare costs is well north of \$250,000. That is more than the mayors of Philadelphia and many other major urban areas earn. Ocean Pines has only about 15,000 permanent residents and I don't understand why we are paying any more than \$100,000 base pay. Additionally we have to insure that Ocean Pines Association budgets using zero-based budgeting rather than base-line budgeting methods.

The Elections Committee is seeking questions from members of the Association for the first Candidates' Forum. Residents are encouraged to submit questions, 75 words or less, by calling the Elections Committee Telephone Hotline at 410-208-3989, or emailing the Elections Committee at elections@oceanpines.org.

The deadline for submitting questions for the first Candidates' Forum is

Sunday, June 24. The deadline for submitting questions for the second Candidates' Forum is Sunday, July 15.

The cutoff date for voter eligibility in Ocean Pines is July 3. Ballots will be mailed on July 6 and are due on August 8. Votes will be counted on August 10. The three winners, two serving three-year terms and the other serving a remaining one-year term due to a vacancy, will be validated during the annual meeting on Saturday, August 11 at 10 a.m. at the Assateague Room in the Ocean Pines Community Center.

The first candidates' forum will be held June 27 at 7 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

For more information, contact Ocean Pines Elections Committee Chairperson Steve Habeger at elections@oceanpines.org or Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at (410) 641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.

Identity theft to be discussed

Worcester County NAACP will host a meeting at the Ocean Pines library on Thursday, June 21 at 7 p.m. Larry Walton, president of AARP Chapter 4507, Ocean Pines, will share information about fraud and identity theft. The meeting is open to the public. For more information call 443-944-6701.

Flea market scheduled

An outdoor flea market will be held Saturday, July 7, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Some 35-plus vendors will be on hand. Food will be offered including breakfast sandwiches coffee, pulled pork sandwiches, BBQ meatloaf, hot dogs, cole slaw and baked beans. There will also be a bake table and more. The event will take place at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy in Berlin. For information and table rental, contact: Bethany Church at 410-641-2186.

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SUNDAY, JULY 22 AT 2-6PM

Games/Activities: Volleyball & Cornhole Tournaments, Pool Events, DJ Wax

Food: Seafood Boil, Pig Roast on the Beach, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken & all the fixings. **Plus** Desserts & Non-Alcohol Cold Drinks

Cash Bar: Happy-Hour-Priced Cocktails Available

AFTER PARTY 6-8pm: (No Charge—Adult-Only Event)

Dance Party at the Beach Club with DJ Wax

Cash Bar: Happy-Hour-Priced Cocktails Available

Adult \$25 • Child 12 & Under \$12.50

Ticket includes Parking at Club or Shuttle from OP, Pool Use, Food, Cornhole & Volleyball, Music & Prizes

EVENT SPONSORS



For info contact: Vicki Harmon at vharmon@cbmove.com

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