



No masking fun in Berlin on Halloween

Town celebrates in big way that just keeps growing

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Thousands of children are expected to come ready with costumes and candy bags to celebrate Halloween next Thursday in Berlin.

"This truly is the Lollapalooza of Halloween," said Washington Street resident Sara Hambury, who added that the downtown should expect a "sea of people."

The festivities will take place from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 31 in downtown, with Washington Street closed to traffic.

Fellow Washington Street resident Gussie Sholtis, one of the concept's founders, said several couples on the street coincidentally dressed up as different superheroes more than 15 years ago. The tradition advanced into a full on spectacle that involved decorating homes and passing out candy.

Hambury also clarified that "a handful of residents on Washington" See TRADITION Page 11



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Cascading Carlos juggles with fire to entertain spectators of all ages on Saturday during Oktoberfest in Berlin.

Pines Town Hall meeting Saturday

Questions, answers, info will be available during session at center's Assateague Room

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Ocean Pines residents at home and traveling can pose questions to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors during a town hall meeting Saturday in the Assateague Room of the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Communications Committee Chairwoman Jennifer Cropper Rines, who returns to oversee the proceedings after hosting the past two town hall affairs, said questions were solicited via email until Wednesday evening, three days before the Oct. 26 meeting.

"This time, so far, I haven't gotten



Jennifer Cropper Rines

a lot of questions," she said. "Last time I had lots emailed in."

Speaking on Monday, Rines said regardless of early inquiries, the community meeting, which will begin at 10 a.m., promises to provide an array of questions, as well as project updates and discussion points from the board.

"They've been informal," she said. "It's an opportunity to have candid conversations and get questions answered."

The format includes a round-robin question-and-answer session.

"You get to ask a question and pass the mic," she said. "We try to keep a handle on timing so that everyone has

a chance to ask their questions."

With a rough window of 3-5 minutes per question from the audience, See QUESTIONS Page 10



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A crowd gathers on Washington Street in Berlin during last year's Halloween festivities.



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Berlin's 2020 calendar of events approved

Wells also gets nod from Town Council for alcohol permits at several outings

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Berlin's 2020 social calendar is booked solid, following the Town Council's approval last Tuesday of multiple events.

In presenting the list to the council, Ivy Wells, Berlin community and economic development also requested permission to serve alcoholic beverages be granted for the following events: Berlin Jazz and Blues Wine and Brews, Reggae Play Day, Small Town Throw Down, Berlin Fiddlers Convention, Berlin Oktoberfest, and the adult New Year's Eve Celebrations.

On next year's calendar are:

- Berlin Restaurant Week, Jan. 13-19, in downtown Berlin.
- Berlin Little League Parade, from 8-9 a.m., Saturday, April 18, on Main Street in downtown Berlin.
- Berlin Spring Celebration, Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Berlin.
- Clean Up, beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, at Berlin parks.
- Spring Just Walk Berlin, 8:30-11 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, at Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street off

Route 113.

- Berlin Jazz and Blues, Wine and Brews, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. downtown.

- Reggae Play Day, 5-9 p.m. throughout downtown. A date for the event has not yet been determined.

- Berlin Spring Cruisers, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 16, throughout downtown.

- Memorial Day at the Monument, beginning at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 24, at the veterans' monument at the intersection of Main and West streets.

- The Berlin Memorial Day Parade, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, May 25. It will start at Stephen Decatur Middle School on Seahawk Road, and end at Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street.

- The Berlin Concert on the Lawn series, from 6-7:30 p.m. on June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, and Sept. 14, at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on 208 N. Main St.

- The Berlin Bathtub Races, Friday, June 19, from 5-8 p.m. on Main Street.

- Independence Day celebrations, from 4-7 p.m. on July 3, at the Calvin B. Taylor House. Fireworks will begin at dusk at Heron Park on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

- The Berlin Peach Festival, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1,



A crowd gathers outside of the Atlantic Hotel in downtown Berlin for the Jazz and Blues, Wine and Brews festival on May 4.

- at the Calvin B. Taylor Museum on 208 N. Main St.

- National Night Out, from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street.

- The Summer Berlin Sidewalk Sale, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14-Aug. 16 downtown.

- Shakespeare on Pitts Street, from

7:30-9:30 p.m. on Pitts Street downtown.

- Small Town Throw Down, Saturday, Sept. 12, from 1-6 p.m., downtown.

- Paint Berlin Plein Air, Wednesday, Sept. 23 to Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

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Town grants several alcohol permits

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- The Berlin Fiddlers Convention will take place during the last week-end in September. The music festival is expected to begin on Friday, Sept. 25, from 7-10 p.m. downtown. It will continue on Saturday from 12-5 p.m. and wrap up on Sunday from 12-3 p.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House on 208 N. Main St.
- Berlin Touch A Truck, from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 3, at Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street.
- Berlin Fall Cruisers, 10 a.m. to 2

- p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, downtown.
- Berlin Oktoberfest, noon-5 p.m. on Oct. 17, downtown.
- Fall Just Walk Berlin, from 8:30-11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, at Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street.
- The Berlin Tree Lighting and Holiday Open House, from 5:30-9 p.m. outside of the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street.
- The Berlin Christmas Berlin Parade, Thursday, Dec. 3, from 7-9 p.m. on Main Street.
- Classical Christmas, from 6-9 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, at the At-

- lantic Hotel and the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.
- Berlin New Year's Eve Celebration, Thursday, Dec. 31, downtown. The children's ball drop is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. and the adults version will run from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
- The Berlin Farmers Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday from May through October on Pitts Street.
- Second Friday Art Stroll will take place the second Friday of each month from 5-8 p.m. throughout downtown. Makers Markets will take place from May until October.

Block party OK'd for Burley Street residents by town

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer
(Oct. 24, 2019) Burley Street residents got the nod from Berlin's Town Council to hold a block party this weekend.
Burley Street resident Alyssa Maloof addressed town officials during a meeting last Tuesday to request permission to shut down the road for the event.

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Ocean Pines signs deliberations soldier on

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Deliberations over upgrading community messaging signs dominated the discussion at the OPA Communications Committee meeting last Thursday.

After broaching the subject of installing digital messaging signs to replace the current manual sign boards last month, the committee reconvened last week to consider research conducted by Brian Reynolds.

Reynolds said his initial thought was to retrofit the existing sign structures with digital panels.

“Nobody wants the big, glowing, flashing signs,” he said.

Opening conversations with sign vendors yielded an option for configurable panels in lieu of replacement roadside signs.

“[It] would actually be able to display the information like the look and feel we have now, with the white background [and] black letters,” he said.

Reynolds said the panels automatically dim at night, feature a 160-degree horizontal viewing angle and run on 120 volts.

“You can make any size you want by assembling these things together,” he said.

Hardwiring sign panels are not required, with remote connectivity capabilities that include Wi-Fi, cellular, ethernet and fiber.

“You can set up a couple of antennas that point to each other and it can be up to 1,000 feet that allows you to communicate with the sign remotely,” he said.

While noting the issue is still in the fact-finding phase, committee Chairwoman Jenny Cropper Rines said precise costs are still required.

“They can make you panels for it, or I think we can make the panel our-

selves,” she said.

Envisioning the potential to swap out panels as opposed to letters, committee board liaison Dr. Colette Horn noted a safety advantage.

“My biggest concern ... is the hazard [the current signs] pose to employees who are changing out the letters,” she said.

Reynolds said other technological perks included with the panel are the ability for content creation and scheduling of messages.

“You can integrate live information in the displays,” he said. “It supports the FEMA I-Pause public alert warning system, [which is] built in to provide amber alerts automatically.”

Putting aside public safety considerations, Horn recalled that earlier board discussions of the matter weighed the merits of investing staff time in the research of the proposal.

“The board seems most focused on cost,” she said. “When I discussed it with [General Manager] John Viola, he was least focused on cost.”

Rines also wondered if tying emer-



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The OPA Communications Committee mulled the option to retrofit existing roadside sign structures with digital panels during its meeting last Thursday.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Brian Reynolds, center, provides background research regarding updates to community messaging signs during the OPA Communications Committee meeting last Thursday.

gency notifications in with the Ocean Pines Police Department might qualify the venture for potential grant funding.

Highlighting concerns that Worcester County could require a zoning ordinance amendment to allow installation of new roadside signs, Reynolds said emergency-alert capabilities could be a vital selling point.

Horn said based on early communications with Worcester County Director of Development, Review and Permitting Ed Tudor the zoning hurdle appears surmountable.

“He seemed pretty willing to work with us on that,” she said.

Horn concurred with committee member Cheryl Jacobs that zoning assurances should be obtained from the county before proceeding.

“I do think we ought to go ahead and work on the text revision right away,” Horn said. “If that’s not going to happen, the other work is kind of a waste of effort.”

Noting that up to five upgraded signs would be required, Horn asked if an adequate number of the existing sign structures could be repurposed.

“I’m assuming those physical structures, if we are going to retrofit

them, that they’re in good shape,” she said.

Reynolds said the dozen-odd existing fleet would likely suffice.

“I was anticipating that we would keep the structures because people are all about the look and the feel,” he said.

Identifying locales for signs featuring emergency alerts is also an early goal, Horn said.

“We need to identify the places if we’re going to rely on that for safety information,” she said.

With exact counts still up for consideration, Reynolds advised obtaining a quote for one sign panel to facilitate evolving price considerations.

Rines further delineated pricing specifications.

“What we really need is the price of a single side versus a double side,” she said.

Ongoing electrical and maintenance costs should also be factored in, Rines said.

Based on the groundwork covered during the committee’s discussion, Horn proposed contacting Tudor to confirm the best way to proceed, while Reynolds offered to contact additional sign vendors.

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Holiday donations uptick for military drive

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Approaching the final week of Star Charities annual “Holiday Gifts for Soldiers” collection, volunteers are shell shocked by the deluge of donations continuing to pour in, with the groundswell directly attributable to the passing of group co-founder Anna Foultz last month.

Star Charities volunteer Sue Walter, who along with Barb Peletier worked closely with Foultz on numerous charitable initiatives, said with the donation deadline coming into focus the group will sponsor a drive for supplies at the Ocean Pines Food Lion on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“People are really willing to help and donate this year ... it’s overwhelming,” she said.

