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## 'ROO YOGA

Seaira Carven, 8, left, and Elliott Murphy, 7, of Bishopville, play with 1.5-year-old Arnie during the Kangaroo Yoga session at the Eastern Shore Healing Arts Center in Berlin on Saturday, Jan. 25. See story page 5.

# Heron Park nears 'all-clear' signal



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood discusses the progress made at Heron Park and his expectations that it will be reopened by the next mayor and town council meeting on Feb. 10, during Monday night's meeting.

Grounds expected to open by next council session, says town administrator

By Morgan Pilz Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Berlin Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood expressed confidence that Heron Park will be able to reopen by the next mayor and Town Council meeting when he gave his report on the park during Monday's meeting.

Fleetwood told the council and public about a groundwater evaluation required by the Maryland Department of the Environment under the area where the caustic soda spill first occurred.

'Obviously, it wasn't something we could sit around and wait for, so the council approved that by whole vote and the cost is just under \$13,000,"

Mayor Gee Williams said during the meeting. "The process should be done within a couple weeks, around two weeks "

The funds will come out of the contingency fund and not the town reserves, he added.

"Just so everyone understands, the correspondence that the town did receive from the Maryland Department of the Environment wasn't, 'Will you do this,' it was, 'You will do this,' and they'd like testing to be initiated within 30 days of the correspondence," Fleetwood said.

The testing will involve drilling three shallow wells (around 15 feet deep) near the original spill site.

"We are able to narrow it down to do the following work," Fleetwood said. "Within [a particular area] what we proposed to do, EA Engineering will drill three shallow water wells ...

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## Members can ask questions about budget

Session next Wednesday will offer that opportunity

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Ocean Pines Association members will have two opportunities to learn more about the budget proposed for the next fiscal year,



**Doug Parks** 

with the first taking place next Wednesday at a board meeting scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

OPA President Doug Parks encouraged association members to attend the public hearing, which is expected to explain how the current proposal resulted in a recommended assessment, \$986 per non-waterfront lot, that would be the same at that levied this year.

With a total of 6,716 non-water fronting lots paying that rate, the asso-See FEB. Page 3

## **Delivery trucks** get their own parking zone

By Morgan Pilz Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) After two more weeks of deliberation, a convenient loading zone for parcel and mail delivery trucks in downtown Berlin, as well as two designated 15-minute parking spots, were approved by the Berlin mayor and town council on Monday night.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells suggested the to the council on Monday, Jan. 13, that creating a

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## Service-only parking zone created

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postal and parcel service-only loading and unloading zone on Pitt Street would eliminate the traffic hazards the big box trucks often create.

The problem has been that delivery vehicles from FedEx, UPS, the postal service and other services will often stop in the middle of the street to drop off a package, thus blocking other traffic.

"I have been working on this for the last several years, trying to figure out a place where our UPS and FedEx trucks could park and handcart some of their goods wherever they need to go," Wells said during the Jan. 13 meeting. "I've seen UPS trucks and FedEx trucks literally stop in the middle of Main Street, and then there's a line of cars that can't get by."

Wells said this zone would not be for food service trucks that deliver early in the mornings or for drivers unloading supplies for the nearby antique stores. She also assured the council it would not directly affect the horse-and-carriage rides that load up on that street.

Wells had been working with Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing and a local UPS driver known only as Ethan to discuss potential locations for the zone, having previously considered Commerce Street next to Victorian Charm, though Pitt Street was ultimately chosen.

"After [Councilman Zack Tyndall] made a recommendation that we should look at another location. Jeff Fleetwood and I went and discussed



The Berlin mayor and town council approved a postal service loading and unloading zone on the south end of Pitt Street as well as two designated 15-minute parking spots on Commerce Street during the town meeting on Monday.

that new area and spoke with our UPS driver who is in favor of that area," Wells said. "I think that chief [Downing] was also brought into this as well. We have decided that would be an optimum place for our unloading zone."

During the previous meeting, Councilman Dean Burrell had expressed some concern for people who might only need less than 15 minutes to run errands and taking away parking spots from those who need it.

