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Administrator Allen relieved of admin. post

Dismissal vote unanimous in Monday morning session

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019)
Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen has been fired, town officials confirmed to the *Bayside Gazette* Monday.



Laura Allen

No cause for the dismissal was given, with Councilman Thom Gulyas saying only, "I can't believe we've been betrayed like this."

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams and the Town Council unanimously agreed to dismiss Allen at 8 a.m. on Monday.

"This action was based on the best interests of the Town of Berlin, and its citizens, and property owners," Williams said.

Williams said the decision was "a long time coming" and based on "more than one issue."

While Williams would not comment on the circumstances of Allen's dismissal, he did confirm that the

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Berlin Fiddlers Convention takes its bows this weekend

27th annual competition brings plenty of pickin' too

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) Bluegrass, Cajun and Celtic music will fill the streets of downtown Berlin from Friday through Sunday during the 27th edition of the Berlin Fiddlers Convention.

With scores of musical participants and thousands of spectators, the competition has grown into what its founder, the late Berlin business-

man and town booster Jim Barrett, envisioned decades ago after he and his family stopped at the famous West Virginia fiddlers convention on their return from a family trip.

Barrett, who also was one of the partners responsible for the making of the Atlantic Hotel the centerpiece of the effort to revitalize the downtown, believed the Eastern Shore's fondness for bluegrass music matched with Berlin's Victorian setting would lead to a destination event.

He was correct, given the size of

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Purnell Crossing plan gets another change

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) Another modification to a planned unit development for a proposed housing project in Berlin received unanimous approval from the town's planning commission during a meeting last Wednesday.

Property owner and Councilman Troy Purnell asked the commission for permission to cut five lots from "phase four" of the site plan.

The development, stretching from Old Ocean City Boulevard to Broad Street, was approved in 2001.

Purnell added this was the only change he requested at this time.

"Everything else is the same," he said.

When asked about the reason behind the change, Purnell said a buyer "wanted to build [a] single-family home on [a] larger lot."

Planning Commission member Pete Cosby appeared pleased with the proposal.

"So I think it's a good precedent," Cosby said. "We're establishing a precedent of establishing larger lots and less density. I'd sure like to see ... more of that."

Several members in the audience, including Davis Court resident Jenny Allen, expressed concern with the potential traffic and safety issues associated with the influx of people.

She determined there would be 416 new cars on the south side of the development and 192 cars on the north side. She also figured that there are roughly "1.97 to 2.28 cars per household in the U.S." Using a round number of two, Allen said she came to that conclusion based on the approved single-family and multi-family residences.

When asked about a traffic study,

Purnell said one was never completed.

Although, Purnell said that every time the planned unit development is changed, the Maryland's State Highway Administration "does get a chance to weigh in."

Purnell also said this planned unit development was authorized before other projects such as Henrys Mill, Henrys Green and Franklin Knoll.

"It was always understood that there would be this density, for close to 20 years now, on this property," he said.

Among Allen's concerns was pedes-

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Another plan change OK'd for Purnell Crossing project

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trian safety on streets such as Harrison Avenue.

“Is there a plan to add sidewalks to protect the pedestrians and their little dogs from the 416 cars that will be trying to get out of Berlin every day to go to work or wherever?”

Purnell replied that town officials plan to upgrade Harrison Avenue after work on Grace Street is completed.

He added it could cost up to \$500,000 to repair and fully update

Harrison Avenue.

“It takes money. It also takes public support,” Purnell said.

Planning Commission member Newt Chandler moved to approve the modification, which Cosby seconded.

Purnell also urged people to reach out to him with any other inquiries.

“And if anybody has any questions, please call me,” Purnell said.

Planning Commission members Ron Cascio and Barb Stack were absent from last Wednesday’s meeting.



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Property owner and Berlin Town Councilman Troy Purnell addresses members of Berlin’s Planning Commission about a modification to a planned unit development during a meeting last Wednesday.

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White Horse Park residents denied zoning code change

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) The possibility that White Horse Park residents would be able to live at the seasonal campground subdivision full-time ended Tuesday, when the Worcester County Commissioners rejected a proposed zoning code amendment that would have treated the property as a hybrid residential zone.

On behalf of Susan Napachowski and Sally Connolley, attorney Hugh Cropper submitted an amendment to allow full-time residents as of June 2018 to continue living at the park until the property owner ceases to live there full time, dies or sells the unit.

Commissioner Josh Nordstrom of the Pocomoke district offered to sign the bill, but Commissioner Jim Bunting, who represents the area where the park is located, moved to reject it and earned a quick second from Snow Hill district Commissioner Ted Elder.

White Horse Park, which is situated next to Ocean Pines, has 465 units, with all of them subject to the county zoning code's seasonal occupation restriction on campgrounds. Nevertheless, 60 of these units are owned by full-time residents, Napachowski said.

The attempt to allow these residents to remain there legally, however, ran into trouble almost immediately, when the Worcester County Planning Commission on Sept. 5 decided that the proposed zoning code change would create an unworkable situation.

In ruling unfavorably on the measure, planning commission members agreed that regulating full-time residents would be an enormous task and that the park infrastructure is not equipped to handle full-time residents.

"I want to point out that the staff also has extreme concerns over this text amendment application," Ed Tudor, director of review and permitting, told the county commissioners. "We feel that it is fraught with problems and makes a bad situation worse."

Bunting affirmed that much of the county staff, in addition to the Planning Commission, believed the bill should not be passed.

"The current board of directors of White Horse Park is against this text amendment," Bunting said. "And approximately 400 property owners in there are against this text amendment."

Bunting added that such an amendment could affect Assateague Pointe, a similar park near Berlin, even though

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Patty Regan, full-time resident of the White Horse Park campground subdivision, expressed frustration that she and other full-time residents did not get a chance to speak to the Worcester County Commissioners face-to-face on Tuesday.
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White Horse Park stays seasonal

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the amendment specifically states only White Horse Park. If the motion had been passed, it would have moved on to a public hearing.

Residents expressed disappointment following the rejection, especially since the majority of full-time residents are elderly, disabled or a veteran.

“I’m very disappointed in our government,” Napachowski said after the meeting. “I was prepared to put my life on the line for these commissioners and board of directors when I served in the military. Who would think they would treat U.S. citizens like this?”

Stan Gibson, a full-time resident since 1984, who is wheelchair-bound, dependent on a ventilator and has paralyzed vocal cords, expressed his disappointment in writing after the meeting.

Gibson said he is now at risk of being institutionalized, which carries with as a much higher cost than continuing to live at White Horse Park

Moving his life-support equipment, he said, would also be exceptionally expensive.

“It’s no longer about EDUs, water usage, thickness of our roads or traffic congestion we might cause,” Gibson wrote. “It’s now a human issue that

hangs in the balance.”

Post-meeting comments by full-time resident Bob Raymond contended that because of the commissioners’ decision, disabled residents and veterans would have to find somewhere else to live as winter approaches.

“Everybody is trying to do something about homeless veterans and they’re producing them,” Raymond said.

Nordstrom said even though he offered to sign the bill, there are problems with the amendment.

“There’s a solution to every problem,” Nordstrom said. “Just because we haven’t found it yet, doesn’t mean we shouldn’t keep looking. The worst thing I can think of is to force people out of their homes, especially elderly, disabled and veterans.”

Despite the rejection, Nordstrom said he encourages the residents and Cropper to keep pressing and that he will support them.

Napachowski said that she will be meeting with Cropper to discuss options moving forward, one of which is an appeal process.

“I can’t throw these people out of their houses,” Napachowski said. “I can’t give up the battle.”



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Comcast's entry into Ocean Pines praised

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) Before opening Ocean Pines to cable company competition last Tuesday by signing a 10-year-deal with Comcast, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors fielded questions from the public about the agreement that will end Mediacom's reign as the community's sole cable services provider.

The board's contract with Comcast gives it access to association rights of way so it can install its own network along the same routes as Mediacom.

The vote, however, was preceded by a question from Joe Reynolds about what appeared to be a duplication of legal costs by producing two contracts that did essentially the same thing — grant the companies access to the rights of way.

"We spent \$35,000 on a contract prepared by our attorney for Mediacom ... that would serve for all future use," Reynolds said. "There was obviously something in the contract we wrote initially for Mediacom, that either OPA, and or Comcast, was not happy with."

OPA President Doug Parks said the arrangement with Mediacom was used as a starting point for discussions with Comcast.

"We used the contract that was developed by the attorneys for Media-

com as the template for our opening discussions with Comcast," Parks said.

Former Board member Tom Terry, who worked with Parks and OPA attorney Jeremy Tucker on the Comcast deal, said the conversation began nearly two years ago.

"At that point, their offer came back with, basically, everybody in Ocean Pines has to buy service through the OPA and that was rejected," he said.

During the interim, Terry said the lines of communication remained open regarding service options until Comcast recently came back to the table with more palatable terms.

"Basically, it's an unsolicited offer," he said.

Parks said the contract came into sharper focus following a recent meeting Tucker had with Comcast officials.

"Some other final adjustments had been made based on conversations Jeremy had with the attorney for Comcast," he said. "The last iteration that I sent to you was this morning."

Parks explained earlier work to revise the Mediacom contract enabled the discussions with Comcast.

"The contract with Mediacom still had the old terms and conditions from 1998 ... where the exclusive rights were granted in that contract back in 1978," he said. "Once we signed a new contract with Mediacom, it removed

that concept of exclusivity."

The Mediacom terms were revised as a right of way contract, Parks said.

"We had to get the Mediacom contract first, turn it into a right-of-way contract, and now Comcast comes in and they're basically saying the same thing," he said.

Terry said introducing competition for cable and internet services could lead to innovative approaches beneficial to consumers.

"When you had a contract, which was Mediacom-only for years here, no one could come in and compete," he said. "We opened the doors for competition a couple years ago when that board was in place [and] Comcast is the first to take advantage of it at this point."

The Comcast terms also includes plans for infrastructure build-out, Parks said.

"We don't get to pick who gets built out first, but one of the things we did tell them was that we wanted to make sure that the highest priority we had was to build a backup business network at the Yacht Club and the other amenities," he said.