On Saturday, Walter will be among a contingent of volunteers soliciting a wide-array of non-perishable items for U.S. Armed Forces members stationed overseas.

“We’ve got little handouts to give customers [so] they have a list [of items] they could purchase at the Food Lion,” she said.

In contrast to last years’ collection, Walter envisions overwhelming National Guard members when they arrive to collect donations next month.

“Last year it was rather embarrassing when the National Guard came to pick the donations up but this year ...

they are going to be in for a huge surprise,” she said.

With oversize buckets emblazed with Foultz’s smiling face spread throughout Ocean Pines, along with locations in Berlin and Ocean City, Walter said numerous pickups have been required.

“We’ve had to go back and unload some of the buckets already,” she said. “Barbara has stuff at her house, I have stuff at my house, and we just picked up a couple of buckets full from the community center.”

Besides a significant number of donations at the Ocean Pines library, Walter said a number of local nonprofits are involved, such as Ocean Pines AARP Chapter 4507 and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines and Ocean City.

“The Sons of Italy are really pushing this through their members,” she said.

The ever-growing mound of non-perishable items runs the gamut from clothing to nourishment.

“I’m looking here at bags of hard candy, huge packages of toothpaste, fruit and nut trail mix boxes, all kinds of powders, packages of socks, books and games,” she said. “Everything we’ve been asking for I think have been touched on.”

The end totals, already bolstered through the kindness of individuals likely doubly motivated in mourning for Foultz, will be further inflated by



Donations for U.S. Armed Forces members stationed overseas have been pouring in during the Star Charities annual “Holiday Gifts for Soldiers” collection, with bins overflowing at numerous locations in Ocean Pines, Berlin and Ocean City, like this pile of items contributed at the Ocean City Library. GREG ELLISON/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

donations gathered by charitable entities, such as the Sons of Italy.

“They’re doing an amazing job [but] their stuff won’t be totally collected until the first week in November,” she said. “They’re taking a little more time to gather.”

Foultz was honored by the Sons of Italy Ocean City Lodge #2747 in 2014 with its first ever Distinguished Citizen award and two years later attended a gala celebration in Hunt Valley to receive the 2016 Ameritan Award from the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Looking ahead, Walter said Star Charities volunteers and cohorts of Foultz, have yet to fully ponder future endeavors, but one point has been decided.

“It will not be Star Charities and we were told that by the [Foultz] family,” she said.

Star Charities was originally founded in 2007 by Foultz and her husband of 64 years, Carl, who died in 2010.

In fact, Walter said with Foultz passing on Sept. 22, mere days prior to the holiday gift collection drive launch-

ing, Star Charities members have yet to convene in mass.

“This drive for the military right now this has taken priority and we haven’t even sat down as a group,” she said. “We’re keeping in contact with our volunteers and bringing them up to date.”

The bulk of Star Charities volunteers will gather together for the first time since Foultz passed this Thursday afternoon for a ceremony to rededicate the Marlin Room inside the Ocean Pines community center in her honor.

Although the Star Charities designation will be put to rest with Anna and Carl Foultz, in light of what promises to be a record-setting haul this year, Walter said hope remains the annual holiday drive for U.S. military stationed overseas would soldier forward.

“If nothing else is done we’ve talked about the possibility of just continuing this military donation drive and doing this each year,” she said. “Maybe in Anna’s memory.”

For more information, contact Peletier at 443-896-4914.

Street to close for part of Sunday

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The block party is scheduled to take place from 3-7 p.m. on Oct. 27, according to the application. The event will have one food truck, live music and a yard sale.

“We love our block. We love our neighbors,” Maloof said.

Malooof cited potential safety concerns for children as a reason to have two roadblocks on each end of the street. The road closure is expected to occur from 1-9:30 p.m., according to the application.

Councilman Dean Burrell asked Maloof if she discussed the matter with her fellow residents, and she said he had signatures from about half the neighbors on Burley Street.

Several neighbors, including Nate Reister, spoke in support for the block party.

“So we’re very excited to start, hopefully ... what becomes an annual [event],” Reister said.

Councilman Zack Tyndall moved to approve the block party, which was unanimously endorsed.

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Showell Park concession, bathroom plans

Program Open Space funds totaling \$200,000 sourced for upgrades by next spring

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Worcester County officials are looking to boost the popularity and marketability of Showell Park on Racetrack Road with a permanent concession facility and handicapped-accessible bathrooms, per the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Director of Recreation and Parks Tom Perlozzo said the upcoming project was facilitated through a Maryland Program Open Space grant of \$200,000 applied for last year.

“The county is eligible for Pro-

gram Open Space dollars [through] an annual appropriation,” he said.

The pending upgrades at Showell Park are part of a five-year plan for the county’s parks.

“In that plan, with Showell Park being one of them, was a \$200,000 concession [and] bathroom project, along with some potential other park improvements,” he said. “That should start sometime this winter.”

Located under 10 miles outside Ocean City, the 21-acre park features three fenced-in ballfields, primarily used for softball, with a pair that measure 280-feet and include LED lighting, while a third unilluminated field is 200 feet deep.

The recreation facility also includes basketball courts, tennis/pickleball courts, horseshoe and volleyball pits, pavilion area and



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Upgrades including permanent concession facilities and bathrooms are slated to be completed by next spring at Showell Park on Racetrack Road following receipt of \$200,000 in state funding for the endeavor.

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two playgrounds segregated between ages 2-5 and 5-12.

Noting the array of outdoor activities currently accommodated, Perlozzo said the planned improvements should help cement Showell Parks’ reputation as a premier recreation destination in northern Worcester County.

“We had a concession operation out of a shed and we have a portable restroom contract, but now we’re going to change that all up to a permanent concession and bathroom facility,” he said.

Plans also include building a new covered area to sit and eat, Perlozzo said.

“The facility is getting very popular,” he said. “The feedback from the events that we had there [said] if we had a more permanent bathroom [and] concession facility we’d be able to attract some additional opportunities that the county could take advantage of.”

Perlozzo envisions the finished product will improve the marketing potential for Showell Park and assist in luring sports tournaments to the region.

“From that perspective, we anticipate the opportunity to go out and sell that as a destination location for the county to attract softball [or] baseball,” he said.

Perlozzo also noted the park is adjacent to schools and the larger Ocean Pines community.

“It’s right across the street from the new Showell Elementary School being built,” he said. “It’s easily accessible to people in northern Worcester County.”

Although groundbreaking is still pending, the project timelines are slated to wind-up in time for the next cycle of warm weather.

“We anticipate being able to start that project sometime in December or January,” he said. “The idea is to have it open and ready to go this spring.”



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Bat roost workshop blossoms from Bay Day

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Based on the buzz generated by a bat box-building station at the second annual Bay Day in Ocean Pines last month, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is sponsoring its first “Bat Box Bash” next Tuesday in the White Horse Park Pavilion from 5-7 p.m.

Chandler Joiner, who develops educational programs for the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, said the event on Oct. 29 would include a talk from Dr. Aaron Hogue, biological sciences associate professor at Salisbury University.

The cost to participate in the workshop is \$80, with seven slots remaining for the dozen bat boxes planned for production, Joiner said. The public is invited to attend Hogue’s presentation and to watch the bat box building. Finished bat roosts will head home that day with their architects.

“It can be a family affair putting this together or an individual can build it,” she said.

“Just because of the turnaround from Bay Day and our desire to have as many installed by winter, this one does require a registration fee but people can be on the lookout this spring, hopefully, for some free workshops,” she said.

Joiner noted the importance of

providing bat boxes before winter is because they will provide a safe space for bats during their cold weather hibernation cycle.

“It typically takes about a season for a lot of bats to become attracted to it,” she said.

The boxes are coated with a special heat-absorbing paint primer.

“That paint absorbs heat throughout the day ... so they can stay warm in the evenings,” she said.

While deferring to Hogue as the actual expert on the topic, Joiner said the little brown bat, or *Myotis lucifugus*, are the most common bats throughout the U.S. and serve as crucial pollinators.

“They really enjoy drinking nectar from flowers,” she said. “The pollen collects on their fur and they transfer it to more flowers.”

Measuring about 4-6 inches, with wingspans around nine inches, little brown bats also provide vital pest control services, Joiner said.

“One little brown bat can eat over 1,000 insects in an hour,” she said. “If we did not have bats, we would be overrun with mosquitos.”

Despite the scary image attached to bats, Joiner said little brown bats pose no threat.

“They do not directly attack humans [and] are not aggressive in that way,” she said. “They’re just very



PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION
Ocean Pines Association Board member Tom Janasek assists youths in building bat roosts during the Bay Day event last month in White Horse Park, which helped spawn the “Bat Box Bash,” slated for Tuesday from 5-7 p.m.

small cute animals, to me at least.”

While measuring a mere six-inches wide by about two-feet long, a bat box can accommodate hundreds of bats.

“They’re not very big and little brown bats roost close together and always ... in colonies,” she said.

Joiner invited all interested parties to attend for potential do-it-yourself lessons and to hear the Hogue presentation on bat habitats and related conservation issues.

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By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Halloween is just around the corner and Worcester County is crawling with spooky activities for the family this weekend and through All Hallows’ Eve.

Ocean City:
– Ocean City Recreation and Parks will host its annual Halloween Spook-Out Party on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 1-3 p.m. inside the Northside Park gym on 125th Street.

Activities include carnival games, arts and crafts, hayrides and costume contests scheduled throughout the event. Complimentary candy and snacks will be available, and prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

Participants of all ages are welcome, including parents.

No preregistration required. The entrance fee is one bag of individually wrapped candy per child.

For more information, visit www.oceancitymd.gov or contact Ocean City Recreation and Parks at 410-250-0125.

West Ocean City:
– Children can go trick-or-treating at the Ocean City Outlets and White Marlin Mall in West Ocean City on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 4-6 p.m.

White Marlin Mall is located at 12641 Ocean Gateway, a half mile west of Ocean City on Route 50 at Route 611 next to the Ocean City Outlets. For the past 32 years, the mall has been a family-oriented location to enjoy the evening for trick-or-treating.