What consideration is being given to the public that just needs to come to use the ATM or run into the bank or run into Victorian Charm for five or 10 minutes?" he asked during the Jan. 13 meeting. "I do believe that there should be some consideration given to those folks that need those services just for a few minutes and provide some type of parking that is restricted by number of minutes for those folks."

During this Monday's meeting, Wells designated two parking spots behind Victorian Charm on Commerce Street to have 15-minute parking from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

During the meeting, there were some concerns from the audience regarding how the 15-minute parking will be enforced. Downing advised them to become part of the enforcement by calling to make complaints.

'We're not going to go and time people ... you have to call," he said. "If you don't call, it won't happen. For example, if you have to go to the bank, the tellers are there and people are there to en-

# **Ground testing should find nothing**

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the perimeter wells will be drilled as well. But the wells that will be tested are the three shallow wells.

We are testing for only the chemicals that were stored in that facility where the spill did occur," he contin-

Fleetwood is confident that no chemicals will be detected.

"I'm not a scientist and I'm not an

engineer, but when that spill did occur, that spill site, the chemical itself, was cleaned up and quite a bit of earth was removed from that site ... all the way down to where it was a zero, or neutral pH level," he said. "I feel very confident that the chemical did not seep into the groundwater."

There will be a field test the day of the drilling, and results are expected to come back that day. If there are levels of any of the spill leftover, the other perimeter wells will be tested too, Fleetwood added.

The scope of work was submitted on Friday, Jan. 24, and the town is waiting on the department's approval within a few days.

In addition to the work required by the Maryland Department of Environment, the town has also been removing debris from the site.





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# Feb. 5 session invites members' questions

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ciation would see \$6.6 million in revenue. Adding assessment revenue from waterfront lots and commercial properties would boost that total to \$9.1 million. Waterfront lots would see an assessment of \$1,501 next year under the current proposal.

Looking at the overall financial picture, total revenue for the current fiscal year is forecast to wind up at \$18,454,329 and budgeted at \$14,626,666 in the pending budget. This represents a negative variance of roughly \$3.8 million, that is comprised

of \$3.6 million from capital reserves and about \$252,000 from operating funds to finance ongoing capital projects.

Factoring out major project expenditures, the overall departmental revenue subtotal doesn't change much, going from a forecast total of \$12.86 million in the current fiscal year to a proposed figure of \$12.9 million for FY 20/21.

Similarly, overall departmental expenditures are forecast to close out the current fiscal year at \$12.4 million and budgeted at \$12.9 million for next year.

Of the Feb. 5 session, Parks said, "The most important aspect is that's

where members can ask question and get any specific issues they want to get out on the table."

Following that hearing, OPA Treasurer Larry Perrone and General Manager John Viola will present final recommendations to the board on Feb.

Between Feb. 7-14 board members can propose motions to amend the budget with a final public hearing set for Feb. 18.

Parks said both public hearings are crucial to get community opinions on financial decisions.

"The most important in my mind is this is a way to be able to interact with the membership and have a very open discussion on any questions they may have about the budget," he said.

"We can either ... answer their questions for them or ... if we have to do some more research we can ... get back to them," he said. "We don't anticipate any other changes," he said, "but never say never."

The proposed budget is available online at www.oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/202001241531 01435.pdf

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# Women's group to gather Tuesday in Berlin

In three years, organization has raised more than \$30K to support local nonprofits

## **By Greg Ellison**

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Illustrating the power of collective efforts over individual involvement, members of 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore have raised more than \$30,000 in funds over the past three years, while also generating publicity for local nonprofits organizations.

Organizer Janelle Mulholland said the group, which gathered initially during winter 2017, holds three meetings each year with the next scheduled for this Tuesday, Feb. 4 at Sisters boutique and wine bar in Berlin at 113 N. Main Street beginning at 5:30 p.m.

"We're not a 501c3 (registered nonprofit organization), we're just a bunch of local women that get together three times a year for just an hour," she said. "What we do in that hour is we all get to nominate our favorite charity."