Parks said Comcast has also agreed to provide 35 Wi-Fi access points and 25 video outlets.

"We're putting public Wi-Fi out at all the different amenities," he said. "We pay nothing for the Wi-Fi."

Terry said the negotiations presented the challenge of working with a carrier lacking existing infrastructure.

"The keys are this contract, along with the Mediacom contract, set the stage for other carriers if they want to come in and provide service," he said.

Besides eliminating exclusivity, the terms also require Comcast to build out the entire community within five years, Terry said.

"So while Mediacom was required to keep their network available for everyone, Comcast has to build a network for everyone," he said. "Which sets the stage for any other carrier who wants to come in [to] not just cherry pick where they want to go."

Opening the community to additional service providers is a topic for further discussion, Terry said.

"That's one of the issues that, going forward, Ocean Pines has to decide — how many carriers do they want to allow to utilize the right of ways?" he said. "There's no guidelines that's been established by the board, that I know of, to govern that."

The Comcast terms also stipulate that transmission lines must be underground, with the OPA allowed to review build-out, or design, plans, Terry said.

"That allows us to understand what communities are going first, second,

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Terry said if Comcast service is deemed less-than-satisfactory after three years, the OPA could elect not to renew after the decade term ended.

“Then you have an opportunity to tell them at that point, we’re not going to extend this after the length of this contract,” he said. “The language also doesn’t require that it be extended at four years [but] it can be.”

Former Board member Cheryl Jacobs voiced concern the contract was finalized without more community discussion.

Parks said the contract signing was fast-tracked because of Comcast’s concerns about coordinating with corporate marketing.

“I hate to wait on lead time and then squander an opportunity from Comcast to get the thing put in,” he said. “I would apologize to the membership but there were circumstances that required us to do it in this fashion.”

Reynolds said regardless of public comments that evening, with service specifics still forthcoming, the agreement represents a major coup for the OPA.

“I don’t think we’re going to have much discussion tonight about what shows are going to be on or what the prices are going to be,” he said. “I want to go on record to say this is a major accomplishment by this board of directors.”

Parks said the Comcast deal and Mediacom terms were negotiated at the same percentage of return.

“We are collecting the same 1.6 percent, and it’s not a franchise fee, it’s a right-to-access fee,” he said.

Terry said the Comcast deal also provides oversight for any future expansions.

“We took the approach, we don’t really know what all the new technologies are going to be, but the philosophy is if you’re using our right of way to put that ... in place, then we have the right to negotiate with you how that fits into this deal,” he said.

From an operational perspective, the Comcast contract does impose added responsibility for the OPA to manage right of ways, Terry said.

“You now have multiple carriers coming in, one building on top of the other or on the other side of the street ... but there’s language (in both contracts) which require those two carriers to cooperate with Ocean Pines to coordinate the work,” he said. “They can’t just go do whatever they want whenever.”

Board member Larry Perrone asked for clarification of the 10-year contract’s four-year renewal option.

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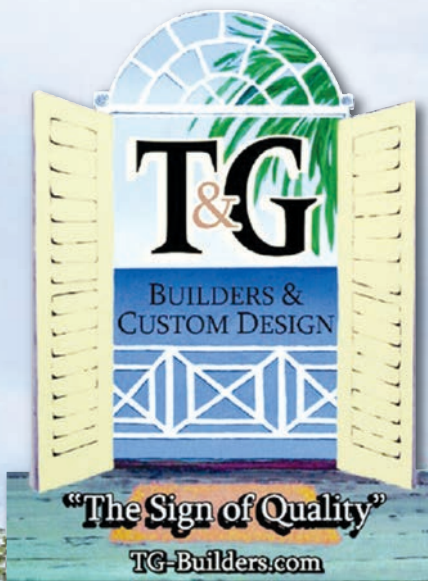
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Plein air event kicks off in Berlin

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) Painting is a spectator sport in Berlin this week, especially considering that 41 artists will be competing in the town's 10th annual plein air event, which began Wednesday.

Hosted by the Worcester County Arts Council, the outdoor affair will run through Saturday, Sept. 21.

Artists are permitted to paint within five miles of the Worcester County Arts Council facility on Jefferson Street in Berlin. Assateague Island, Ayers Creek and the Rackliffe House were among the more rural locations from which painters could choose from.

Plein air, which translates to outdoors, refers to a painting style in 19th century France, where artists would surround themselves in nature and paint what they saw. Anna Mullis, executive director of the Worcester County Arts Council, said the organization brought the plein air movement to Berlin a decade ago after hearing of the event's success in Ocean City in Snow Hill.

Mullis also said local and regional artists generally participate. Additionally, Mullis said 16 students from Snow Hill High School and several others from Pocomoke High School would



Ocean City resident Jill Glassman applies paint to her work last year during the ninth annual Paint Berlin competition. FILE PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

also take part in the competition.

She added that the artists were required to register before the event.

"Some artists prefer to focus on landscape," Mullis said in an August interview. "Some artists paint on location where there is a lot going on."

Spectators may observe the artists as they create in their element.

"A lot of visitors stop by and ask questions," Mullis said. "Some of them have never seen anything like that."

Artists will also have the opportunity to participate in a quick draw session on Sept. 20. They have two hours to turn in a framed painting.

"The way they [the artists] capture

the beauty of Berlin is fascinating," Mullis said.

Paintings are due on Saturday, Sept. 21. Mullis added that while contestants can create as many paintings as desired, only two would be judged.

The event will culminate with a "Wet Paint" exhibition from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Awards will be presented at noon. Those unable to attend the exhibit can view the paintings on display throughout October in the art gallery on the second floor of the Berlin branch of the Worcester County Library on Harrison Avenue.

For more information, call the organization at 410-641-0809 or visit worcestercountyartsCouncil.org.

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Suicide prevention month noted

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) With September recognized as National Suicide Prevention Awareness month, the Worcester County Commissioners last week issued proclamations to that effect and heard from suicide prevention advocates.

“I don’t think there’s an individual in here who hasn’t suffered the agony of knowing somebody that’s committed suicide, and the devastation that it wreaks on those who are left behind,” Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino said as he issued proclamations to local and state representatives of the life-saving effort.

Susan D. Schwarten, a member on the Governor’s Commission on Suicide Prevention, said she has a personal connection to the work she’s doing.

“I’m a four time suicide survivor,” Schwarten said. “I wanted to contribute to the commission in a very unique way.”

Schwarten also accepted a commendation from the Town of Berlin proclaiming September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. She added that she is the sole Eastern Shore representative on the statewide commission, which aims to “reduce the number of suicides” in Maryland.

“We’re looking for ways to address this very serious public health problem in the state of Maryland,” she said.

Suicide was ranked as the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S. and the seventh among men, according to data from the Worcester County Health Department and the Center for Disease Control.

Suicide was ranked as the third

leading cause of death for people ages 15-24 years old, the fifth cause of death for adults 25-44 years old and the eighth cause of death for people ages 45-64 years old.

According to data from 2007-2016 gathered from Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties, suicide deaths were almost seven times more prevalent among men as they were women.

Ron Pilling, secretary-treasurer of the Jesse Klump Suicide Prevention and Awareness Program, said the organization provides a variety of services, including teaching “people to recognize risk factors [and] warning signs” associated with someone who may be struggling.

However, Pilling said while the organization does offer training, workshops and presentations, he stressed that it’s not a crisis center and they do not answer 911 calls. He said it’s important to be able to “keep someone safe until others can intervene.”

Jackie Ward, health planner for the Worcester County Health Department, said some warning signs of those who may be considering suicide include behavioral changes, irritability, isolation, as well as changes in eating habits and sleeping habits.

Ward also said that two in five people suffering from mental illness do not seek treatment. She added that health department officials are working to eliminate the stigma many people attach to mental health issues.

“It is tough for anyone to talk about it, so that’s why we want to encourage people to have that conversation,” said department Public Information Officer Travis Brown.

Ward also recommended calling 211



RACHEL RAVINA/OCEAN CITY TODAY
Berlin Mayor Gee Williams presents a proclamation declaring September as National Suicide Prevention Month to Susan D. Schwarten, a commissioner on the Governor’s Commission on Suicide Prevention during a Town Council meeting last Monday evening.

if someone is in need of more immediate services in Maryland. People can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or text 741741 for 24/7 free and confidential support.

Ward added that local upcoming events can help shed light on the problem. One such event is the Out of the Darkness Walk this Saturday morning on the Ocean City Boardwalk at Caroline Street.

For more information and to register, visit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention website at gasp.com/oceancity. There is also a Celebration of Life event this Friday evening at the Red Doors Community Center on Worcester Highway in Berlin.

“Those are ways we bring attention to suicide and suicide prevention,” Ward said. “Try to make it a more normal topic for us to talk about and reduce the stigma and the fear associated with it by talking about it.”

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Fiddlers, pickers ready to play

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the audience and the high level of competition in the fiddling, guitar, banjo, mandolin and band categories the contest attracts.

Among the competitions this weekend will be the Maryland State Flatpicking Guitar Championship — contestants must play two traditional fiddle or bluegrass-style tunes using a single pick (no finger-picking allowed) — and the new Miscellaneous category, which will introduce to the mix other instruments such as the resonator guitar.

Starting the weekend entertainment will be a free concert Friday from 7-10 p.m. on the north end of Main Street by Jakob's Ferry Stragglers, of western Maryland and Pennsylvania, and West Virginia-based Robert Mabe's Irish Banjo. They also will play periodically Saturday.

The competitions will take place from noon until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday's highlight will be The Gospel Bluegrass Jam on the lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on N. Main Street, with Stevenson's Crossroads, Blue Crab Crossing and other musicians from noon to 3 p.m.

Larnet St. Amant, executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, recommended that visitors park at Berlin Intermediate School at 309 Franklin Ave., where free shuttle service will run continuously on Saturday.

She also advised concert and competition watchers to bring their lawn chairs.

Musicians who wish to compete for the thousands of dollars in prize money available will be able to register up through Saturday morning, with registration opening at 10 a.m.