Children must be in costume when they visit the merchants participating in the trick-or-treat promotion. Treats are available only to children 12 years and younger who are in costume.

Once again, the White Marlin Mall event will coincide with “Treats, No Tricks!” event at the neighboring Ocean City Outlets that also invites children 12 and under to trick-or-treat on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Visit www.whitemarlinmall.com for participating merchants or other Halloween-themed activities. Visit www.outletsoceancity.com for more information about the Ocean City Outlets event.

– Stop by Frontier Town, off Route 611 in West Ocean City on Friday or

Saturday, for the annual Spooks and Spirits weekend celebration from 6-9 p.m.

Find spooky trails where guests can maneuver their way through a vampire’s lair, a train tunnel filled with people carrying chainsaws, among others.

In addition, there will be jugglers, a DJ, karaoke, Cascading Carlos, face paint, sand art and activities for children who might be too scared for the haunted trail

Food, including hotdogs, pizza and s’mores will be available.

A haunted trail through the Wicked Woods of FrontFEAR Town at the Western Theme Park costs \$8 on both Friday and Saturday. The haunted trail may not be suitable for small children. Complimentary for

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Hayrides around the lagoon at Northside Park, on 125th Street in Ocean City, are part of the Halloween activities this weekend.

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Correction

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Ocean Pines:

– Area residents will find a few tricks and a whole lot of treats at the annual Ocean Pines Halloween/Fall Festival at White Horse Park on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will host several spooky offerings during the event held at 235 Ocean Parkway, including costume contests for children 10 years old and younger, carnival games, face painting, pony rides for a small fee, candy, and a haunted hayride.

Children ages 2 and under will have their costume contest at 11:30 a.m., children ages 3-4 at noon, ages 5-7 at 12:30 p.m. and 8-10-year-olds at 1 p.m.

Costumed children will meet under the pavilion for a parade in front of the judges, who will determine the first-, second- and third-place winners in each category. Winners will receive a gift bag full of goodies.

The Kiwanis Club will be selling hot dogs and other refreshments.

All ages are welcome. Admission is free, but there will be a fee for some attractions.

Volunteers and candy donations are needed for the day of special activities and to run some of the games. Contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 if interested in helping or for more information about any of the activities.

Snow Hill:

– Children 12 and younger are invited to trick-or-treat while dressed in their favorite costumes at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill on Friday, Oct. 25, from 6-8 p.m.

The “Track or Treat” will include 27 vendors for the children to visit to collect treats. Guests are asked to bring a bag to collect goodies from local vendors.

There is no admission fee although attendees are encouraged to bring a canned good for donations. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact Kelly Buchanan at 410-632-2144 ext. 2503 or email kbuchanan@co.worcester.md.us.

Pocomoke City:

– Join Mac & Tuck, two North American River Otters, for an afternoon of games, candy and an otter program, during the Otterly Spooky event at the Discovery Center in Pocomoke City on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 1-2 p.m.

Children can wear costumes and join in on the parade. There will also be games and attendees can make snacks for the otters.

The cost is \$5 per child for Discovery Center members and \$10 per child for non-members.

The Discovery Center is located at 2 Market Street, in Pocomoke City, and is open year-round Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Stacey Weisner at 410-957-9933 or email Stacey@DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org.



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Nine-month-old Caide Plunkert, of Towson, looks out of sorts on dry land in the guise of a shark during the Halloween Spook-Out Party at Northside Park on 125th Street last year.

Questions, answers at town hall

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the intent is not to limit individual expression, but to ensure equal treatment.

“We try not to let it go beyond the point where it isn’t fair to other people,” she said.

The town hall meetings we launched in the spring as a joint venture between the communications committee and the board.

“The first one was last April after [The] Matt Ortt [Companies] signed on,” she said. “They came and gave a presentation.”

Subsequent town hall gatherings were held, with participation at its best on Saturday mornings, Rines said.

After fellow committee member Elaine Brady [Bayside Gazette publisher] emceed the affair last April, Rines has taken the reins for a third occasion.

“I kind of have a better idea what to expect,” she said. “It’s not a scripted thing [and] you figure out in the first few minutes what the hot buttons are.”

Tradition takes hold on Halloween

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Street” typically participate. “It was a factor of me wanting to live on Washington Street,” Hambury said.

In past years, Hambury said neighbors have coordinated their decorations with different themes, including islands, circus and carnival, storybook, and NFL, “national freaky league,” which she said meant they dressed up like dead football players.

This year’s theme is Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, Hambury said.

Hambury said while the holiday tradition began on Washington Street, it has since evolved into a townwide participation.

Ivy Wells, Berlin community and economic development director, is also “encouraging other neighbors follow that model because everyone loves it so much.”

Hambury welcomes children of all ages to come out next week, and said she’d love if adults without children also took part in the fun.

She also suggested they bring a basket of candy to distribute to children in sort of a mobile trick-or-treating fashion on Halloween.

Wells said downtown shops would also decorate and pass out candy on Halloween.

Additionally, the Burbage Funeral Home on 108 William St. will also have a free haunted house. Funeral Director Logan Cook said nearly 1,200 people went through the haunted house last year.

“We really do go all out,” Cook said. “[There’s] tons and tons of decorations, and it’s just it’s a very visible spot right in downtown, and all the kids see all the decorations, and they immediately flock to it.”

The haunted house encompasses parts of the funeral home’s first floor. Cook said there are inflatable decorations, “some spooky figures,” lights, smoke, music, and fog machines during the event. Owner W. Kirk Burbage also hands out candy as children exit the haunted house.

Cook said Burbage has held the haunted house since he took over the business in 1982, but his grandmother started the event years before.

When asked how long since the haunted house’s inception, Cook said, “When I asked [Burbage] that he said, ‘forever,’” Cook said. “Ever since Kirk can remember, his grandmother had loved Halloween, and loved doing that for the community.”

Cook also stressed that small children shouldn’t go through the haunted house unaccompanied, as it is a family-friendly event.

From the town’s perspective, Wells emphasized the importance of safety during Halloween.

“We set up barricades, and we have extra police on staff to ensure safety, and we embrace the event, and we are just here to do what we can to make sure that everyone is safe and having a good time,” she said.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing agreed, and said additional law enforcement from the Maryland State Police and Worcester County Sheriff’s Office would also be present during the festivities. He added that the police department is planning to close Main Street to traffic.

The Berlin Police Department will also provide a free candy screening service from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Town Hall on 11 William St.

Downing said officers would dump out children’s trick-or-treating bags and use a metal detector wand to survey the candy for pins, needles or other sharp objects. He added that they would also throw away any opened candy.

Overall, Wells said the town “recognizes the popularity” of the event.

“It takes a lot of effort on the homeowners and the business owners to do this,” Hambury said. “It’s not like we’re just buying a box of candy and turning on the porch light.”



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Active shooter training espouses awareness

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Knowing whether fight or flight is the right response to an active shooter situation was the focus of a training class held by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office last Thursday in Ocean Pines.

The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training class was hosted by Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino, with introductory remarks from Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) opening the hour-plus course at the Ocean Pines library.

Leading the presentation were sheriff's office deputies Sgt. Mike Sand and Cpl. Josh Moore, who told participants that the key to successful training is repetition.

Using school fire drills as an example, Moore said school fire-related deaths are virtually unheard of, because of a half-century repetitive training.

"Unfortunately," he said, referring to the growing number of active shooter drills, "this now is that new curriculum."

The CRASE training class was created in 2004 at Texas State University and receives funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The class espouses the "Avoid,

Deny, Defend," response model, which Moore said is comparable to the, "Run, Hide, Fight," approach.

"The one unifying characteristic in every attack is a place where there were people," he said.

Despite the "active shooter" label, Moore said attacks on the public are not limited to firearms. Knives, explosives and vehicles also are employed, he said.

"The media absolutely loves the term active-shooter event," he said. "Those of us who are in the business hate it."

Methodology aside, the goal remains unchanged.

"It doesn't matter the mechanism ... any attempted mass murder is what we're trying to avoid," he said.

Adopting the proper measures continues to challenge law enforcement, with Moore noting attacker profiles cut across race, gender, age and religious divides.

"There's absolutely no box that we can pen these people into," he said.

Moore said one theme common



Cpl. Josh Moore, left, and Sgt. Mike Sand with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, lead a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training class hosted by County Commissioner Chip Bertino at the Ocean Pines library last Thursday.

GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

among perpetrators of random violence is the perception of being aggrieved.

"These people have been slighted or wronged in some way and they're using this event ... to lash out as revenge and an opportunity to ... gain attention," he said.

Venturing into risk factors, Moore highlighted a history of or exposure to violence, as well as stalking behaviors.

"If you grew up in the last 40 years, you've been exposed to a lot of violence," he said.

In addition to bloodshed on television and the silver screen, the popularity of first-person shooter video

games have also become an issue, he said.

"I'm not going to tell you right now that videogames create killers, because that's not true," he said. "I will tell you videogames make more effective killers [and] it will desensitize you to violence."

With players earning points for on-screen slaughters, Moore said violent videogames reinforce unsavory inclinations.

"It's operant conditioning at its finest ... we're rewarding violent behavior," he said. "Video games won't cause people to kill, but if they have

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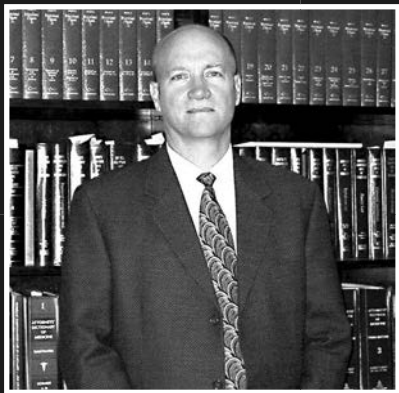


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Eastern Shore Community Foundation bestows \$90K

(Oct. 24, 2019) A total of \$90,879 has been granted by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore to 19 local nonprofits.

The awards are made possible through the Community Needs Grants program, which makes grants twice a year to nonprofits serving Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties for programs covering a wide range of needs on the Lower Eastern Shore.