The concept traces back to 2008 when Karen Dunigan launched 100 Women Who Care in Jackson, Michigan. The Great Lakes-based effort netted \$10,000 to buy 300 baby cribs during its first one-hour meeting, while current membership now totals



PHOTO COLIRTESY KARIN LERTORA

After chipping in \$100 each, members of 100+ Women Who Care on the Shore collected \$4,300 to support Worcester Youth and Family's Every Children Needs program during its October meeting.

several hundred.

In terms of procedures, Mulholland said the altruistic pursuit involves participants jotting down a suggested local nonprofit with three finalists chosen randomly.

"It goes in a big hat and we pull names out ... and those three women get five minutes to talk about their charity," she said. After weighing the merits of each local undertaking, the room votes for a finalist who receives \$100 from each group member.

"Then we take a big picture ... and we've raised all this money in just an hour," she said.

Mulholland said members donated \$4,300 to support Worcester Youth and Family's Every Children Needs program during its most recent meeting in October.

Other nominations considered were Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health in Berlin and Friends of Possibilities, which funds scholarships for diabetic children at Camp Possibilities in Berlin.

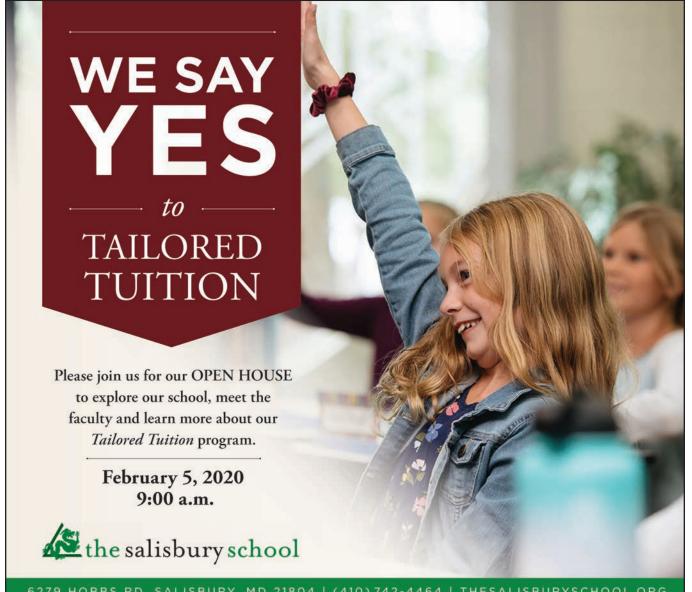
With the group now approaching its 10th meeting, the 100+ Women Who Care has awarded backing to nine local entities.

"In those nine meetings, we have raised \$33,600, all for local charities," she said. "Since 100 percent of the funds have to stay on the shore, that means strictly local, small organizations."

While not an exhaustive list, past recipients have included Salisbury-based Women Supporting Women to support breast cancer patients; the Stephen Decatur High School Music Boosters to replace 30-year old band uniforms; the Cricket Center in Berlin to support child abuse advocacy; and \$6,000 for Diakonia, which has undertaken homeless outreach efforts since 1972.

Mulholland said in addition to providing financial support, the organization's aim is to raise awareness of positive local undertakings.

"Some of these charities are so See WOMEN Page 6



# Kangaroo fundraiser for Australia

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) With the help of four young marsupials, the Healing Arts Center in Berlin raised more than \$1,700 Saturday with its "Kangaroo Yoga" to help wildlife reserves that have been burning in Australia for the last several weeks.

Chrissy Earhart and Berkleigh Diaz, coowners of the center, joined members of the Barn Hill Preserve of Delaware for two yoga sessions that involved four young kangaroos, or joeys, that ranged in age from 8 months to 1-and-a-half years old.

"I saw on Facebook that [Barn Hill Preserve] was having Kangaroo Yoga at Energy Gym in Delaware for a fundraiser for Australia, and I just loved the idea so I just reached out and asked if they wanted to do a second event, and they were on board with it," Diaz said. "All of the money is going directly over to Barn Hill Preserve of Delaware, who will give it to a local organization called Bushfire Wildlife Rescue and Support."