Registration is also available at berlinfiddlers.com.

Area restaurants will also be open for dinner, and food and beverage vendors will be available downtown during the event.

Allen loses administrator post

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handling of the chemical spill at Heron Park was a factor.

"It was unfortunate that this came about, but we're all committed to trying to do what's in the best long-term interest of the town," Williams said.

Gulyas also stressed the importance of municipal officials being able to work together.

"We've got to protect the town," Gulyas said.

Williams said that he and Berlin Managing Director Jeff Fleetwood would split the town administrator's responsibilities until the position could be filled.

There is no timeline for the that hire, but town officials expect to start looking for candidates in the next few weeks, Williams said.

Allen served as town administrator for roughly six years, having taken the top management post on Sept. 3, 2013.

In addition to working on mitigating the chemical spill at Heron Park, Allen tackled several tasks over the past year, including the fiscal year 2020 budget cycle — which involved restructuring the property tax, water and sewer rates — and stormwater projects throughout town.

Of her departure, Allen said, "As town administrator, I served at the will of the mayor and council. It's their right to make changes as they see fit."

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Election committee talks electronic voting

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) Potential tweaks to the Ocean Pines Association voting processes, including switching from paper ballots to electronic measures, altering candidate forum rules and membership notifications were examined during the Elections Committee meeting on Friday.

Despite the 2019 board of directors election results already being finalized, Election Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said some tasks remain to be done this year.

“Unlike some years where you can take the whole winter off ... we do have a little bit of work to do,” he said.

In light of the OPA’s recent purchase of NorthStar accounting software, Habeger said a decision on continuing to use paper ballots or updating to electronic voting systems is approaching.

“I understand NorthStar has quite a capability of handling that kind of thing,” he said.

Habeger said IT Manager Steve Grabowski has suggested mid-October would be an ideal time to discuss voting system options available through NorthStar.

“If it’s got to be accurate, you could do that with a chalkboard,” he said. “In the past, when we examined paper versus electronic voting, we decided ... to stay with paper for a lot of reasons.”

The current scantron system employed for OPA elections has become challenging to maintain, as replacement parts are becoming nearly impossible to obtain, Habeger said.

“We’ve all talked about how the Scantron machine although it works ... it’s like cranking up a ‘43 Packard,” he said. “Someday we may open up that box and they’ll be a big oil stain under it.”

Committee member Brenda Waszak asked if the continued reliance on paper ballots was to accommodate non-computer literate residents.

Habeger said OPA bylaws require that voting systems serve the entire

community.

Committee member Mark Heintz said that perspective seems dated.

“The argument that people don’t have access to a computer, that’s a small percentage I would imagine,” he said.

The expense also must be considered, Habeger said.

“Voting systems online are not free,” he said. “We spend at the park about \$1 a vote.”

Absent supporting research, Habeger said he was unable to conclude that electronic voting systems would be a financial benefit for a community of roughly 8,400 residents.

“We do know the cost of paper ballot voting,” he said.

Heintz said the NorthStar-related meeting next month would provide

an opportunity to vet the possibility of modernizing election systems.

“The key is we’re trying to go from the 1970s with Scantron into the 21st century,” he said. “I’ll settle with 2002 as opposed to 2020.”

Habeger said other technological upgrades are possible.

“I would like to have tablets for check-in for eligible voters at the annual meeting instead of that microscopic print,” he said.

Looking ahead to board of directors candidate forums next year, Habeger said a rules revision is being prepared to drop the current requirement of introducing the field in ballot order.

“I think that’s good for the candidates and for the audience,” he said.

Committee member Steve Tuttle said the proposal, when finalized,

would have to pass two readings of the board.

One change that helps the committee itself is an increase in its budget from \$15,000 to \$25,000 Habeger said.

“Our [board] liaison looked at the potential of a referendum and included the potential cost,” he said

The additional funds will also help pay for the required notification of association members about upcoming elections.

“Recently, prior elections have not sent a first class mailing to ineligible members,” he said. “The bylaws require all, so we’ll take care of all.”

In the midst of preparing the committee’s annual report due in October, Habeger said election data has continued trending positively since 2017.

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Art League's Sand Castle Home Tour begins

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) The doors will open to 10 private residences during the Art League of Ocean City's 15th annual Sand Castle Home Tour, today and Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The self-guided tour takes participants to residences ranging from private family, vacation and retirement homes, at their own pace. The tour homes are located throughout Ocean City, West Ocean City and Ocean Pines.

"The home tour is a chance for people to take a self-guided tour through 10 area homes in the Ocean City area," said Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League of Ocean City. "Each year we go to a different neighborhood. There's always a variety of homes."

Volunteers will be in each home to guide visitors through the rooms and outdoor spaces, and to answer questions.

"The tour gives them a glimpse of what it's like to live in Ocean City and showcases the many decorators, designers, architects, furniture stores in the area and also the Ocean City lifestyle and the people who opened the doors to their home," Thaler said.

Originally, the Art League of Ocean City created the home tour to build

the new Center for the Arts on 94th Street, which was constructed eight years ago.

The tour continues to benefit the Art League and allows the organization to remain free to the public.

"We were trying to figure out a way how we could get Ocean City to partner with us to build an art center," Thaler said. "We didn't want to go to them empty handed and say, we want you to lay out all the money ... The first seven years, we saved all the money that we made on each home tour and then we went to the Town of Ocean City and asked them to partner with us on building this art center. Now it continues to be a sustaining fundraiser for us."

The houses are selected by members of the Art League; the process can take an entire year to complete.

While the homes featured on the tour are not for sale, it can help people who are interested in relocating or retiring to the area get an idea of what it's like to live here.

Artists have also painted portraits of each of the homes on the tour.

"Each homeowner whose house is on the tour gets – as a gift from the Art league – will have an artist do a portrait of either their home or their view from their home," Thaler said. "Some people want the view. If they

live on the water, they'll ask for it to be done of their view instead of their house."

The homeowners will also receive a floral arrangement, which is displayed during the home tour.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarships, programs and community art projects.

"It's a really pleasant way to spend the day," Thaler said. "The people who take the tour are so gracious and really appreciate that others are opening their homes to them, and the people who put their homes on the tour we appreciate so much because it does allow us to do all the program-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This residence on Chesapeake Drive in Ocean City is one of 10 featured on the Art League of Ocean City's annual Sand Castle Home Tour Thursday and Friday.

ming and keep the art center open and free to the public."

The event is limited to 1,000 people. The cost is \$30, which includes a guidebook, driving directions and special offers. Guests are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance, as a limited number are available.

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Wells talks downtown facade,
revitalization efforts in Berlin

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) Improvements to storefronts in Berlin are being aided by the town's use of a state facade improvement program, Ivy Wells, Berlin's community and economic development director, told the mayor and Town Council last Monday.

"I have received approval for two facade grants this week," Wells reported. She said that Viking Tree Trading Company on North Main Street received about \$1,300 for their signs, and Health Freedom, a new shop on Artisan's Way, was reimbursed for about \$250 for a new sign that cost \$500.

Among other projects, property owner and Town Councilman Troy Purnell was also authorized to upgrade the Purnell building's facade on 114 and 116 N. Main St. Wells said funding was available for \$10,000 per address.

Under the state grant, Wells said property owners can make the neces-

sary improvements, and the town then reimburses them for a portion of the project's approved amount in a one-to-one match. The state's Department of Housing and Community Development then reimburses the town, she said.

Wells, the facilitator of the grants, said commercial businesses in the downtown historic and Main Street districts are eligible to apply. She also said that businesses typically use the money for cosmetic touches such as new paint and better signs.

She said she received a \$30,000 grant last year. When she took the job in Berlin in October 2014, the town had funds left over from a previous facade grant. She received \$50,000 in state grant money in the following year.

About 25 businesses took advantage of the assistance in 2014 and 2015, Wells said.

Grant recipients have a maximum of six months to complete the project, See BUSINESSES Page 18

OPA election voting declines

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"All of these indicators are moving in a positive direction," he said. "The majority of the improvement happened when Steve Tuttle was chairman."

Intent on reducing the percentage of mismarked ballots, Habeger said in 2017 the committee, then under Tuttle's tutelage, worked to redesign voting instructions.

The effort dropped the number of mismarks from 129 in 2017 to just 14 the following year, which was further dropped to seven in 2019.

"We did not include the ballot return rate because that's independent of our efforts," he said. "We encourage people to vote but it's up to people to vote."

While election trends were generally improved, Habeger said the ballot return rate dropped one percent in 2019 and continues to hover around 40 percent.

"We sent more ballots this year than last and got fewer returns," he said. "We'd like 100 percent, but I don't know of any election in a free society that gets that."

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Work continues Tuesday afternoon on the facade of the Purnell building on 114 and 116 N. Main streets in downtown Berlin. Property owner Troy Purnell received \$10,000 per address in reimbursable funds as part of a state housing and community development grant.

Businesses take advantage of reimbursable grant funds

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according to Wells, but it usually takes about one month.
Wells still has roughly \$4,000 of the facade grant to spend. She said she's also encouraging area businesses to apply and added that Una Bella Salute on Broad Street recently inquired.
Wells said she's unable to reapply for facade grant funding until all the

money is spent. In the meantime, Wells said she applied for a \$150,000 non-match community legacy grant via the state's department of housing and community development to upgrade crosswalk overlays and employ pervious pavers to alleviate puddles in certain areas.
"I don't know how much I'm going to get, but that's how much I applied for," she said.

WC Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament on Wednesday

Annual fundraiser is largest event to support educating fifth graders on patriotism

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) Golfers and supporters of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial are invited to play in the memorial foundation's 13th annual golf tournament next Wednesday.

The beneficiary of the tournament's proceeds will be the foundation's program to educate fifth graders about the sacrifices made to protect democratic freedoms and to help maintain the memorial.

Foundation board member Don McMullen now oversees the annual field trips for area fifth graders after inheriting the role last year following the retirement of Capt. Ed Little, who had piloted the venture since its inception in 2006.

"It's all about the freedoms we have today as Americans," he said. "We do it out of respect to our military who have served throughout the world."