This fall's grants will support veterans, shelter animals and pets, underserved youth, the performing arts, health, among others.

"Our Community Needs Grants allow us to reach a diverse range of causes, each important to the Lower Eastern Shore" said Community Foundation President Erica Joseph. "As new community challenges emerge over time, the foundation is able to adapt and respond, creating endless grant making possibilities."

The following nonprofits received program funding:

- American Red Cross Delmarva Chapter Greater Chesapeake Region - to provide Eastern Shore residents with emergency financial assistance for disaster response and door-to-door smoke alarm installation.
- Atlantic General Hospital Foundation - to pilot a telemedicine network with Pocomoke High School, which will provide interactive video conferencing to medically underserved students.
- Bay Area Center for Independent Living - to provide individuals with disabilities and their families complimentary memberships to Bay Area CIL's therapeutic heated swimming pool.
- Chesapeake Housing Mission - to purchase materials for critical home repairs for local veterans.
- City of Salisbury - to expand Youth Civics Council, which provides opportunities for youth grades 7-12 to engage in civic leadership and service learning.
- Del-Mar-Va Boy Scouts Council - to start new "Outreach Packs" in Somerset County elementary schools, providing opportunities for underserved students to participate in Boy Scouts.

• Eastern Shore Ballet Theatre, Inc. - for the 2019 production of the Nutcracker and the 2020 spring production.

• Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Inc. - to support STEM outreach programs for girls at Pocomoke Elementary and Middle schools.

• He Himself Ministries - for an aviation and aerospace technology program for youth ages 8-21, in partnership with UMES.

• Humane Society of Wicomico County - to provide vaccines and microchips to shelter animals and pets of low-income families, as well as low-cost spay/neuter services.

• M4Reactor / Tri-County Council Foundation, Inc. - to buildout classrooms for M4Reactor's new Maker-space in Salisbury, where anyone can come and learn or experiment with 3D Printing, robotics and laser cutting.

• Maryland Coastal Bays Foundation, Inc. - for the "Protect Our Sand and Seas Be Waste Free" campaign in Ocean City, which aims to reduce plastics and promote responsible disposal of cigarette butts.

• Maryland Food Bank Inc. - to provide food for pantry programs in schools in the tri-county area.

• Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra - to support the annual Holiday Joy Concert in Ocean City.

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• The Lower Shore Land Trust - to facilitate a new five-year strategic plan for the organization.

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Active shooter training class attracts crowd

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the inclination it will make it easier.”

Substance abuse and mental illness are commonly at the base of what fuels mass murderers, with Moore noting the latter has become a sort of catch-all diagnosis.

“If anyone in anyway is operating outside the norms of societal behavior, they must be mentally ill,” he said. “That’s true, some people are ill, and some other people are just plain evil. We don’t want to acknowledge that but there is straight evil in this world.”

Other risk factors include a history of suicidal behavior.

“Suicide is a homicide,” he said. “If they’re willing to kill themselves, they

don’t really care much about you.”

Traditionally, when police have responded to crime scenes involving people who have targeted others for death, if law enforcement didn’t take out the perpetrator, death was typically self-inflicted, Moore said.

“The current trend is a lot of arrests [and] there people are getting taken into custody to be famous,” he said. “Now they realize if they’re going to get a trial, it’s going to be 24-hour media coverage.”

Sand stressed the importance of being aware of friends or family members who potentially feel aggrieved and might exhibit signs of snapping.

“There is something that is eating

at them that is kind of that spark that pushes them over the edge to finally follow through with their act,” he said. “You may pick up on somebody you know.”

Negative family dynamics and feelings of isolation are other commonalities noted among mass murderers.

“Unfortunately, for the most part, law enforcement has to be reactive,” he said. “We get the 911 calls.”

Despite the attention-grabbing headlines when schools are targeted, the bulk of mass shooting incidents in recent years have occurred in public places, Moore said

“For the last 10 years, all we’ve heard about is school shootings,” he

said. “The majority of these attacks ... happen in places of commerce.”

With the average attack lasting seven minutes, including an average police response of three minutes and about four minutes to locate and subdue the attacker, Moore advised anyone confronted by gunfire to flee fast and far if possible.

If departing appears risky, Sand said the next option is building walls by placing physical objects to block the attacker, with the final eventuality being prepared to fight using any items that can be weaponized.

“Either you concede your fate, or you do something to change it,” he said.

More than \$90K granted to area nonprofits

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• Women Supporting Women Inc. - to support the “Your Healthiest You” conference, which will provide education and resources for breast cancer survivors and their families/friends.

The semi-annual Community Needs Grant Program benefits organizations serving the Lower Shore of Maryland with a \$5,000 maximum award per nonprofit.

Applicants must be 501c3 nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations providing non-sectarian programs, or eligible programs within government agencies serving citizens on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

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WHP residents claim harassment, assault

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Claims of verbal harassment and physical assault involving the seasonal and full-time residents of White Horse Park have only added to the drama of year-round occupants seeking permission to continue living in the seasonal community.

The case of five full-time residents will go to the Board of Zoning Appeals, presumably in the second week of November, where they will argue that Worcester County government waited too long to enforce the seasonal residency rules required by the park's current zoning status.

As it stands, the community's zoning stipulates that residents may only occupy their properties for 30 consecutive days, or an aggregate of 60 days, between Sept. 30 and April 1, while they may live there full-time throughout the other months.

However, following the county commissioners' decision in September not to rezone the parcel, residents who violate the zoning standards could begin receiving fines of up to \$1,000 a day after Nov. 1.

As for the assault case, full-time resident Bob Harrison said an altercation between himself and Melissa Peters, acting president of the board

of directors at the park, occurred just prior to the Sept. 21 board of directors meeting at the park.

"They opened the door at 10 and I started to go through it," Harrison said. "She [Peters] jumped in front of me and put her hands on me. As soon as she did that, I pushed her out of the way and walked in."

Harrison filed charges against Peters two days later. The case will be tried on Dec. 6. Peters is charged with second-degree assault. She declined to comment.

Meanwhile, Donna Linkins and Jeff Zablocki, both seasonal residents, alleged that there have been overdoses and hard drug deals amongst the full-timers and their visitors in the park, but Lt. Ed Schreier with the Worcester County Sheriff's office stated that the office has not in-



ELIZABETH BONIN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Both full-time and seasonal residents of the White Horse Park campground subdivision in Berlin have claimed that verbal harassment and one case of physical assault has torn apart the once friendly community.

vestigated any controlled dangerous substance cases in White Horse Park in over a year.

What the seasonal and full-timers can at least agree on is how divided the community has become.

"It feels like the North against the South," Harrison said.

Zablocki said seasonal owners fear the park rules will be controlled by a minority population.

"At the last meeting, it was the equivalent of how Democrats and Republicans act," Zablocki said. "There is no working across the aisle."

Zablocki said that the full-time residents in the park was "the best kept secret in Ocean City" and questioned why the full-timers brought attention to their illegal residency.

"They're the ones that told the county they were living there and asked permission at the same time," Zablocki said. "If you know what you're doing isn't accepted or legal, why would you ask permission?"

Zablocki clarified that he doesn't have a problem with the full-time residents themselves, but feels it's unfair

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Verbal harassment plagues once close-knit community

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for them to have rights and privileges if the same are not granted to the whole park.

"I feel bad for people," Zablocki said. "I truly do. But it's an all for one or none for all."

Seasonal resident Bob Seeders said he fears that the full-time usage of the water and sewer will wear on the equipment. In addition, the conflict between the residents has interrupted typical community life.

"It's been such a disrupting thing that our board of directors can't actually hold a meeting," Seeders said. "The last meeting was actually cancelled."

The sign at the entrance to the park states that the October board of directors meeting is cancelled. According to Seeders, the board of directors has been booed and verbally harassed by full-time residents at meetings. Linkins the full-time residents harassed and bullied the past two board presidents until they resigned, leaving Peters as the acting president. She added that some of the bullying and harassment has been directed at seasonal residents, leaving them in fear of retaliation.

"Why are 50 people holding this entire park hostage?" Linkins said.

She also questioned the reliability of the full-timer's claim that they do not have the means to move.

"These people aren't as destitute as they make it out to be," Linkins said. "Some of them own two properties and they plan on splitting their properties in the winter so they don't have to leave. Now, that being said, there probably are a few hardship cases, but the county has also reached out with services to assist them."

Zablocki confirmed that he owns two properties in the park. Linkins defended the actions the park board of directors have taken to enforce residency rules.

"They're just trying to keep low with the county and keep everything appeased so our park doesn't get closed full-time for the winter," Linkins said. "They have to do what the county at this point tells them to do to enforce and monitor this full-time living."

Zablocki agreed with the county's decision to enforce seasonal residency, even if they chose to shut the park down.

"I'll defend whatever the county decides," Zablocki said. "But whatever they decide, I hope it's for all of the park and not just a portion of the park."

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Coastal Hospice community gathering, Nov. 1

(Oct. 24, 2019) Coastal Hospice will host its annual Worcester County Community Memorial Gathering on Friday, Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. at the Ocean City Fishing Pier off the inlet parking lot.

Free parking will be available to attendees. The purpose of the gathering is to provide a personal moment to remember, reflect and offer gratitude to those who have died.

“The gathering is a very special time for Coastal Hospice staff, our bereaved families, and the entire Worcester County community,” said Alane Capen, president of Coastal Hospice. “Each time we host a gathering, participants tell us they are a ‘life-line’ that helps improve their ability to cope on their grief journey.”

The event is free and open to the public. Everyone is invited to either bring their own seashells, or Coastal Hospice will have shells available.

Attendees will be asked to write their loved one’s names on the shells and following a brief time of reflection will return the shells to the Atlantic Ocean. Coastal Hospice staff will be present to provide support and general information about the organization to anyone interested in learning more about the services offered.

In addition to this one in Worcester County, Coastal Hospice hosts several gatherings annually in Wicomico,

Somerset and Dorchester counties.

Each is free to the public and participants do not need to have had a loved one served by hospice. For dates and information, call 410-742-8732 or visit www.CoastalHospice.org.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-

limiting conditions but do not want to be defined by them, and instead want to remain as active and engaged as possible during the final chapter of their lives.

Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their own homes, as well as in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake and the

new Stansell House.

The organization also provides “palliative” care which treats the symptoms and relieve the pain of a terminal illness or injury so that patients can enjoy the time remaining. Learn more about Coastal Hospice at www.coastalhospice.org and follow on Facebook and Instagram.

Atlantic General Diabetes Center holds Nov. classes

(Oct. 24, 2019) The Atlantic General Diabetes Center at Atlantic General Hospital will be offering diabetes self-management education classes in November.

The series of four, two-hour sessions will address blood glucose monitoring, foot care, nutrition, exercise and other self-management skills to help individuals better manage their diabetes.

A family member is invited to attend. The program is recognized by the American Diabetes Association for quality education, and program staff includes a registered nurse and a registered dietitian, both of whom are Certified Diabetes Educators.

Advance registration and a referral from a primary care provider (which the program can obtain) are required.

Diabetes Self-Management is a Medicare benefit and the cost of the classes is covered by most insurances.

Classes will be held on the following Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon: Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at Atlantic General Hospital Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, in Berlin.

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OP Town Hall meeting may raise referendum

Among the subjects that could come up at this Saturday’s Town Hall meeting in Ocean Pines is the current situation with the petitions that were rejected by the board of directors. One called for a referendum on whether to build the golf clubhouse, and the other on limiting board spending. While the board’s denial of the latter petition is facing a legal challenge, based on its having enough signatures to exceed the required percentage of voters, the clubhouse referendum demand was rendered moot when construction began on that project.

Unfortunately, we contributed to some confusion in that regard by reporting a few weeks ago that the clubhouse submission also collected enough signatures to qualify. It did not, having come up a few signers short of the requisite number. That was our mistake and no one else’s, and we want to be sure Ocean Pines residents understand that before officials are placed in position of having to defend something that is not correct through no fault of their own.

Having said that, we do believe that community meetings that bring residents up to date on current activities and official actions serve a valuable purpose that other jurisdictions should emulate.

That is especially so of the question-and-answer session that will be a part of this exercise in Ocean Pines. Such dialogues can go a long way to clearing up misunderstandings, quashing unfounded speculation and the various theories that seem to sprout whenever honest information is in short supply.

For this Town Hall session to be effective, however, participants should conduct themselves in a civil manner and remember that a question-and-answer exchange is exactly that. It should not be viewed as an opportunity to argue, or press home a point that’s contrary to the answer received. Ask a question, get an answer and move on.

Because the sponsors of this event, the Communications Committee, and all others involved want a productive meeting, it was important for us to set the record straight.



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AGH earns ‘Most Wired’ certification

Accolade awarded in 2019 marks fourth time for recognition

(Oct. 24, 2019) Atlantic General Hospital has earned the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives’ 2019 Most Wired recognition as a certified level 7.

This year’s recognition is the community hospital’s fourth consecutive award from Most Wired for successful application of information technology solutions that positively impact the quality and safety of care as well as the overall patient and family experience.

The Most Wired program conducts an annual survey to assess how effectively healthcare organizations apply core and advanced technologies into their clinical and business programs to improve health and care for their populations.

Less than 3 percent of hospitals across the United States achieved Most Wired Recognition in 2019.

“We are honored to have received Most Wired recognition once again,” said Jonathan Bauer, vice presi-

dent of information systems at Atlantic General Hospital. “It takes a lot of hard work and dedication not only by our IT team, but also by our medical staff and our employees from the front line to the executive suite, to implement best practices in healthcare IT and improve the quality of the care we deliver every day.”

“Healthcare organizations across the globe are continually striving to raise the standard of care, pushing themselves and their peers to do better,” said CHIME President and CEO Russ Branzell. “We designed Most Wired to identify and share those leading practices so everyone can benefit.”

A total of 16,168 organizations were represented in the 2019 Most Wired program, which this year included three separate surveys: domestic, ambulatory and international.

The surveys assessed the adoption, integration and impact of technologies in healthcare organizations, scoring the level of advancement in eight segments: infrastructure; security; business/disaster recovery;

administrative/supply chain; analytics/data management; interoperability/population health; patient engagement; and clinical quality/safety.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties in Maryland and Sussex County, Delaware, since May 1993.

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It provides quality specialty care such as weight loss surgery, orthopedics, outpatient infusion and chemotherapy for individuals with cancer or blood/autoimmune disorders, and a comprehensive Women’s Diagnostic Center.

Atlantic General Health System, a network of more than 40 primary care providers and specialists associated with AGH, cares for residents and visitors throughout the region. For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org.

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A senior from each Worcester County high school is chosen each year to serve as a student representative during the board of education meetings. Pictured, from left, are Darius Taylor, of Pocomoke High School, Kamryn Purvis, of Snow Hill High School, and Max Ewancio, of Stephen Decatur High School.

Wor. seniors settle into roles as student representatives

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Three Worcester County high school seniors are getting a look at the inner workings of the board of education during their terms as student representatives.

“It’s nice to be able to represent, and be a voice for our school, and see where it actually count[s],” said Max Ewancio, a senior at Stephen Decatur High School.

Fellow representative Darius Taylor, a senior at Pocomoke High School senior, agreed.

“I think it allows us to develop leadership and different aspects and

be able to represent someone greater than just ourselves,” Taylor said.

Ewancio, Taylor, and Snow Hill High School senior Kamryn Purvis are settling into their new roles as student leaders.

“It’s been pretty good,” Purvis said. “It’s really exciting being able to see all the board members, and actually get to interact with them, and meet them, and talk to them about stuff.”

A representative from each county high school is chosen by student government or an administrative team to serve a year-long term, according to

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Fall Just Walk Berlin to get people moving next Saturday

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Oct. 24, 2019) Exercise enthusiasts and novices can get up and moving next Saturday at the “Fall Just Walk Berlin” at Stephen Decatur Park in Berlin.

Registration for the eighth annual walk is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. The walk itself will take place from 9-10:30 a.m. starting at the park on Tripoli Street off Route 113.

Participants can choose from one, two or three-mile courses during the walk, with no charge to participate.

Walkers can enter a free raffle and are eligible to win a Fitbit, according to event organizers.

Mimi Dean, director of prevention services for the Worcester County Health Department, said 31 people attended last year’s walk.

Dean said the event aims to inspire area residents to explore the park while getting exercise.

“It encourages and promotes physical activity in our beautiful, local parks and connects community residents with one another and nature,”

Dean said.

Mike Wiley, a member of the Berlin Parks Commission, said he’s “glad to see a variety of people show up.”

He added that about half of the people participating come back each year.

Dean also said representatives from the county’s health department and Atlantic General Hospital will be promoting health and wellness during the event.

According to the Mayo Clinic, the benefits of walking include maintaining a healthy weight, improving mood, balance and coordination.

It also helps to strengthen bones and muscles, as well as prevent or manage heart disease, Type 2 diabetes or high blood pressure.

Dean said that the Worcester County Health Department also sponsors a do-it-yourself Just Walk program, in which participants self-report their activity.

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(Oct. 24, 2019) With the support of the community, Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a volunteer-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, provided backpacks filled with grade-level appropriate school supplies for 445 children.

A total of 195 of those children were sponsored by businesses and individuals in the community.

Along with donations and assistance from volunteers, GOLD presented backpacks with school supplies for the remaining 250 children.

Through GOLD's partnership with Hair Cuttery, with local locations in Ocean City and Salisbury, 300 children were provided coupons for a free shampoo, haircut and blow-dry.

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One of Worcester County GOLD's numerous community sponsors for the School Supplies for Students Program was the Bank of Ocean City. Pictured, from left, are Ina Bandrabur and Susan Trimble of the Bank of Ocean City; Tracy Lynch, Worcester County GOLD; and Kim Mumford and Denise Lane of the Bank of Ocean City.

Seniors get inside look at county school board

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the county's school district's website.

Ewancio and Purvis agreed that they want to improve their public speaking skills over the next year.

Carrie Sterrs, coordinator of public relations and special programs for Worcester County Public Schools, said the students take a holistic approach to their roles as student representatives.

"They're doing a great job thus

far," Sterrs said.

In addition to presenting monthly reports on board activities at their schools, the trio would observe the calendar committee meetings when discussing the schedule for the upcoming school year, Sterrs said.

They were also invited to attend a tri-county luncheon, Sterrs said, giving the students the opportunity to meet with boards of education and legislators from Somerset, Wicomico

and Worcester counties.

Sterrs added they would also offer input during budget work sessions this winter, which is something that Taylor and Purvis said they are anticipating.

"It's cool going to see the different things that are ... discussed," Taylor said. "You always here in school they're [the board of education] talking about the budget, and how you can't use this money, or that money,

and then it's fun being able to see the background behind the results."

Purvis added that in her role as a student representative, she's able to directly talk with board members and get a better understanding of the school district as a whole.

"It's kind of nice to see what the board is actually doing, and what they bring to the school system, and everything because they're kind of in control of everything," she said.

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Sixty-six players participated in the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis tournament on Sept. 28 at the community's racquet sports complex. A total of \$4,105 was raised for Coastal Hospice and Palliative Care's "We Honor Veterans" program.

OP Platform Tennis nets thousands for vets

(Oct. 24, 2019) Ocean Pines Platform Tennis raised \$4,105 for Coastal Hospice and Palliative Care's "We Honor Veterans" program during its second annual fundraising tournament on Sept. 28 at the community's racquet sports complex.

"We were delighted that Ocean Pines Platform Tennis selected us for their

fundraising event," said Tracey Horan, RN, BSN, MPA, and vice president of clinical services for Coastal Hospice.

Among its services, Coastal Hospice provides special care to vets who are facing life-limiting illnesses, and often addresses specific needs related to a veteran's military service and experiences, Horan said.

Horan explained that every veteran, as a part of the "We Honor Veterans" program, is recognized with a ceremony that includes the presentation of a certificate of appreciation for his or her service, a patriotic blanket and a military salute. Each service is performed by a dedicated volunteer, who is also a veteran.

With a history of championing causes that honor and support veterans, Ocean Pines Platform Tennis has recently undertaken several efforts that benefit servicemen and women.