"This is an awesome opportunity to give love and to work with our own energy in the sense of cultivating love and compassion from our hearts and sending some healing and love and light to beings all around the world," Earhart said. "It's good practice to calming yourself down and trying to be connecting with something bigger than yourself."

The four joeys - named Arnie, Chan-

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dler, Rufus and Mac – hopped around and stretched alongside their human counterparts for two different sessions of yoga. One for families and one for adults only.

"I think the kids had a great time and the parents had just as much fun," Diaz said. "I don't know who could not have fun with little baby kangaroos hopping around. They're very friendly ... they came right up to so many people and they nibbled some hair and they nibbled some clothes, but they were super friendly."

Rachel Azejzak, the mobile crew manager for the organization that provided the joeys, recognized the animal yoga trend and thought she could use it to raise awareness and funds for fire ravaged animals in Australia.

"There's all kinds of animal yogis around. There's goat yoga, cat yoga, puppy yoga ... when we saw the fires in Australia, we knew we were going to do something to help them," she said. "So, we thought maybe kangaroo yoga would be a good idea."

The joeys adapted to the situation well, Azejzak said.

"It was the kangaroos' first time interacting with people doing yoga, and I think everyone enjoyed it. The kangaroos enjoyed hopping around and exploring and sniffing everyone," she said.

All of the money raised from the yoga sessions will be sent to Bushfire Wildlife Rescue and Support. Azejzak left for Australia on Sunday, Jan. 19, and will help deliver supplies to organizations that need it for the next two weeks.

"Australia is such a unique place and there's diverse animals that can only be found there, and with all the bush fires, there have been so many animals that have been injured or worse and the people trying to help them have limited supplies. We may be a small [group] of 20-40 people, but every little bit helps," she said.

The four joeys are among the animals cared for by the Barn Hill Preserve of Delaware, an organization that travels across the north Mid-Atlantic area to schools to introduce students to exotic or otherwise uncommon animals.

The organization also has a lynx, hedgehogs, bearded dragons, pythons, alligators, parrots, two-toed sloths, and armadillos.

"We do a lot of mobile education programs throughout the country. We go to schools and do free educational programs with a lot of small mammals, reptiles and birds so we can teach all the kids around the country about some of these unique animals that they don't [typically] get a chance to see," Azejzak said.

Barn Hill Preserve has created a Go-FundMe page for the Australian bushfires, which can be accessed at https://www.gofundme.com/f/aus-



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Rachel Azejzak, the mobile crew manager for Barn Hill Preserve of Delaware, holds 8-monthold Mac during the Kangaroo Yoga session held at the Eastern Shore Healing Arts Center in Berlin on Saturday, Jan. 25.

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The organization has also created an Amazon Wishlist to purchase supplies like hand sanitizer, wipes, pet supplements, animal respirator masks, formula for infants and burn gels at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/27R2FC5R4H3OB/ref=hz\_ls\_biz\_ex.

The Eastern Shore Healing Arts Center has 12 different organizations combined into one facility that uses the work of "holistic and integrated practitioners."

"We have everything from acupuncture, physical therapy, meditation for adults and kids and reiki and so much more," Earhart said.







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# **OP Communications Cmte. considers targeted surveys**

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) In contrast to earlier efforts that sought to assess residents' sentiments on a variety of issues, the OPA Communications Committee is looking at developing less involved inquiries with a sharper focus.

Communications Committee Chairperson Jenny Cropper Rines said unlike the massive community survey undertaken in summer 2018, subsequent information requests would be streamlined.

"It falls specifically to us as the communication committee to figure out how people wish to receive information," she said.

Rines said the discussion among the advisory committee members has repeatedly concluded that a higher percentage of residents would respond if surveys concentrated on specific matters.

The OPA survey from summer 2018 drew 1,773 respondents. Of that tally 90 percent were 55 or older, with 24 percent 75 or older.

Nearly three quarters of the respondents listed Ocean Pines as their primary residence, with 36 percent owning their homes between 11-20 years and 28 percent owning over 20 years.

In terms of rationales to live in Ocean Pines, perceived community safety ranked very high for 70 percent



Jenny C. Rines

of respondents and high for 24 percent.