McMullen estimated more than 600 students from public schools,

Most Blessed Sacrament, Worcester Prep and home schooling visited Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines last year.

The field trips, which are held in May and October, include a three-part program covering the history of Old Glory, wartime recollections from veterans or surviving relatives and a tutorial on properly handling, folding, waving and saluting the American flag.

The latter includes Stars and Stripes-based demonstrations by Stephen Decatur, Pocomoke and Snow Hill high schools Junior ROTC students and a hands-on opportunity to practice flag folding skills.

Students are also provided a nearly three-dozen page booklet produced by the foundation.

"Teachers actually use the booklet as a lesson plan," he said.

McMullen said the Veterans Memorial Foundation is in the midst of updating the booklet to include the latest additions to the site and pictures of recent student participants.

McMullen said in addition to financing the booklet printing, the foundation also covers field trip transportation costs for students,
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WC Rec Parks hosts Tee Off for Youth Golf Tournament

Seventh annual event aims to raise funds on Oct. 4 to benefit underprivileged kids

(Sept. 20, 2019) Worcester County Recreation & Parks will host the seventh annual Tee Off for Youth Golf Tournament and Fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 4, at the Ocean City Golf Club.

Check-in and lunch begin at 11:30 a.m. A shotgun start will follow at 1 p.m.

The cost to participate is \$75 per golfer, and all proceeds generated by this event will benefit underprivileged youth who participate in Worcester County Recreation & Parks programs, leagues, after school activities and summer camps.

Over one-third of the children participating in Worcester County Recreation & Parks' programs are considered underprivileged, and tournament proceeds provide scholarships to assure all children can par-

ticipate in recreation programs year-round.

Register a team for this year's Tee Off for Youth Golf Tournament and Fundraiser. Forms to register four-man scramble are available on the Worcester County Recreation & Parks website or pick one up in person at the Worcester County Recreation Center, located at 6030 Public Landing Road in Snow Hill. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 27.

Sponsors, auction baskets, volunteers and donations are needed to run this year's tournament. Promote your organization by signing up to be a sponsor.

Options include a dinner sponsorship, lunch sponsorship, beverage cart sponsorship, tee sign(s) sponsorship, and other donations sponsorships.

For more information, contact Worcester County Recreation & Parks Director Tom Perlozzo at tperlozzo@co.worcester.md.us or Deputy Director Kelly Rados at krados@co.worcester.md.us or call them at 410-632-2144.

Learn more about Worcester County Recreation & Parks programs for all ages at www.worcesterrecandparks.org.

Teaching youths about Old Glory, personal sacrifice

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with the golf tournament serving as the principal fundraiser for both undertakings.

The cost to play Wednesday is \$100, which includes cart rental, golf balls, grab-and-go lunch items, door prizes, dinner buffet and the possibility of taking home prizes and awards.

The tournament on Ocean Pines Golf Course will begin with a noon shotgun start, and will feature contests for hole in one, straightest drive, putting skills and closest to the pin.

Tournament sponsorships, which are tax deductible, begin at \$100 for tee sponsors, with \$150 including an ad, while contest sponsors pay \$250 and bronze level sponsorships cost \$500, with silver level at \$1,000 and gold level at \$2,000.

Additionally, McMullen said local businesses are being solicited for gift certificates and silent auction items.

To download a registration/sponsorship brochure, visit <https://opvets.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/WCVMF-Golf-Brochure-2019.pdf>.

For more information, contact McMullen at 443-388-2941 or dmc-mullen1@aol.com, or Worcester County Veterans Memorial President Marie Gilmore at 410-726-2881 or OPMarie@aol.com.

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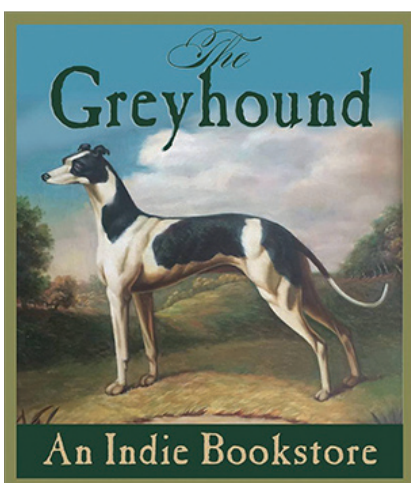
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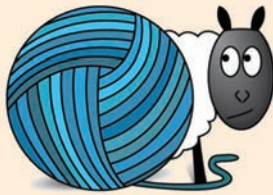
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Floral artisan Terry Jordan with Longridge Gardens Floral Shop demonstrates wreath production techniques last Saturday at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market during a DIY workshop series that returns this week with a tutorial about essential oils.

GREG ELLISON/OCEAN CITY TODAY

DIY workshops held at Pines Farmers & Artisans Market

Second of three-part series this Saturday covers array of essential oils for healing

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is sponsoring the second in a three-part series of DIY workshops this Saturday with a crash course on therapeutic uses for essential oils presented by certified aromatherapist Joy Galicinao.

Galicinao, who operates the farmers market boutique Aromatic Essentials by Joy, will be on hand from 9 a.m. until noon to discuss the secrets of using essential oils for their healing properties.

“What I’m going to be doing is showing people how they can incorporate essential oils, easily and simply, into their daily lives,” she said.

With cold weather on the distant horizon, Galicinao said Saturday’s DIY workshop would provide an opportunity to highlight oils that strengthen immune systems.

“I’ll talk about pain management and then some chemical cleaning ideas that they can use essential oils for,” she said.

Relieving anxiety is another hot-button topic, with Galicinao noting stress management oils are, arguably, the top seller.

“It seems like everybody and their mother has a need for calming and finding a way to decrease their anxieties,” she said.

The DIY workshops began last Saturday with a tutorial on producing long-lasting wreaths by floral artisan Terry Jordan with Longridge Gardens Floral Shop.

Longtime market vendor Jordan offered practical knowledge and craft production techniques while using freshly harvested sweet Annie (*Artemisia annua*, or sweet wormwood). Jordan said the custom wreaths are incredibly durable and maintain freshness for over a year.

Next week the DIY series will conclude with a fall planter workshop presented by June McKenna with June Buds Floral Shop.

McKenna, a garden designer and florist, will review the steps involved to produce a vibrant planter incorporating varied hues using flower blooms and harvest shades.

June Buds Floral Shop, operated by McKenna, retails original garden

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Burrell expresses speeding, safety concerns in Berlin

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer
(Sept. 19, 2019) The dangers posed by cars speeding down streets as school buses load and unload were brought to the attention of the Berlin Town Council last Monday by Councilman Dean Burrell.

Recalling having seen a silver pickup truck traveling down Branch Street that morning at an estimated 60 mph, Burrell said, "It is a dangerous situation with children waiting at their bus stop to have a vehicle going that fast."

Berlin Police Department Chief Arnold Downing acknowledged Burrell's frustrations and said he'd work to increase patrols.

Downing said that some areas of concern are on Broad, William and Flower streets. He mentioned Esham Avenue and Powell Circle as other points of interest.

He also said drivers committing those infractions are most likely going to or from work or school.

In the case of juvenile drivers, he said residents, the school deputy and law enforcement can work together to track down offenders.

"We get a quick phone call, we can actually have somebody either call the deputy at school, who can assist us, or we can make contact with those individuals," he said.

He added that law enforcement rely on the public calling to report any incidents of speeding.

"We can't do this job ... without the community," Downing said.

Parents can take youths for wealth of Kids Zone fun

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décor and orchids, as well as perennial and annual plants.

For parents looking to occupy off-spring while attending a DIY class, the Kids Market Zone will also provide an array of no-cost craft activities and weekly story time readings on Saturdays beginning at 10 a.m.

Looking ahead, Galicinao said for anyone intrigued by the potential health benefits of essential oils unable to attend the workshop this Saturday, all hope is not lost.

"I'm actually opening up a store front in Bishopville in the next couple of months," she said. "I'll be teaching a lot of classes there as well."

For more information contact Famers & Artisans Market organizers at www.oceanpines.org or visit the weekly gathering in White Horse Park on Saturdays.



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Series of unfortunate events bedevils Berlin

This has not been the Town of Berlin’s year. Although everyone generally accepts the principle that nothing stays positive forever, as the laws of the universe dictate, no one could have foreseen or expected that so many negatives would arrive one after the other on Town Hall’s doorstep.

This is especially so considering the town’s extraordinarily long run of good fortune.

First, budget problems caused by tax rates that had been kept artificially low for years led to a hugely unpopular rate adjustment.

Next, shortages in the water and sewer funds, also brought on by years of holding rates in check while expenses rose, reached critical mass in the spring, forcing the mayor and council to impose similarly unpopular rate increases in those categories.