Last year, the group hosted a tournament for the Catch A Lift Fund, which has helped thousands of post-9/11 com-

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ART STROLL

Artist Patti Backer, of the Dusty Lamb on William Street, showcases a Halloween-inspired painting in her shop during Second Friday Art Stroll on Oct. 11.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

PUMPKIN PAINTING

Sally Falotico, 6, left, and Gianna Fiorelli, 6, both first graders at Showell Elementary, channel their inner Picasso during a “Family Fun Night” in Ocean Pines featuring pumpkin painting at the community center, Oct. 11.



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PINWHEELS FOR PEACE

In honor of International Day of Peace on Sept. 21, Worcester Prep Lower School art teacher Rebecca Tittermery continued the annual tradition of having her students decorate more than 200 pinwheels to display around campus to commemorate the occasion. Pinwheels for Peace is a global project to help students make a public visual statement about their feelings of war, peace, tolerance, cooperation, harmony and unity. First graders, Madelyn Bobenko, left, and Paige Asbil are pictured.



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Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Dick Clagett, left, accepts \$400 from chair of the Kiwanis House Signs Community Service Program, Ralph Chinn. Signs cost \$15 and repainting of them is \$10. Order forms can be obtained at the Ocean Pines Administration Office.



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ANNUAL PICNIC

The families on Drawbridge Road in Ocean Pines held their annual end-of-summer picnic on Sept. 14. Thirty-three residents participated.

McGraw selected as Oct. crafter of month

(Oct. 24, 2019) The Pine'er Craft Club has named Lynn McGraw Crafter of the Month for October.

McGraw was born and raised in Pennsylvania, moved to Maryland and graduated from Edgewood High School.

She moved back to Pennsylvania and went to Drexel University, where she met her husband, John, and settled in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

She is self taught and started mak-

ing jewelry by buying pieces on sale, then cutting them apart and redesigning them.

McGraw routinely designs jewelry with her two granddaughters, Laela and Cassidy.

She also works with her sister, Sherry, selling at craft festivals.

The majority of the items she makes are earrings, which are whimsical, nautical, seasonal and sport oriented.

McGraw is a long-time member of the Main Line Bead Society in

Delaware County, Pennsylvania, where she perfected her skills and learned many new techniques.

McGraw is very close to her three sons, Patrick, Mike and Dan, and her two granddaughters.

Her husband, John, past away in 2015.

McGraw travels between her home in Pennsylvania, where she lives with her son and granddaughters, and Ocean Pines.

She hopes to eventually spend more time in Ocean Pines. She loves listening to books when traveling and driving out to Assateague Island on Thursdays after a club meeting.



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Lynn McGraw displays a smattering of the jewelry design handiwork which earned her the Pine'er Craft Club Crafter of the Month honors for October.

Tennis event supports hospice

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bat-wounded veterans regain their mental and physical health.

In 2018, the group dedicated its two newest courts to veterans and created a nearby area with an engraved bench dedicated to veterans surrounded by flags representing the military's five service branches.

Platform Tennis member Michael Petito, who chaired this year's tournament with fellow member Sue Walter, said "being able to help our veterans will always have that special little place in my heart."

Walter agreed.

"When Michael Petito and I were contemplating holding another platform tennis tournament, we both came to the table with ideas," she said. "We already had decided on giving to a local veteran's group.

I had personal experience with hospice care for my mother and my father, who was a veteran. The fact that Coastal Hospice was preparing to open their residence in Ocean Pines was another factor that we both embraced," Walter added.

This year's day-long tournament saw 66 players from five different states compete.

First-place winners of the men's main draw were Brian Phoebus and Reed Hagman from Baltimore. Doug Raihall and Evan Niemkiewicz from the West Chester, Philadelphia area took second place.

First-place winners of the women's main draw were mother-and-daughter team, Kylie and Karin Kochis from Exton, Pennsylvania. Gayle Connelly and Kim Kochis, both also from Exton, took second place.

Petito acknowledged that the tournament was the result of much time and effort of many caring people.

"The rewarding part for me was that the hard work that was done by our committee and volunteers was successful, and seeing all the happy faces," he said.

"We could not have accomplished this without the support of Chick-fil-A in West Ocean City, Dunes Manor Hotel, Holiday Inn on 17th Street, the Grand Hotel, the members of Ocean Pines Platform Tennis, and the many

players from Baltimore and the Philadelphia area," Walter said. "We thank them and the many others who donated to this cause."



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Decatur Maryland Charter Education School of the Yr.

(Oct. 24, 2019) Fresh off a couple of new inclusion activities, Stephen Decatur High School has been named a Maryland Character Education School of the Year by the Maryland Center for Character Education.

This is the second time in three years that the school has earned this distinction.

To receive a state Character Education School of the Year award, Stephen Decatur had to submit an extensive application that included several essays with accompanying artifacts as pieces of evidence.

School officials accepted the honor during a recognition ceremony on Oct. 3 in Cockeysville, Maryland.

“The mission of Stephen Decatur High School is not only to create productive citizens and lifelong learners, but also to create compassionate, responsible and civic minded community members,” Principal Thomas Sites said. “We accomplish this through instruc-

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Stephen Decatur High School has been named a Maryland Character Education School of the Year by the Maryland Center for Character Education. Pictured, from left, are Stephen Decatur High School officials Mary Berquist, Principal Thomas Sites, Jason Pylypczuk, Lindsay Putman and Assistant Principal Leland Green.

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Coastal Realtors win state honors

(Oct. 24, 2019) The Coastal Association of Realtors (Coastal) has been presented the 2019 William J. Neary Jr. Community Action and Realtor Excellence (CARE) Award from the Maryland Realtors for its work to better local communities through volunteerism and charitable giving.

Coastal Director Grace Masten, who served as chair of this year's CARE Award Committee, presented the award and a check for \$9,000 to Coastal President Bernie Flax and Coastal President-Elect Joe Wilson during the Sept. 12 Maryland Realtors Installation and Awards event at Gaylord National Harbor.

Coastal will award the \$9,000 to local charities through the Coastal Realtors Foundation.

The CARE Award is given to local Realtor associations in recognition of their achievements in community service and charitable actions.

The award is designed to raise the profile of the Realtor organization by focusing on associations that have demonstrated an extraordinary record through direct local association community service involvement.

In 2015, the Award was renamed the "William J. Neary Jr. Community Action and Realtor Excellence Award" to honor former Maryland Realtors President William "Bill" J. Neary.

Two awards are given each year – one for small associations and one for large associations. Coastal is considered



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a small association.

The highlight of Coastal's community work over the past year is establishment of the Coastal Realtors Foundation, which is a donor-advised fund held by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and supports local charitable organizations that are supported by association members.

So far this year, the association has awarded over \$16,000 in grant funding to organizations that service the Lower Eastern Shore.

The annual Coastal Realtors Foundation Golf Tournament is the primary fundraiser for these efforts. Last year, the event raised over \$12,000.

Among Coastal's other charitable efforts are the association's annual holi-

day party toy drive to benefit Toys For Tots, an annual Realtor Build Day in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, and support of the Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore's JA Inspire event, among others.

"It is an honor to accept this award on behalf of Coastal," Flax said. "Our members truly care about our communities and it shows through all of their efforts, inside and outside of the association. We will use this award to continue to support our members' hard work and dedication to the causes that are important to them on the Lower Eastern Shore."

For more information about Coastal and the Coastal Realtors Foundation, visit www.coastalrealtors.org.

Center for Character Edu. accolade

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tional excellence in partnership with family and community and by maintaining a safe, caring and well maintained environment."

Along with a PBIS program (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports), Stephen Decatur has a host of initiatives that promote character growth.

With a longstanding school motto, "The Decatur Way," that includes the principles of pride, achievement, respect and responsibility, the school begins planning its character education program even before the students enter the building.

Prior to the start of school, Stephen Decatur welcomes all incoming freshmen to an orientation day where Na-

tional Honor Society members are paired up with students as mentors.

In early September, the school sponsored "Start with Hello Week," an initiative started in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy, where students were encouraged to greet strangers in the hallways in an effort to prevent social isolation and promote unity and acceptance.

During the first month of school, students have also been greeted with positive tear-away messages, which are posted throughout the building.

"We value our partnership with the community and embrace every opportunity to teach our students core ethical values as the basis of good character," Sites said.

With a strong community connection, Stephen Decatur has several service-based organizations that run extremely successful drives and fundraisers for community agencies and students often partner with the elementary schools to promote literacy and leadership.

Last year, the student body donated over \$7,500 to community organizations.

As part of the PBIS program, Stephen Decatur High School recognizes outstanding behavior with positive referrals and recognizes a student of the month throughout the year. The school has earned the gold distinction by the Maryland PBIS program for seven of the last eight years.

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Scarlato new WCED deputy director

(Oct. 24, 2019) The Worcester County Commissioners recently announced the hiring of Lachelle Scarlato to the position of Worcester County Economic Development deputy director.

She stepped into her new role on Oct. 7.

Scarlato earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and Master's Degree in public administration from the University of Maryland.

She is an accomplished entrepreneur who brings two decades of government and business management experience to her new position.

"Lachelle will be a wonderful addition to our team here in Worcester County," WCED Director Kathryn Gordon said. "She provides a great blend of education and knowledge with a strong passion for community development and entrepreneurship."

Scarlato has worked in local government economic development, is a licensed Realtor with a background in both residential and commercial real estate, and is co-owner of several small businesses to include two marinas located in the Northern Chesapeake Region.

She resides in Ocean City and is a lifelong equestrian and horse owner who has a comprehensive understanding of the importance the agricultural community and its



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contributions to the economy of Worcester County and the state of Maryland.

"As a Maryland resident, it thrills me to realize a dream of calling Worcester County my full-time home," Scarlato said. "It is exceptionally exciting to also be able to work in Worcester County and be a part of a community that values its natural resources while continuing to be progressive in its business, educational and environmental initiatives."

"The welcome I have received has confirmed for me that it is the best possible place to live and work," she added.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Scarlato is active in the Harford County Million Dollar Realtors Association, Harford County Association of Realtors, Maryland Association of Realtors, and National Association of Realtors.