Reputation ranked very high for 56 percent of survey participants and high for 32 percent, while community attractiveness was rated as very

high by 58 percent and high by 32 percent.

Most of the respondents — 69 percent — saw a need for improved enforcement of covenants and regulations, while 65 percent listed drainage as a top priority issue.

Rines said the intent now is to step back from comprehensive surveys running dozens of pages to take the neighborhood pulse in smaller samplings.

"At our last meeting, we decided to talk to [the] marketing/public relations [department] to develop the surveys," she said. "Later in the year, people should be seeing shorter targeted inquiries for information to give guidance for specific points."

While precise approaches are still being fleshed out, the goal is to include one- or two-question surveys, potentially in OPA newsletters, which could potentially reach a younger demographic.

Rines said the committee plans to continue to provide residents a forum to address concerns through town hall meetings several times per year.

## Women unite to back nonprofits

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small that they don't have an advertising budget, they don't have staff [or] the capability to publicize themselves," she said. "That's kind of how we come in [but] it's really not about us."

Mulholland said the meetings also help educate the group's members about their own communities.

"Since I started it three years ago, and I've been here 20 years, I [hadn't heard] of half of these charities."

Members learn more about the organizations they have helped in follow-up meetings.

"We invite them back to our meeting and they get five minutes to say ... how they actually used the money and pass out more information about their organization," she said.

The group has also varied its meeting locations over the years.

"Last year, we were at Fins [Raw Bar in Berlin], this year we're at Sisters," she said. "We started at Sisters in 2017 and went to West-O Bottle Shop in 2018."

While participation has continued to grow, the group hopes to increase

its membership numbers to match the amount of each individual donation -\$100.

"We had a great turnout for our October meeting," she said. "It fluctuates but the most we've ever had is 41, which was our last meeting."

Regardless of reaching that mark, the dollar total has exceeded expectations.

"When we raised \$6,000 for Diakonia, we had 30 people there so we raised \$3,000, but we had a member who doubled our gift," she said.

Mulholland said media coverage of the charitable endeavors produced the same result after a reader unexpectedly boosted the funding earmarked for Women Supporting Women.

"[After] reading it in the paper, he called me and said, 'I don't want to donate, I want to match that.' He matched it, so it was a \$5,000 gift," she said.

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The 18.65 acres of land located on the south side of Route 50 and the north side of Route 346 just outside Berlin was rezoned from agricultural to commercial.

## **County approves commercial** zone to serve Berlin gateway

By Elizabeth Bonin

Staff Writer

use changes that affect Berlin were endorsed by the Worcester County Commissioners last Tuesday.

The first was to rezone 18.65 acres of land on the south side of Route 50 and north side of Route 346 from agricultural to commercial.

Ernest Gerardi, who owns the land, has been pursuing the possibility of developing it into a commercial gateway for Berlin for more than a year. The county planning commission reviewed the proposed change on Oct. 3, 2019 and recommended that the county commissioners approve it.

Attorney Joseph Moore, representing M&G Land, made the case to commissioners that the agricultural zoning was a mistake. The current use of the land is tilled land. Properties to the west and southwest of the land are also classified as agricultural, while properties to the east are suburban residential.

Moore added that this land is the only area between Ocean Gateway and Old Ocean City Boulevard that is not zoned for a potential use in the growth area for Berlin. Since the 2000 Census, the Town of Berlin has grown 48 percent in population, according to Moore, and the downtown area is at full capacity.

He emphasized that when coming eastbound on Route 50, this area is the first access to any municipality in the county and serves as the gateway

to Berlin.

'The growth areas were designed (Jan. 30, 2020) Two separate land by you all, or your predecessors, to be those areas that are significantly available for development within the municipalities," Moore said.

Hugh Cropper, who has been a land use attorney for 31 years, testified that the land is inappropriate for modern farming.

This property is a long, narrow triangle," Cropper said. "Even though it's 18 acres, a lot of it is consumed by woods. It's consumed by the infrastructure associated with the power lines.'

He said it would not be suitable for a residential zoning for the same rea-

Moore added that most of the existing commercial development in the area is east of the proposed rezoning, at least a couple miles away.