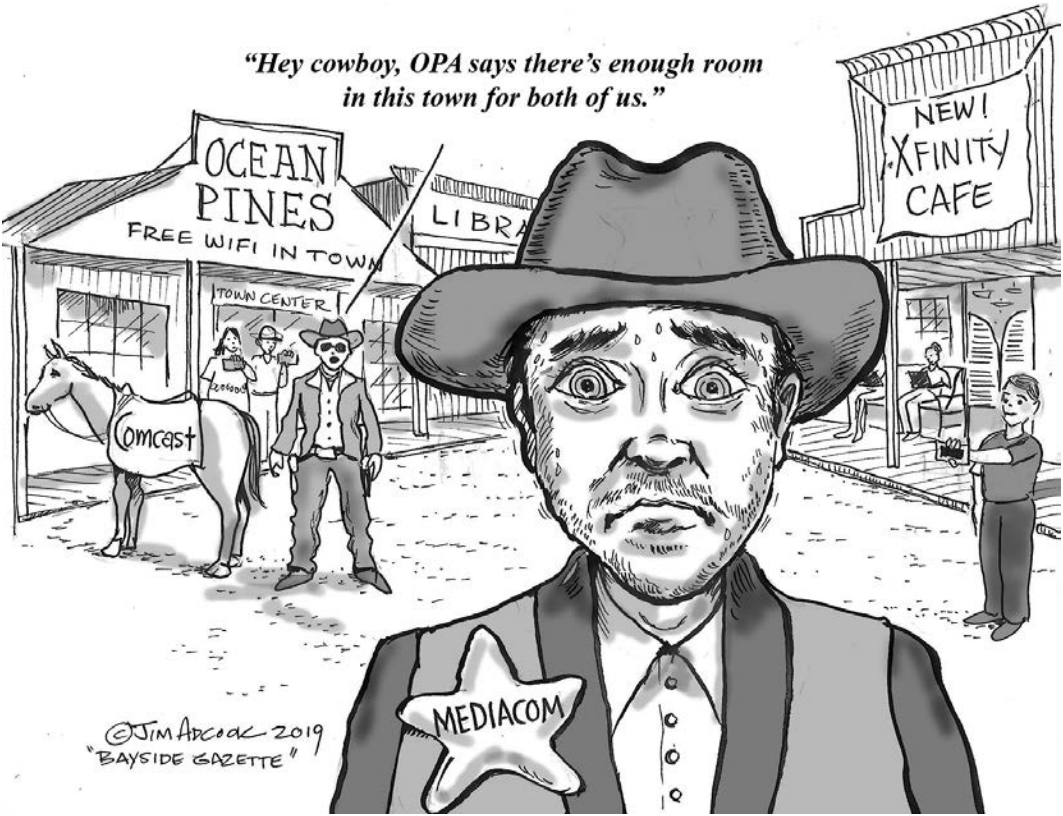
Public reaction to the water and sewer rates situation prompted criticism of the town’s purchase of the Heron Park parcel, even though the latter had no financial relationship with the former.

Then, just when criticism of the park purchase subsided, a container or containers of the toxic chemical sodium hydroxide that no one apparently knew about was exposed during the demolition of a building on the park property. That resulted in a cleanup bill of more than a quarter of a million dollars for the already cash-strapped town.

And this week, the mayor and council fired Town Administrator Laura Allen but can’t say why out of fairness and without exposing the town to some form of legal action.

Any one of these things occurring in a year would be bad enough, but to have all four happen over the course of five or six months is a vicious blow from the public perspective.

Even so, the town will recover. The question now is how quickly it will do that and whether picking at these unfortunate events with the clarity of hindsight will be yet another hindrance to the progress that everyone wants restored.



Letters

Shredded paper can't be recycled

Editor,

If you live in Ocean Pines, and put shredded paper in your recycling bin, STOP! They cannot use it.

I was very impressed by your article with Anthony Spirito, division manager with Republic Services. I had a couple questions, so I called him and spoke with him in person. He was more than willing to talk.

One thing I said was that I always put my shredded paper in paper bags. He then said, "our equipment can't handle it

and it goes into the dump." He suggested if you want, to black out your name, or other personal things, then put the full sheets of paper in the bin. Who'd have of thought! Maybe there is someone out there who does take it.

Betty-Lou Bowman
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Wor. groups to unveil ‘River of Hope’

(Sept. 20, 2019) Local Worcester County groups have come together to embrace efforts to educate on and promote awareness of, the addiction epidemic.

To celebrate September as National Recovery Month and the ribbon cutting for the “River of Hope” garden, the Atlantic Club and Worcester Addictions Cooperative Service Center (W.A.C.S) will hold an open house on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 5-7 p.m.

Worcester Goes Purple, the county’s opioid crisis awareness campaign, the Worcester County Warriors Against Opioid Addiction, Worcester County Drug Court and Worcester County and Maryland State Arts Councils will all be present at the event.

Worcester Goes Purple received a grant from the Worcester County and Maryland State Art Councils to create a “River of Hope” from rocks painted with inspirational messages from community members at local events throughout the county.

The Atlantic Club provides individuals with the support necessary to live a healthy life in recovery and become an active member of the community.

Sober events and 12-Step programs are offered. The Club is open with a manager on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The manager is available to assist any individual seeking to begin their recovery journey.

W.A.C.S. offers individual and group counseling, Naloxone training, outpatient mental health services, screenings and assessments, referrals for inpatient rehabilitative treatment and other services provided by the Worcester County Health Department.

The Atlantic Club and W.A.C.S. are located at 11827 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City. Light hors d’oeuvres will be served.

For more information, call 410-213-1007. The public is welcome. RSVP requested to Debbie Smullen at 410-870-5161 or dasmullen@worcesterk12.org.

Bertino to host town meeting Sat.

(Sept. 19, 2019) Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library. He will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district and the county.

Commissioner Bertino's guest speakers include Stacey Norton, director of Human Resources for the county; Dr. Michael Browne, principal of Pocomoke Elementary School; and Mike McClung, Worcester County Recycling manager.

Norton will discuss the county's efforts to attract, hire and retain qualified employees in a tight employment market. She will also talk about the county's efforts to reign in healthcare costs, saving county taxpayers millions of dollars.

Dr. Browne, a Maryland 2017 National Distinguished Elementary Principal, will give an overview on the work he and his elementary school teachers are doing in the southern part of the county, which has high levels of poverty.

McClung will discuss the county's recycling efforts, its cost and how a weakening recycling market is impacting local collection.

Commissioner Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well.

For more information, email cbertino@co.worcester.md.us.

Coastal Bays to release report card

(Sept. 19, 2019) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program will unveil the 2018 Bay Report Card, a snapshot assessment on the health of the coastal bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island, on Monday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m., at the Ocean City Marlin Club, located 9659 Golf Course Road, in West Ocean City.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

The goal of the Report Card is to provide a transparent, timely, and geographically detailed assessment of the 2018 Coastal Bay's health.

Coastal bays health is defined as the progress of four water quality indicators and two biotic indicators toward scientifically derived ecological thresholds or goals. The six indicators are combined into one coastal bays health index, presented as a report card score.

The Report Card is a scientific collaborative effort among the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science - Integration and Application Network, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the National Park Service.

Funding for the publication is provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This year's report card release program will include Gold Star award presentations to recognize the contributions of partners and their efforts to protect the coastal bays.

Hundreds of volunteers work with MCBP, including residents and visitors, to support environmental initiatives to protect, promote and preserve the coastal bays.

They volunteer to count horseshoe crabs, terrapin turtles, and birds; collect water samples, work on restoration projects, clean neighborhoods, wetlands, and dunes of trash, and assist in many other activities.

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State program connects small businesses with local casino

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(Sept. 19, 2019) Small and minority-owned businesses have an opportunity to connect with Ocean Downs Casino in Berlin.

The Maryland Governor's Office of Small, Minority and Women Business Affairs has announced the second year of small business outreach events with three Maryland casinos, one of which is Ocean Downs.

The event will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. Registration is free.

At the event, owners of small businessness and certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) firms can learn how to do business with Ocean Downs. They can meet buyers and learn what Ocean Downs is buying now and in the future.

"They're going to let people meet one-on-one with the buyers that connect with the small business buyers," Alison Tavik, director of communications and outreach for the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs, said.

Some of these contracted services are food and beverage, administrative purchasing, gaming supplies or information technology. Tavik said personal contact and face-to-face meetings between local businesses is vital.

"We all like to do business with people we know and trust and like," Tavik said.

said. "This is the first step to starting to build those kind of relationships. It's very hard for small businesses on their own."

Tavik hopes the event will break down barriers for small minority-owned businesses. She explained that the event began when Ocean Downs asked two years ago how it could connect with more minority-owned businesses.

Together, they brainstormed the event and looped in two other casinos, the Rocky Gap Casino and Resort in Cumberland and the Hollywood Casino in Perryville. These connections are important because each casino must do a certain percentage of business with minority-owned businesses, according to Tavik.

Registration will close at noon on Thursday, Sept. 24. There is no restriction for the number of attendees.

"Depending on your small business, there may be opportunities that you don't even know exist," Tavik said. "This is a great opportunity to figure that out."

Tavik said that the event is a good deal for small businesses because they can make an informed decision for only an hour of their time.

For more information about the event, visit gomdsmallbiz.maryland.gov/Pages/Events.aspx or call Ocean Downs at 410-641-0600.

Officials to give grades for bay


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Part of the National Estuary Program, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is a nonprofit partnership among the towns of Ocean City and Berlin, the National Park Service, Worcester County, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Environment, & Planning.

One of only 28 such programs nationwide, the goal of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is to protect and enhance the 175-square mile watershed, which includes Ocean City, Ocean Pines and Berlin, and Assateague Island National Seashore.

Report cards will be available after this event online at www.mdcoastalbays.org. To obtain copies for school projects and citizen groups, contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or by calling 410-213-2297 ext. 106.

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Thousands will crowd the inlet parking lot to listen to live performances from local, regional and national acts during the 45th annual SunFest in Ocean City.

Music, food and hundreds of vendors at 45th Sunfest

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer
(Sept. 19, 2019) The 45th annual Sunfest celebration begins today, Thursday, Sept. 19, and continues until Sunday in Ocean City.

The festival, which marks the end of the summer season, will take place in the inlet parking lot under large tents featuring more than 300 arts, crafts and food vendors as well as musical performances.

“It’s such a great family tradition event for the town, and being around four and a half decades ... you know, it’s popular and people love it,” Ocean City Special Events Director Frank Miller said. “The music, the food, the crafts, the entertainment ... It’s one last season hurrah for the town and for the Eastern Shore of Maryland, so we’re very excited.”

Last year’s Sunfest saw the largest crowds in the event’s history with more than 268,000 people attending despite a rainy Sunday.

“Even with bad weather Sunfest is a great event to come to,” Miller said. “And that’s why we put up the large tents, because we know being on the beach in September, you always have the threat

of some type of weather. So even if it’s windy or if it’s raining a bit, you can come here and you can still enjoy the event.”

The event will kick off with an opening ceremony at 10:15 a.m. today. The Stephen Decatur High School band, choir and cheerleaders will join local and state officials for the opening ceremony along with the Ocean City Police Department Color Guard.