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Cuisine

Suplee's variation on beef wellington dish

Every now and then I get a class that just blows me and the faculty out of the water. I have enjoyed being a teacher at the college level for the past eight years, and every class has had strong students.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

But, when I'm faced with a class that not only creates acceptable food, but amazing, restaurant-quality food on a regular basis, I sit in awe. To boot, it makes me look great. Remember children, humility is a critical trait to possess.

The class in question is my Introduction to Food Preparation section that meets on Friday. We go through the different tutorials and demos and then the students get to work, and as I watched the synergy in the first two weeks of the semester, I knew that I was in for a pleasant surprise.

This gang has already mastered Hollandaise, pate a choux, soufflés, grilling, sautéing, searing, breading, crème brûlée et al. They have done more in seven weeks than some of my other classes were able to do all semester.

Again, not to take away from any of my amazing students, this group is simply an anomaly. I probably did not mention that every student in the class is a culinary major.

Typically, the class is comprised of aforementioned culinary majors and management majors, the latter whom are taking this one cooking class as a mandatory requirement. Suffice it to say, I have had my fair share of students look me in the eyes and say, "I just need to get through this semester. Don't expect much."

The majority of the time, we can convince these students to go for a dual-major, a helpful achievement that looks great on the resume. Five more classes afford the student to double up, as it were.

Last Friday, they had tasked me with a more difficult menu as they have not failed anything yet. Not only have they not failed, they have excelled to a level that would make professional cooks envious. It has been a cool progression to watch. Of course, it excites me for my level 200 classes next semester as they start jumping into those.

Back to last Friday's menu, we started with homemade chicken-barley soup, then compressed water-



melon topped with Feta, shaved pearl onions and a homemade apple-balsamic glaze. It thrills me to see this latter technique in their textbooks as many chefs are doing this. The entrée was the star of the show, and definitely challenged the group as there are many moving parts.

The dish was a variation on a beef wellington, that classic puff pastry-wrapped filet mignon with mushroom duxelles and baked. Replacing the puff pastry with phyllo and adding some duck confit made for a wonderfully rich and exotic dish. Finishing the meal (this was a luncheon, the poor guests) with homemade ice cream and cream puffs, I'm not sure how they made it through the afternoon without a power nap.

But they survived, my class excelled once again, and I realized that I don't think it matters what I throw at them; they are progressing much quicker than anticipated. Now I have to build an impossible menu for this Friday.

A Variation on a Theme

- serves 4*
- 4 6-oz. Beef Tenderloin, grilled to rare
 - 8 oz. Duxelles (recipe follows)
 - 4 oz. Duck confit (recipe follows)
 - 12 sheets Phyllo dough
 - 1 stick melted whole butter
 - 1# Roasted root vegetables (recipe follows)
 - 1 c. Fine veal glaze

- 1. Keep Phyllo covered with a slightly damp paper towel to avoid it drying out.
 - 2. For each 'pillow', lay out a full sheet of phyllo and brush with the melted butter.
 - 3. Place a second sheet on top and repeat the process for the final layer.
 - 4. Then, fold the sheets over, giving yourself 6 layers of dough.
 - 5. In the center, place some duxelles, duck confit and the steak.
 - 6. Wrap the whole package up, turning it over so that the seams are on the bottom.
 - 7. Bake in a 350F oven until the internal temperature is around 135 for medium rare, or to the temperature of your liking.
 - 8. Allow to rest for 5 minutes, and then plate and serve with the vegetables and glaze.
- There are many edible flowers, and mums, an autumn favorite, certainly fits the bill here.

Duxelles

- makes about 1 pound*
- 2# Button mushrooms, finely minced
 - 4 cloves fresh garlic, finely minced
 - 3 ea. Shallots, finely minced
 - 1 c. Dry white wine
 - 1 tsp. Salt
1. Place all ingredients in a frypan and cook on a medium-to-low heat until they look dry

2. Mushrooms are mostly water, so the larger part of your batch will evaporate, concentrating the flavors. Allow to cool.

Duck Confit

- enough for 10*
- 1 package duck leg confit
- Go to the D'artagnan website and buy a bag of confit. It's hard to make it any better than these guys do, so I'm giving you a quick cheat to save some time.

Roasted Root Vegetables

- serves 4*
- 4 oz. Carrots, large cut
 - 4 oz. Rutabaga, large cut
 - 4 oz. Fingerling potatoes, large cut
 - 1 medium red onion, julienne
 - 1/4 c. EV Olive oil
 - 2 Tbsp. Maple syrup
 - 1/2 tsp. Thyme
 - Salt & Pepper to taste
1. Blanch the carrots, rutabaga and potatoes until tender and remove to cool
2. Toss all ingredients together and roast until they have nice color, and season.

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

Puzzles

LINES OF WORK

BY ERIK AGARD / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Erik Agard, 26, is a professional crossword constructor and editor, now working for Andrews McMeel Universal syndicate in Kansas City, Mo. His last Sunday puzzle was “Stoner’s Film Festival” in June. He says the idea for this one came from rewatching “Black Panther” recently (referenced at 87-Across). This is Erik’s 17th crossword for The Times this year, and altogether his sixth one with a movie theme. — W.S.

- ACROSS**

1 Fasteners ... or, if you change the fourth letter to an S, what the fasteners might be made of

6 It's lit eight nights in a row

13 Figure that denotes acidity

18 Less everyday

19 Humble expression of capability

20 Number that might be kept secret

21 Professional whose favorite movie line might be "There's no place like home"

23 Muse of astronomy

24 Dis-qualified?

25 Cyclops's "I"

26 "Uh-oh!"

28 Maker of the Acadia S.U.V.

29 Franchise with a series set in New Orleans

30 Singer ____ J. Blige

31 Weasel relative

34 South Asian garment

35 ... "Here's looking at you, kid"

37 Not be attentive

38 President whose wife went on to become president
- 39 Unconfident utterances

40 ... "I wish I knew how to quit you"

42 Not manually controlled

46 Foreign capital where W.E.B. Du Bois is buried

48 Do a little tidying

49 Lukewarm response

50 Arthropod appendages

51 Emitters of cosmic rays

53 Arctic coat

55 Typing sounds

56 "Well, aren't I clever?!"

57 Shaving mishap

59 One honored on March 8 per a 1977 United Nations resolution

61 ... "Go ahead, make my day"

66 Less bronzed

67 Hated figure

68 Promote

69 Relative of the emu

70 Couleur in the middle of the French flag

72 Big maker of smartphones

74 Word between "stink" and "stunk" in "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch"

75 Hurry, quaintly

77 Place to get a knish

79 Obstetrics worker

80 Dwell
- 81 ... "Get to the chopper!"

84 Recording device, for short

85 ____ planning

86 Part of N.S., in Canadian mail

87 ... "Is this your king?!"

92 Fine deposit

93 Airport named for two Washington cities

94 Hurry

95 "This one's ____"

96 Caesar's "I"

97 Reaction to scratches, maybe

98 "____ the Explorer"

99 Things you might take a spin in

100 Stored

102 ... "I'll have what she's having"

107 Low-carb-diet creator

108 Piece of furniture that's at least a couple of feet wide

109 Best competitive performance, informally

110 Trials

111 Trick that's "pulled"

112 Doodling, say
- 4 Restructuring target

5 Sp. title

6 Term of address for a noble

7 Like some calories

8 Beyoncé film role

9 "Snakes ____ Plane"

10 Shaft of sunshine

11 Estimation from dating

12 Placed on a pedestal

13 Swedish name akin to Lawrence

14 Commercial suffix with Motor

15 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner who founded the Green Belt Movement

16 Flower that's often yellow

17 Flower that's often purple

20 School district higher-up, informally

21 Like praises and arias

22 Story tellers

27 Half a pint

30 Firm-ly worded letter?

31 Bars that people walk into?

32 Actress Dawson

33 Clean (up)

34 French for "salt"

36 Humble homes

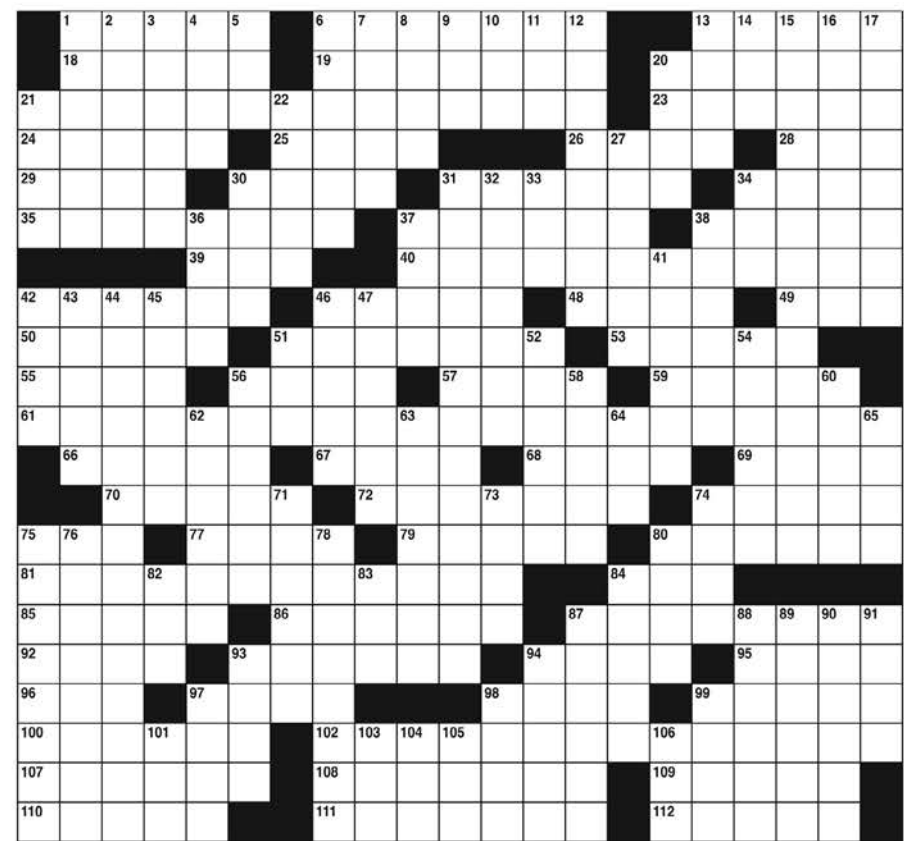
37 Incites to attack, with "on"

38 ____ saint

41 Witness's attestation

42 Makes a choice

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- 43 Image Award org.