John Salm, of Salm Engineering, testified that there is no public sewer and water service from the area to Berlin, but there is existing infrastructure that can be rebuilt to serve a future commercial development.

Moore confirmed, when the commissioners asked, that he and Berlin Mayor Gee Williams could not reach an agreement to annex the land into Berlin. When land is annexed into Berlin, it is required to be connected to Berlin water and sewer.

There is no access to Route 50, but it would be accessed through Route 346 as a de facto service road.

The motion to rezone to commer-See WOR Page 8

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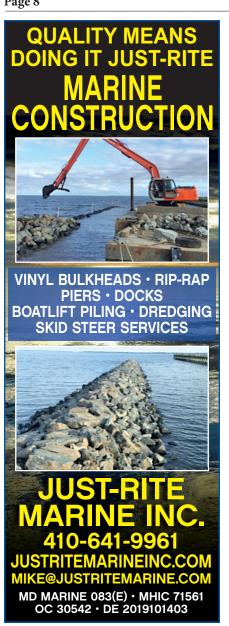
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## **Search committee needs members**

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Despite repeated attempts to recruit people to serve on the Ocean Pines Association Search Committee before the Feb. 1 deadline, the panel charged with soliciting candidates for the 2020 board of directors' elections still has no members.

OPA President Doug Parks said committee membership is open to any association member willing to help spread the word about possibly serving on the board.

"We're still looking for folks and haven't been contacted by anyone as of yet," he said. "You've just got to canvas the community to see if there's anyone interested in running for the board in the upcoming election."

The OPA bylaws require the formation of a search committee by Feb. 1. Its goal is to help generate an election ballot containing at least twice as many candidates as there are seats available. The list of candidates must be submitted by May 15.

"Two (board) positions are up for election this year and, per the bylaws, the committee needs to attempt to get [at least] four candidates," he said.

In addition to locating potential candidates and aiding them in application procedures, search committee

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Doug Parks

members also must verify that all election-related paperwork is forwarded to its proper destination.

Parks said the lack of a response thus far for committee members echoes the out-

come last year.

"For all intents and purposes, we didn't have a search committee last year," he said. "Two years ago, we had four people and last year we had one."

Still, Parks said regardless of pending deadlines or prior history, homeowners are encouraged to volunteer.

"We have to do it because our bylaws and governance documents require us to do so," he said.

While at least attempting due diligence, admittedly to no end at this point, there are merits in the concept, Parks said.

"There's no penalty if we don't get one," he said. "Anything that would pique some interest in certainly worth exploring."

As for standing for election and

serving on the board, Parks said some possible candidates might be under the impression that previous membership on any of the association's committees is a prerequisite for running. It is not.

"People who are already serving on advisory committees might have an interest in stepping up and running for the board as well, but be advised that participation in an advisory committee is not a prerequisite to become a board member," he said. "You just have to be a member in good standing."

While still hoping that interested parties will surface to form the search committee, the board election won't be affected. Parks said.

"I'd like to think some people will step up and make some inquiries as we move forward," he said. "If we get it, we get it, if we don't, we'll still have an election."

Interested parties can contact Parks at dparks@oceanpines.org

Committee applications are available in the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway or online at https://www.oceanpines.org/wpcontent/uploads/2018/02/OP-Committee-Application-2-14-18.pdf

# Berlin's financial director gives budget report findings

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Berlin Financial Director Natalie Saleh presented the financial projections for the six months overview of the 2020 fiscal year to the mayor and Town Council on Monday night.

From July to December, the revenues in the general fund as of Dec. 31, was \$4.5 million and total expenditures were \$3.2 million.

"We're a little under in revenue collection because real estate taxes and some grants come in at the end of the fiscal year," Saleh said. "However, I'm expecting [revenues] to be as projected."

Of the revenues collected for July to Dec. 31, 68 percent were collected

from taxes, 13 percent were service charges, 10 percent were from Worcester County grants, seven percent were from other grants and less than two percent were made up from licenses and permits.