Following the ceremony, Rick K & The Allnighters will launch the live entertainment in the indoor Comcast Entertainment Pavilion at 10:45 a.m. The Recreation Dancers will take the stage at 12:30 p.m. followed by Mike Hines and The Look at 2:30 p.m., local favorite Teenage Rust at 4:30 p.m., and ending the night with a ticketed concert by “Who’s Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience,” at 8 p.m.

On the outside stage, a performance from The Glass Onion Band will take place at 11:30 a.m. Following will be The Colliders at 1:30 p.m., Rick K & The Allnighters at 3:30 p.m. and finishing the free performances will be Front Page News at 5:30 p.m. and a performance by DJ Kutt at 6 p.m.

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“If you’ve ever seen what Michael Jackson used to do on stage and the way he would dance and the way he would interact with the crowd ... obviously it’s not Michael Jackson ... but this is that same style of entertainment that he produced back in the 80s and 90s, and it’s done so well,” Miller said.

On Friday, country music fans will gather at the inlet to catch Granger Smith perform. Tickets cost \$25-\$45. Then Saturday, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue will finish off the event on the Sunfest stage. Tickets cost \$25-\$45.

Tickets for the headlining acts are on sale at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center box office on 40th Street. Box office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Friday.

Purchase tickets by calling Ticketmaster at 800-551-7328 or visiting www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the festival grounds until they are sold out.

In addition to music, food and purchasing merchandise from the 300-plus vendors, including 30 food vendors, demonstrations will be set up throughout the venue.

“The food vendors are terrific,” Miller

said. “We always have a great selection of food. It’s a mixture of Eastern Shore food and East Coast food. But you got to make sure that you eat really light the day before, so when you come to the festival, you can take on those calories of all that great festival food.”

The Eastern Shore International Mountain Bike Association will have a fat-tire bike demo, where guests can take a fat-tired bike out to the sand and ride on the beach.

“Sunfest always has demand for vendors and we typically have a lot of the same vendors, but they’re coming up with new products and new versions of what they sell,” Miller said. “I love to see what’s new and interesting. Some vendors will be sold out within two days of the four-day event.”

For children, there will be hayrides on the beach, inflatables to jump and play in and sand art, for a small fee.

Sunfest hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 19-21, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22. The event will take place rain or shine.

Because parking is limited, visitors should consider taking the resort bus to the festival grounds. The West Ocean City Park and Ride on Route 50, just west of the bridge, provides free parking and a \$3 ride-all-day shuttle service to and from South Division Street, a block from Sunfest.

The Special Event express shuttle service will pick visitors up from the convention center on 40th Street, where they can park for free, and ride directly to Sunfest for \$3 all day.

The Boardwalk tram will also be in service during Sunfest with fares running \$4 each way. For more information on bus fares, call Ocean City Transportation at 410-723-1606.

While at Sunfest, visit the Official Event Merchandise Tent located just inside the main entrance at the inlet parking lot. Official 2019 Sunfest T-shirts are available in youth and adult sizes through 4XL.

Visit <http://ococean.com/sunfest> for the full schedule of Sunfest entertainment or call 800-626-2326. For more information about Sunfest, call the Ocean City Recreation & Parks Department at 410-250-0125, or toll-free, 1-800-626-2326.

In conjunction with the event, the 41st annual Sunfest Kite Festival will take place Sept. 19-22, on the beach between Third and Sixth streets, bringing four days of kite-flying to the resort.

There will be various kite displays such as giant flying dragons, a Pegasus, winged pigs, a mermaid and various animals.

Kite fliers can participate in People’s Choice for best kite, themed mass ascensions, and record attempts. Ocean City holds the record for most Trilobites in the sky.

Candy drops, where candy falls from a large kite, will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday at noon.

Spectator participation (adults and children) is encouraged in games and activities scheduled throughout the festival include The Running of the Bols races, giant bubble arts, candy drops, Boardwalk dancing, free sport kite lessons and voting in the People’s Choice award.

Once again, the kite festival will host a “Kids Kite Fly.” At 1 p.m. this Saturday,

free kites will be handed out to the first 60 children who show up. Only children between the ages of 5-12 are eligible for the free kite. Professionals will help the children assemble and launch the kite right on the beach at Fifth Street.

Call 410-289-7855 or visit www.kiteloft.com for more information.

The annual Park Place Jewelers Treasure Hunt will also take place during the festivities, located in front of Park Place Jewelers on the Boardwalk at Third Street on Saturday and Sunday.

The Sunfest Treasure Hunt on the beach event will take place Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. For a \$20 donation to the Believe in Tomorrow Children’s House by the Sea, the first 100 to sign up each day will get the chance to dig in the sand for prizes ranging from gift certificates to local restaurants and retailers, to diamonds, gemstones and additional jewelry. The main prize is a pair of diamond earrings.

“There’s no shovels or tools, you dig with your hands,” Park Place Jewelers owner Jill Ferrante said. “What is buried in the sand is a black velvet pouch, which has a number inside of it and that number corresponds to prizes we have in the store. There’s no actual jewelry buried in the sand because every year there’s at least one or two pieces that people can’t find.”

Register for the treasure hunt at either of Park Place’s locations, on the Boardwalk at Third Street or in the Park Place Jewelers Plaza on Route 50 in West Ocean City at any time.

Participants must be at least 18 years old. Treasure hunters should meet in front of the Boardwalk store 30 minutes before the dig for a briefing on the rules.

Participants can wear gloves, but may not use shovels or buckets. The hunt takes place rain or shine.

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Sept. 22: Bob Hughes, 6 p.m.
Sept. 23: Just Jay, 5-9 p.m.
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Sept. 25: Reform School, 6 p.m.; Open Mic, 9 p.m.
Sept. 26: Chris Button, 7-11 p.m.

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Sept. 21: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, noon to 4 p.m.; The Rockaholics, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 22: Wes Davis Duo, noon to 3 p.m.; Lauren Glick Band, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 26: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.

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Sept. 20: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Sept. 21: Chris Button, 2 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Sept. 22: Opposite Directions, 2 p.m.
Sept. 23: Blake Haley, 4 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8 p.m.
Sept. 24: Dust N' Bones, 6 p.m.
Sept. 25: Dock Party w/DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.; Trivia w/DJ Bigler, 8 p.m.
Sept. 26: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

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Sept. 21: Going Coastal, 4-8 p.m.

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Sept. 20: Kevin Poole, 4 p.m.
Sept. 21: The Bonedaddys, 4 p.m.
Sept. 22: Bird Dog & the Road Kings, 3 p.m.
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Sept. 21: Lauren Glick Band, 6-10 p.m.

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Sept. 20: Beats by Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Sept. 21: Chris Diller, 10 p.m.
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Sept. 26: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

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Sept. 23: CK the VJ/DJ, 9 p.m.
Sept. 24-25: DJ Mazi, 9 p.m.
Sept. 26: CK the VJ/DJ, 9 p.m.

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49th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900 / www.secrets.com
Sept. 20: The 19th Street Band, 5-9 p.m.; S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 21: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 26: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.

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Sept. 20: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 21: Marcella Peters, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17, Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922 / www.whiskersbar.com
Sept. 20: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

Platform tennis tourney aids vets, hospice

(Sept. 19, 2019) The Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association will host its second annual Fun-Raising Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Tournament proceeds will benefit the Coastal Hospice and Palliative Care “We Honor Veterans” program.

Platform tennis clubs in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are invited to compete and the first 64 applicants will reserve a spot. The cost is \$40, and the entry deadline is

Sept. 21.

The tournament will again be held at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex on 11443 Manklin Creek Road, in Ocean Pines.

Players should check in no later than 7:45 a.m. and a welcome ceremony is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. Play generally begins at 8:30 a.m. and, last year, the final match was over by about 4 p.m.

The inaugural tournament raised

\$8,500 for the Catch a Lift foundation, which helps post-9/11 combat-wounded veterans recover and rehabilitate, both physically and mentally, through physical fitness, motivation and support.

The foundation was started by David and Toni Coffland, both Ocean Pines residents, in honor of their son, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher J. Coffland, who was killed in action in Afghanistan.

Event co-chair Susan Walter said the tournament this year would benefit the “We Honor Veterans” program. Michael Petito will chair the event.

“Michael and I have met with Coastal Hospice President Alane Capen at the Ocean Pines facility and it is truly a beautiful environment, with a room to be provided for any veteran who needs end-of-life care,” Walter

said. “Our mission is to raise funds to provide for any veterans, either in this facility, or if their need is for in-home hospice care. We have asked Ms. Capen to earmark our donation to any local veterans in need.”

To download a tournament entry form, visit www.oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-TOURNEY-entry-form-and-donation-request.pdf.

Registration checks should be made out to “Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association” and mailed to Susan Walter, 36 Capetown Road, Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811.

Donation checks may be made out to “Coastal Hospice – We Honor Veterans program” and mailed to Walter.

For questions about the event, contact Walter at cbreeze601@verizon.net or Petito at map11946@yahoo.com.

Work environment seminar topic

(Sept. 19, 2019) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce and Worcester County Health Department will present a free, public seminar on how to maintain a work environment that promotes good mental health and reduced substance abuse, and how to spot potential problems, on Tuesday, Oct. 1 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Library.

In addition, Narcan training will be offered at the end of the seminar to those who wish to learn.

Today, the country faces a behavioral health crisis and often problems arise in the workplace. This seminar will help locate potential problems and how to defuse a situation before it arises.

Those who would like to complete

the Narcan training, should email info@oceanpineschamber.org to ensure enough kits are on hand. Call the Chamber at 410-641-5306 for questions.

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Cuisine

Simple roasted chicken still instructive

Oh, what a day of skills last Friday was. “In my Introduction to Food Preparation”



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

class, we covered a great many skills in one seemingly simple dish, and it was a stunning product after only having had one previous class. Most of these students have never cooked before; most of them have never picked up a knife, and yet we were able to execute a dish that was worthy of service in a fair restaurant.

There are typically a few minor injuries, as students break down their first chicken. Knives slip, or students simply lose track of the blade and then it’s time to toss the food and clean a wound or two. Hey, this business is not for the faint of heart.