44 Children's playthings that help with spelling

45 Encourage to buy add-ons

46 Sound bites and such

47 Trolley sounds

51 Buddy

52 District 9, for short?

54 Alternatives to Targets

56 Swayed to the dark side, say
- 58 Danish coin

60 Ceaselessly

62 Exactly right

63 Half-frozen Italian dessert

64 Grooved on

65 Leaf blower alternative

71 Effective salesperson

73 Sp. title

74 Long truck

75 What goes in a box

76 Water
- 78 Overseen by

80 Anger

82 Receptacle for donations

83 Little 'un

84 Source of chocolate

87 One serving on a ship

88 Andean feline

89 Eventually

90 Enjoying a comedy

91 Stick-y pad?

93 Brewski
- 94 Like DC and MI

97 Calligraphers' choices

98 Twentysomethings, e.g.

99 Burkina Faso neighbor

101 Word before "home" or "the road"

103 School org.

104 Part of fwiw

105 Matrix character

106 Place to wear smocks

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HARD - 76

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.

Answers to last week's puzzles

1	4	7	6	3	8	2	9	5
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Calendar

Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

Thurs., Oct. 24

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BUILD YOUR OWN PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP

This four-day workshop, held Oct. 24-27, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, encompasses the complete process of field study, anatomy, photo reference and to complete a studio painting with the like and energy of paintings in the field. Register: AssateagueIslandAlliance.org/shop.

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>

ANNA FOULTZ DEDICATION AND REMEMBRANCE

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 3:30 PM. Ocean Pines and friends of Anna Foultz will rededicate the Marlin Room of the community center in honor of Foultz. A remembrance will follow in the Assateague Room until 5 p.m.

POTLUCK & PICTURES - 'PICTURES FROM AROUND THE WORLD'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM. Bring a covered dish to share while watching a presentation from a local photographer. October features Bill Herberich's best photos from the Amazon to Australia. Sign up: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.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

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FIBER FRIENDS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Bring your lap work and join this group as they knit, crochet and embroider. All are welcome. Victoria Christie-Healy, 703-507-0708, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

COLORING OUTSIDE THE LINES

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Discover the therapeutic benefits of coloring. Coloring books/supplies provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own materials. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SHERO AWARDS

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 7:00 PM. The 2019 SHERo Awards will honor Delmarva women who have shown courage in facing adversity and turned that around into something positive. The public is invited to this free event. 410-524-9433, <http://ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org>

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Sat., Oct. 26

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ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Whaleyville United Methodist Church, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Buffet will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$8 for adults and

\$4 for children. Ginger, 410-726-0603

SEASIDE 10/5K HALLOWEEN RUN

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 7:30 AM. Packet pick up held Oct. 25 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn & Suites on 17th Street and Oct. 26 from 7:30-8:45 a.m. at the Inlet Parking Lot. The 10 mile start time is 9 a.m. and the 5K start time is 9:15 a.m. <https://octrunning.com>

FREE CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT DAY CAMP

Holly Ridge Farm, 36609 Purnell Crossing Road, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Coastal Hospice invites children, ages 6-14 years, who have lost a loved one to Hope & Healing with Horses. Open to those who live in the four Lower Shore counties and have experienced the death of a parent, grandparent, sibling or other close loved one in the past two years. Counselors from Coastal Hospice guide the children and their families through their feelings. No previous experience with horses is required. Children should wear closed-toe shoes. Lunch is provided. Advance registration required: Melissa, 443-944-5846.

O.C.TOBERFEST BEACH MAZE

Ocean City beach at North Division Street, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Children of all ages welcome. Maze includes wicked witches, pirates of the sand, scary scarecrows, ghouls in the graveyard, zombies and more. This event is free. <https://specialeventpro.com/octoberfest>

'HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS' DRIVE

Food Lion parking lot, 11007 Manklin Creek Road, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The drive collects nonperishable items to send to men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed overseas. Collection containers are marked with a list of the most requested items, which include baby powder and foot powder, black and white cotton socks, chewing gum, powdered Crystal Light, iced tea and Gatorade, Slim Jim's, nuts and other nonperishable snacks, game like checkers, backgammon, chess and Dominos, toothpaste and brushes, feminine products and small paperbacks. Do not place any perishable items, glass, hotel samples (without ingredients listed) or pork products in the containers. Barb Peletier, 443-896-4914

OPTOWN HALL MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Ocean Pines residents will have the chance to interact with the Board of Directors and ask questions. Residents may send questions in advance to the Communications Committee by emailing townhall@oceanpines.org until Oct. 23 at 5 p.m.

OCEAN CITY PET EXPO 2019

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9TH ANNUAL SWING FOR YOUTH GOLF OPEN

Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Road, 10:00 AM. Participation costs are \$125 per player or \$500 per team and includes greens fees and cart, two Mulligans per person, putting contest, Tame the Beast, and raffle tickets. All proceeds benefit the youth programs of Ocean City's Recreation and Parks. 410-213-7277, <http://www.eagleslandinggolf.com>

BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., 11:00 AM. Featuring 1/2 BBQ Chicken Platter with macaroni & cheese, baked beans, roll and drink for \$10; 1/2 BBQ Chicken with roll and drink for \$8; Pulled Pork Sandwich Platter with cole slaw, baked beans and drink for \$10; and Pulled Pork Sandwich and drink for \$6. Proceeds benefit St. Paul United Methodist Church Men's Ministry. 410-641-0270

BIG TOYS ON THE BOARDWALK

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The Town of Ocean City brings out their most unusual vehicles and is joined by construction equipment, emergency vehicles, muscle cars, race boats and more — even a helicopter will be on site. Kids of all ages welcome. 410-250-0125

SHORE CRAFT BEER FEST

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Showcasing craft beer vendors from Delmarva and around the state with live music, food and retail vendors. Free admission. Glenn Irwin, glenn@ocdc.org, 410-289-7739, <http://www.shorecraftbeerfest.com/octoberfest.html>

O.C.TOBERFEST THE GREAT PUMPKIN RACE

Ocean City Boardwalk at North Division Street, 1:00 PM. Registration begins at noon. Build your own pumpkin race car and bring it to compete in this side-by-side

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down hill race. Prizes will be awarded in each division as well as for creativity. Jacklyn@specialeventpro.com, 410-798-6304, <https://specialeventpro.com/octoberfest>

OYSTER FRITTER SANDWICH FUNDRAISER
American Legion Berlin Post #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., 2:00 PM - 11:59 PM, Cost is \$9.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CHICKEN 'N' DUMPLING DINNER
Remson United Methodist Church, 4249 Sheephouse Road, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Cost is \$13 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12 years and free to those 5 years and younger. Carry-outs available. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Diane, 410-957-1351

HISTORIC CHURCH AND CEMETERY TOUR
All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., 5:00 PM. All Hallows Church was founded in 1692. View the bell and bible given to the church by Queen Anne of England. Hear the fascinating stories of some of those interred here. Tour includes an exhibit of Colonial through Civil War era relics; mulled cider and pastries, and historic attired guide. Tour lasts about one hour and covers one mile. Tickets cost \$10. 443-885-0651

7TH ANNUAL COSTUME PARTY
Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Special spooky Halloween appetizers and Halloween cocktails will be featured. Happy Hour pricing for other drinks. Music and dancing with a DJ. There will be a 50/50 raffle and silent auction items. Prizes for best costumes. A \$10 donation goes to Relay for Life, Team Refuge. B.J. Cain, 302-559-4718

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

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FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING TO BEGIN
The Town of Ocean City's Public Works Department will be conducting the fall hydrant flushing of the water system. This is done bi-annually and is expected to be completed by Oct. 31. Residents and businesses are reminded that there may be a slight discoloration of the water. This is not harmful and will dissipate after a short time. For those who wish to clear their pipes, run cold water for several minutes until the water runs clear. Public Works Water Department, 410-524-8388

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BIKES AND BOOS ON THE BOARDS
Ocean City Boardwalk starting at 11:30 AM on Wicomico Street in front of Bearded Clam and Cork Bar with an award party at the Bearded Clam following the event. Participants are encouraged to decorate their bikes (or strollers) and dress in costume for the parade. Bike World OCMD on Caroline Street will open at 8 a.m. for those who want to rent surreys, beach cruisers, fun cycles or choppers. Cost is \$25 per rider or become a Business Sponsor and enter the

Costume & Bikes Contest. Trophies will be awarded. Register: text BIKESANDBOOS to 41444, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/foundation/bikes-boos, contact Tammy at tpatrick@atlantic-general.org or call 410-641-9690. Proceeds benefit Atlantic General Campaign for the Future.

HALLOWEEN SPOOK-OUT PARTY
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Participants of all ages are welcome to enjoy carnival games, arts & crafts, hayrides and snacks. Costume contests scheduled throughout the event. Admission is one bag of individually wrapped candy per child. Pre-registration is not required. 410-250-0125

FREE CHANCEL CHOIR CONCERT
Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 3:00 PM. Featuring the Combined Choruses of the Eastern Shore. A free will offering will be taken.

Mon., Oct. 28

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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 and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

IN 3D! 'HOUSE OF WAX' (1953) (PG-13)
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:30 PM. Limited to 15 patrons. Reservations: 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Champion, 410-641-0157

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., Oct. 29

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TED TALK: FLINT WATER CRISIS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Pediatrician Mona Hanna-Attisha talks about her life and how the people of Flint are finding hope after the crisis. Also

listen to how this tragedy happened. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

DR. MADDOCKTER'S MAD LIBRATORY
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM. Featuring Berlin Branch's haunted house experience. All ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

Wed., Oct. 30

LOCAL'S APPRECIATION WEEK AT MUSEUM
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave. Free admission, Oct. 25-31. 410-289-4991, <http://www.ocmuseum.org/event/locals-appreciation-week>

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