Most of the major expenses for the town were for general government (27 percent), police department (28 percent) and public works (14 percent). Additional expenses were a result of fire and EMS services (12 percent), planning community development (seven percent), debt services (seven percent), capital outlay (four percent) and recreations and parks at one percent.

Categorically, expenses for the sixmonth period were also included for electric, water, sewer and stormwater.

## Wor. passes two rezoning cases

Continued from Page 7 cial passed unanimously.

The second land change was to annex and rezone two parcels into Berlin, both located on the south side of Route 50 and the east side of Seahawk Road. Together, they total approximately 2.4 acres and are currently zoned C-2 General Commercial. They will now be classified as B-2 and be annexed into Berlin.

The two areas are the site of a for-

mer McDonald's and the current Myer's Toolbelt property.

Ed Tudor, director of review and permitting, said the surrounding land use was similar and that advised that the county did not need to take any action. The commissioners moved to concur with Tudor's report and write a letter to Berlin in agreement with the annexation.

Berlin will provide water and sewer to the properties.



# Local artists' works featured in Wor. Berlin library branch

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Two Worcester County artists will have their work displayed for two months at the Worcester County Library Berlin branch inside the second-floor gallery from Saturday through Monday, March 30.

Lisa Marie Penn and Martha Peleggi, both of whom have been painting for decades, describe their style as realism. Penn, a full-time artist, is a Baltimore native who moved to Ocean Pines last year. Peleggi, originally from Philadelphia, moved to Berlin in 1980 and has been painting since 1985.

"I discovered my love of art when I could use crayons and I've been creating ever since in some way, shape or form," Penn said. "I went through a big life and career change, so I decided to move down here to be close to my family, myself and my 5-year-old daughter."

Peleggi travels throughout the region to paint scenes in Cambridge, Easton, Wilmington, Dover, Lewes, Chincoteague, Assateague and Ocean City. Her current focus is en plein air painting, painting outdoors.

"I belong to seven different plein air groups," Peleggi said. "In the summer, I'm painting almost four to five days a

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week."

Inside the Berlin Worcester County Public Library is a space donated by the Worcester County Library Foundation called the Worcester County Arts Council Gallery, which has been recognizing local artists for almost a year.

"We are very proud of the space, arts council Executive Director Anna Mullis said. "It's an excellent opportunity ... we feature artists not only from Berlin, but from different areas of Delmarva such as Ocean City and Snow Hill and Pocomoke City.

"I am very excited," Penn said. "I am taking this opportunity to get exposure, because I'm new here. I think that it's very enlightening for people to see artists' work and look at things in a different perspective that they would not have looked at it before."

"I think it brings people a lot of thought when they look at paintings," Peleggi said. "It takes them away from their everyday life. They can enjoy the expertise that goes into actually creating it. A lot of people don't even see the colors, like in a sunset, until you actually point it out to them ... until they actually see it in a painting."

Peleggi plans to travel across the county to do more plein air paintings and Penn wants to take part in the

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The Worcester County Arts Council will be displaying two local artists' works on the second floor of the Worcester County Library Berlin branch through March 30. Pictured, from left, are Ocean Pines resident Lisa Marie Penn, Worcester County Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis and Berlin resident Martha Peleggi.

plein air experience and paint scenes found on the Eastern Shore and Delaware.

The opening "Meet the Artists" reception, will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 3-5 p.m. at the Berlin Public

Library's Second Floor Gallery located on 13 Hamilton Avenue. The event is free and open to the public.

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## **OP considers short-term rental enforcement**

### **By Greg Ellison**

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Despite the recent introduction of rental licenses in Worcester County, questions remain about how the new lodging requirements will affect Ocean Pines.

Last August, the county commissioners approved legislation requiring rental property owners to obtain licenses as of this January. The rule applies to all property outside the county's municipalities that are rented for sleeping accommodations, including single-family homes, RVs, lots to park mobile homes or tents.

OPA President Doug Parks said determining how the association would comply with the rental regulations is being discussed with Worcester County Commissioners Chip Bertino and Jim



Chip Bertino

Bunting, both of whom represent the commu-

"Are we stepping on anybody's toes if we change any enforcement?" he asked. "We want to stay in lock step with the county."