At the end of production, it was quite satisfying to see the looks of pride and accomplishment in the faces of my new students. Typically timid, my new batches of students somewhat shyly work their way through the kitchen, but not this group, and that is truly a breath of fresh air. It is always a pleasure to look at a new group and know that we are going to make some memorable lunches for faculty and staff on Fridays.

As for the dish itself, I was able to incorporate a good number of skills in this lab. The best part is that the class already has one of the five mother sauces down. Making a fresh tomato sauce (peeling the tomatoes, cutting them concassé and stewing them) was a good intro into this topic of foundational sauce making. At some point, we will cover the other four: Hollandaise, velouté (think turkey gravy at Thanksgiving), Béchamel and Espagnole. It’s all in a day’s work.

And the cool thing, and this applies to any cook, is that once you know how to make these basic sauces, you have opened the door to making thousands of derivative sauces. There are hundreds of classical derivative sauces, and with the contemporary fusion of cuisines, the sky really is the limit, or rather the span of your imagination and creativity will be the only limit on your sauce-making abilities.

As we sat down to eat, with guests from the business department and



some straggler students that we reined in from the hallway, we knew that we were in for a treat. And the students did not disappoint. We ate well that day. We will eat well all semester thanks for their production and skill levels. And yes, I will be able to teach this class more than just a thing or two.

In one class, I was able to teach blanching and shocking, sautéing, searing, a mother sauce, stewing, plating and a slew of other skills. Indeed, it was a wonderful day and it bodes well for our semester. Bring it on.

Roasted Chicken

- serves 4*
- 1 whole 3-lb chicken
 - 1 gallon brine (Recipe follows)
 - 6 oz. Sautéed shiitake mushrooms (Recipe follows)
 - 2 c. Stewed leeks (Recipe follows)
 - Tomato sauce (Find a recipe)
 - Sautéed green beans (Recipe follows)
1. Break the chicken down into 8 pieces
 2. Place in the brine for 3 hours under refrigeration
 3. Remove and pat dry
 4. Roast in a 375F oven until it reaches 165F on its interior
 5. Remove and allow to rest for a few minutes while you gather everything else
 6. Serve 2 pieces per person and top with the stewed leeks and mush-

rooms

Brine

- per gallon*
- 1 gallon water
 - 1 lemon, quartered
 - 3/4 c. Kosher salt
 - 1/2 c. Granulated sugar
 - 1 Tbsp. Black peppercorns
 - 1 tsp. Thyme leaves
 - 1 tsp. Rosemary
 - 1 Tbsp. Granulated garlic
1. Combine all ingredients in 1 quart of hot water to dissolve the salt and sugar
 2. Add remaining ingredients and remainder of water to cool it down. You may also top it off with some ice to make sure that it’s nice and cold

Sautéed Shiitakes

- serves 4*
- 1/2 # Shiitakes, stems removed
 - 1 Tbsp. Butter
 - 1 Tbsp. Olive oil
 - 1 clove fresh garlic, minced
 - S&P, as needed
1. Slice the mushroom caps
 2. Heat the oil and butter
 3. Sauté the mushrooms and season as needed. Keep warm until service

Stewed Leeks

- serves 4*
- 4 each fresh leeks, sliced
 - Olive oil, as needed

- White wine, as needed
- 2 Tbsp. Butter
 - S&P to taste
1. Heat the olive oil to a medium and add the leeks, cooking for about an hour. Ensure that they are stirred and that they do not burn
 2. Deglaze the pan as needed with the wine
 3. Add the butter towards the end of cooking and season
 4. Keep warm until service

Sautéed Green Beans

- serves 4*
- 1# Fresh green beans
 - Butter and oil, as needed
 - S&P to taste
1. Bring a pot of salted water to a boil and add the beans
 2. Cook for about 5 minutes, or until the beans are al dente (tender but still with a bite)
 3. Shock them in an ice water bath to stop the cooking and set aside until go time
 4. When ready to serve, heat a sauté pan, adding the oil and butter
 5. Add the beans and cook until they are done
 6. Season and keep warm until service.

— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

Puzzles

WELL, WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T ...
BY JOE DIPIETRO / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

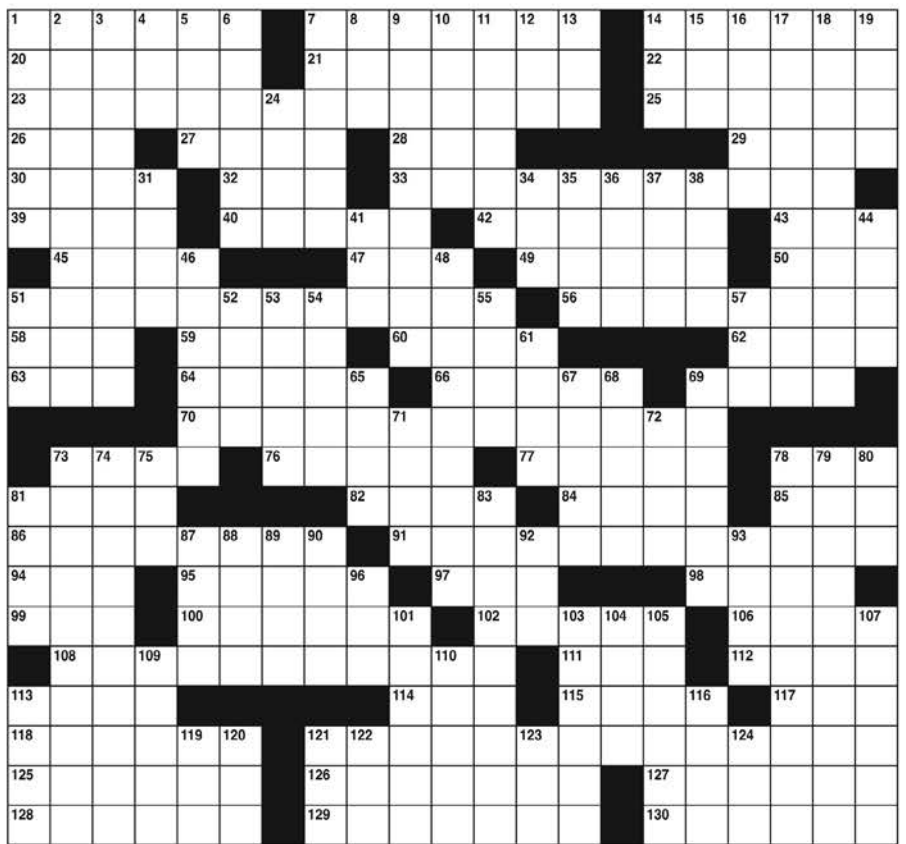
Joe DiPietro, of Brooklyn, owns a bar called "one star" in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan. He has been contributing puzzles to The Times since 1995. He is sometimes confused with the Tony-winning playwright of the same name, but the two men don't know each other. This Joe writes: "I love the sweet pain of filling grids." He sometimes spends weeks working and reworking them — and the resulting quality shows. — W.S.

ACROSS
1 Well, for one
7 Longhair cats
14 For instance
20 Alternative to Martha Stewart Weddings
21 Caribbean island nation
22 Take in
23 ... the guy who vows to take his Stetson to the grave
25 Baby Gap purchase
26 Famous conjoined twin
27 Figures
28 California's Big ____
29 TV's "____ Ruins Everything"
30 Lose control on the road
32 IV checkers
33 ... the fraternity guy who wants to be a cardiologist
39 Levelheaded
40 Kind of furniture
42 Triumphant cry
43 Game lover's purchase
45 First word of "Jabberwocky"
47 Dated PC hookup
49 J. Carrol ____ (two-time 1940s Oscar nominee)
50 Traffic-stopping grp.?

51 ... the guy who barely shows he's exasperated
56 ... the guy who always shows up unannounced
58 Hugs, in a letter
59 Home of minor-league baseball's Aces
60 California's Santa ____ Mountains
62 Puts on TV
63 Show that NBC 62-Across, for short
64 Heaps
66 They follow springs by about a week
69 Sylvia of jazz
70 ... the gal who delivered the greatest put-down ever
73 Small prevarications
76 Helicopter sounds
77 Permanent spot?
78 UPS unit: Abbr.
81 "Othello" provocateur
82 "Lethal Weapon" force, in brief
84 Prison division
85 "Well, well, well, whaddya know"
86 ... the guy who takes aerial photos for the military
91 ... the gal who loses it when pass plays are called
94 CPR teacher, maybe
95 Temporarily sated, with "over"
97 Critical campaign mo.
98 Source of some pressure

99 Place for trophies
100 Declaration
102 Singer with the 2009 No. 1 hit "TiK ToK"
106 Move a bit
108 ... the gal who spends all day at the hairdresser
111 Rollaway
112 Word with club or cream
113 Aristocratic Italian name of old
114 Cartoonist Keane
115 Dance that might include a chair
117 West Coast summer setting: Abbr.
118 Dag Hammarskjöld's successor at the U.N.
121 ... the guy who can't stop bragging about Bragg
125 Bit of trail mix
126 Underlining alternative
127 Creeped out?
128 Almost up
129 Exams given intradermally, for short
130 Actress Taylor of "Bones"

DOWN
1 No. 1 nun
2 Prolonged period of excessive imbibing
3 Soft blanket material
4 Ice-cream eponym
5 Part of AARP: Abbr.
6 Note that sounds like an order to get with it?
7 Appalled
8 Big D.C. lobby
9 1995 crime film based on an Elmore Leonard novel
10 At the perfect time
11 Enthusiastic
12 Commercial suffix with Gator
13 Gained a lap?
14 ____ Paulo
15 Bit of art pottery
16 Staircase sound
17 "Star Trek" catchphrase said by Dr. McCoy
18 Far Eastern fruits that resemble apples
19 What a prefix or suffix gets added to
24 Sicily's Mount ____
31 Honey substitute?
34 Appear in print
35 Mouth, slangily
36 Con ____ (briskly, in music)
37 Talk like a tough, say
38 "Well, howdy"
41 Dieter's "I"
44 Picks up the bill
46 Unlikely handouts with beers
48 Court V.I.P.
51 Sea plea
52 Period of group activity, slangily
53 Addition to the family
54 Doth depart



- 55 Diamond brackets?
57 Dissenting vote
61 Swerves back
65 Cry like a baby
67 Large shrimp
68 See 72-Down
69 Parody
71 Pride Parade participants may be in it
72 With 68-Down, summer side dish
73 Shade for a field worker?

74 "Drawin' a blank here"
75 ____ vivant
78 Gambler's exclamation
79 Father of Enigma in DC Comics
80 Creamy beverage
81 Tagged, informally
83 Pitcher who famously claimed he was on LSD while throwing a no-hitter (1970)
87 And others, for short

88 Kind of bar
89 Renuzit target
90 It can be old or breaking
92 Sport ____
93 "Ocean's Twelve" role
96 ____ Terr., 1861-89
101 Maze explorer
103 Go downhill in a hurry
104 Part of a parka
105 Relaxing
107 High-grade

109 Auto dealer's offer
110 Auto owner's proof
113 Tip of Italy?
116 Field
119 Shoot down
120 Wile E. Coyote purchase
121 In good shape
122 Gambling-parlor letters
123 Take steps
124 Sort of person who's blue: Abbr.

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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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6	5	9	4	3	2	8	1	7
7	8	2	9	1	5	6	4	3
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Calendar

Submit calendar items to: editor@oceancitytoday.net. Submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, the week of publication. Local submissions have priority. Area event listings are subject to space availability.

Thurs., Sept. 19

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE 26TH ANNUAL FALL GOLF CLASSIC

The 2019 Robert E. Warfield Memorial Tournament will be held Sept. 26, rain or shine, at Ocean City Golf Club. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Player entry fee includes cart and green fees, boxed lunch and buffet dinner as well as snacks and beverages/cocktails on the course. Deluxe giveaways, impressive tournament awards and team photograph also included. Each team can choose their course/format – Newport Bay/Best Ball or Seaside/Scramble. Team registration must be submitted by Sept. 19. For more information about the tournament, how to become a sponsor or register a team, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/golf, text WARFIELD to 41444 or contact Joy Stokes at 410-641-9671 or jstokes@atlanticgeneral.org.

SAND CASTLE HOME TOUR

Start out at the Arts Center on 94th Street where you will pick up your tour booklet, goody bag and blue booties. Tour the homes at your own pace Sept. 19-20, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Tickets cost \$30 and are valid for both days. Tickets: 410-524-9433. <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m. The group will be making T-shirt tote bags. All materials are provided. The tote bags will be given with purchases at the grand opening of the new Pine'eer Artisan Gift Shop. Project reservations: Carol Quinto, 410-208-4317.

COLOR ME CALM

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Monthly adult coloring session. Colored pencils, gel pens and felt tips available. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MAKE AND TAKE: SUGAR SCRUBS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Make your own sugar scrubs. All supplies provided. Space is limited to 20 participants. Space is limited to 20 participants. Register: 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

DAR MEET AND MINGLE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. The General Levin Winder Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, will observe Constitution

Week during this Meet and Mingle. Women interested in pursuing membership in DAR are invited to attend. 410-213-8238

WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP MEETING

Berlin MAC Cetner, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., 6:30 PM. An executive meeting precedes the speaker at 6 p.m. Denise Shorts, Chief Academic Officer Grades Pre-K-8, Worcester County Board of Education, will talk about curriculum changes and what's in store for 2019-2020. All interested persons are invited to attend. 443-944-6701

BROWN BOX THEATRE PRESENTS: SHAKE-SPEARE'S 'MEASURE FOR MEASURE'

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7:30 PM. The performance is free and open to the public. Outdoors, lawn seating; blanket or lawn chair welcome. No reservations required. Due to mature themes, this play is recommended for ages 13 and older with the advisory of a parent. 410-289-7739, <https://brownboxtheatre.org>

BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Beach Singles, 45 years and older, meet for happy hour. Info: 302-436-9577, 410-524-0649 or BeachSingles.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Thursdays - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. Coastal Hospice provides grief support and education. Participants work together to help each other navigate through grief at their own pace. Free and open to the public. Nicole Long, 443-614-6142

Fri., Sept. 20

RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR BLUES ON THE BAY

Blues on the Bay will be held at Macky's Bayside Bar & Grill from 6-9 p.m. on Sept. 25. Join Coastal Hospice for an evening of jazz to benefit the Macky & Pam Stansell House. Reservations are \$75 and include an open bar, for d'oeuvres and live music from Everett Spells. Reservations: <https://coathospice.org/event/blues-on-the-bay> by Sept. 20.

15TH ANNUAL MUSEUM DAY

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S Atlantic Ave. The museum will provide free entry to anyone presenting a Museum Day ticket. Tickets available at:

www.smithsonianmag.com.

BEACH YOGA

Assateague Island National Seashore, 6633 Bayberry Drive, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM. Meet at the Shade Pavilion in North Beach parking lot. Low impact exercise to increase balance, flexibility and reduce stress. Yoga is suitable for all levels. Free but park entrance fees are in effect. Donations benefit Assateague Island National Seashore. Take a beach towel. outreachAIA@gmail.com, <http://www.AssateagueIslandAlliance.org>

THUNDERBIRDS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM. Join the group for a brief history of Gerry Anderson and his Supermarionation technique used to produce Thunderbirds. Also included will be a screening of Mission to the Unknown, a Fan edit of the Thunderbirds Are Go! <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Featuring 14K and sterling silver, classic, estate, fashion and homemade jewelry, a wide selection of custom faceted gemstones, loose stones, beads and beading supplies, pearls, mineral specimens, rocks, fossils, crystals and art jewelry. There will be jewelers and wire wrappers who can design, remount and set stones and make repairs on site. Admission costs are \$5 for adults and free to children 16 years and younger with an adult. jane@treasuresoft-heearth.com, <http://www.treasuresoft-heearth.com>

BERTINO TO HOST TOWN MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Chip Bertino will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district and the county. Guest speakers include Stacey Norton, Dr. Michael Browne and Mike McClung. Commissioner Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well.

BBQ CHICKEN

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., 11:00 AM. Cost is \$10 for 1/2 BBQ Chicken platters, which includes macaroni and cheese and baked beans, roll and drink. Cost for chicken and roll is \$8. Proceeds benefit the church's Homecoming Committee. 410-641-0270

'CHAIR OF HONOR' DEDICATION

Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, 11144 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation at Ocean Pines will dedicate a "Chair of Honor" as a permanent reminder of those who were held as POWs and 82,000 who are still missing and never returned from serving abroad. There is limited seating at the memorial.

BERLIN FIDDLERS CONVENTION

Berlin Main Street, 10:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Bluegrass, old-time, Celtic, Irish and cajun musicians from all over the country are invited to compete for thousands in prize money. Also featuring regional food, drink and craft vendors. Competition begins at noon. Admission is free. Shuttle service available from Berlin Intermediate School all day. Rain location is the Berlin Intermediate School Auditorium. <http://www.BerlinFiddlers.com>

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Featuring live music, chef demos, children's activities and other special events. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., Sept. 22

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Pitts Street and Main Street, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Featuring more than 20 vendors including fresh fruits and veggies, baked goods, seafood, poultry, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, wood working, beauty products and more. Also enjoy free crafts for kids, a variety of tutorials, a petting zoo and music provided by Sophia Tomaseli. Ivy Wells and Allison Early, 410-973-2051

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 9:00 AM. Wear your favorite team colors. <https://www.stevensonchurch.org>

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BERLIN FIDDLERS CONVENTION

Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St., 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Bluegrass, old-time, Celtic, Irish and cajun musicians from all over the country are invited to compete for thousands in prize money. Also featuring regional food, drink and craft vendors. Sunday features a free Gospel Bluegrass Jam with Stevenson's Crossroads and Blue Crab Crossing. Rain location is the Masonic Lodge on Main Street. <http://www.BerlinFiddlers.com>

Mon., Sept. 23

IPAD CHICKS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road,

CALENDAR

10:00 AM. Explore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017. Men are welcome.
<http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

WRITING FOR WELLNESS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 PM. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression.
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WRITING FOR WELLNESS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 PM. Writing about stressful experiences like illness may boost health & psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression.
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MUSIC THEORY
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:00 PM. Improve your understanding of music, whether you sing or play an instrument. Learn what you need to know to build your confidence. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worceseterlibrary.org>

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Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Three-part series where participants will be introduced to the benefits of yoga by learning many of the poses and breathing techniques. No prior yoga experience needed. Yoga mats and props will be available. Register: 410-632-3495.

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DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS
Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. Come and sing. Drop-ins welcome. Carol, 410-641-6876

Tues., Sept. 24
RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP
Lower Shore Land Trust Office, 100 River St., Snow Hill, 6:30 p.m. Learn why reducing stormwater runoff from your property is important and how rain barrels and rain gardens can help. Cost for the workshop is \$20, which includes a rain barrel worth \$85. Contact Suzanne Ketcham, 443-234-5587, or ssketcham@lower-shorelandtrust.org.

TED TALK: FLINT WATER CRISIS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Pediatrician Mona Hanna-Attisha exposed the dangers of Flint's drinking water. She talks about her life and how the people of Flint are finding hope after the crisis. Also learn how this tragedy happened. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

YOGA WITH SHULI TOR
Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 5:00 PM. A class for stretching and relaxation based on yoga and qigong.
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ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING
Ocean City Lions Club, 12534 Airport Road, 7:30 PM. Doors open at 7 p.m. Guest are welcome to attend.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. jeanduck47@gmail.com

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Tuesdays through September - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-4 p.m. Bring your photos or bagged plant samples by and let expert Master Gardeners find solutions to your questions. Free service.

Wed., Sept. 25
WITTY KNITTERS
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Knitters, Crochet enthusiasts, needle artists of all skill levels are invited to join this group for a casual morning of sharing. <http://www.worces-terlibrary.org>

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Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Adults, singles and couples welcome. Square dance lessons are October through May, 2020 on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at a nominal fee.

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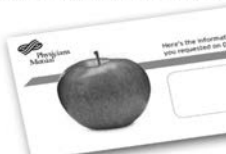
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