For his part, Bertino said although the regulations were an appropriate way to address rental business conducted through online platforms such as Airbnb or Vrbo, the impact on Ocean Pines could be less than satisfactory.

'The regulations, as written, don't really help situations in Ocean Pines where we have larger homes than can accommodate many more people than parking would allow or that neighbors would like," he said.

Bertino said legislation falls slightly short of what he envisioned.

"At the time, I was hoping we would be able to limit the number of occupants per house but that wasn't the case," he said. "We had the best intentions at the county in trying to address an emerging problem with online reservation serv-

For now, Parks is heading the OPA effort to coordinate enforcement with county officials, "To ensure we are complying with any county enforcement and also to work with the county regarding potential Ocean Pines oriented enforcement.'

Bertino also said, however, that the OPA could exercise some of its own authority over how properties are used.

"They can certainly control and regulate that through a change in the bylaws, I suspect," he said.

Bertino noted this was Worcester County's first swipe at instituting some level of control over online rental platforms and that it may fall short of regulating certain aspects.

"I think Ocean Pines residents and homeowners will have exposure where abuse can take place," he said. "That's a concern of mine now and it was a concern when we were talking about it back in the fall.

Applications for a rental license are available on the DRP webpage www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/drp.

For additional information, contact DRP staff at 410-632-1200.

# **Expansion of Henry Park Pollinator Garden**

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Verena Chase from Assateague Coastal Trust's Coast Kids program asked for an received the Berlin mayor and Town Council's permission to expand the Henry Park Pollinator Garden.

Chase, on Monday, asked for an ad-

ditional 9-foot-by-25-foot expansion of the current pollinator garden located northwest of the playground and basketball court. The addition will be used as both a pollinator and rainwater collection garden.

"It's a very wet spot," Chase said, indicating that this slice of the property is covered in muddy water.

A pollinator garden, as the name would suggest, is a garden that is planted predominately with flowers that provide nectar or pollen for a wide range of pollinating insects.

We would like to plant a little more than 100 perennial plants, two or three shrubs like beautyberry or Iva frutescens," Chase said. "Then, we would like to put a border of river rocks around the whole garden to make it easier for the mowers to see where the edges are."

Some of the flowers Chase and her team would like to plant include beebalm, blueflag iris, cardinals, goldenrod, great blue lobelia, Joe Pye weed, moun-

tain mint, spiderwort, summer phlox, swamp milkweed and turtlehead.

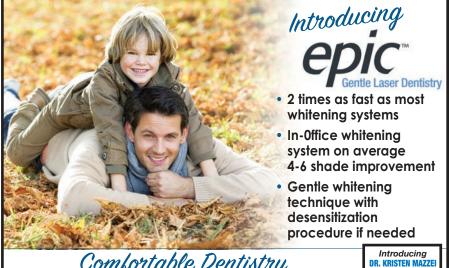
There are also plans to plant mulch and install a sign indicating what the pollinator garden is and why it is important.

Chase also added there will be no costs to the town regarding the installation or funding of the garden, as she applied for the money to create it from a Keep Maryland Beautiful grant. She expects to hear the results of the application by March.

Should she receive the grant, planting will begin in May. However, she does request that the town of Berlin assist in long-term maintenance of the garden.



The Berlin mayor and town council approved a 9x25 feet expansion of the Henry Park Pollinator Garden in Berlin on Monday, Jan. 27. MORGAN PILZ/BAY-SIDE GAZETTE



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## Recycling cigarette butts in Berlin

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Twenty cigarette butt recycling receptacles are expected to be installed in Berlin, according to Economic and Community Director Ivy Wells.

Wells informed the Berlin mayor and town council on Monday that the installation of the receptacles, which will bear the town's logo, is nearly complete.

Wells had applied for a Main Street Improvement grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development last May for the cigarette butt hut project and learned the town had received a \$10,000 grant for the project in the fall

"This was fully grant funded," Well said. "It will also save on trash as well."

"We received [these huts] and Dave Wheaton put those up last week," she continued. "I have contracted with a company in Trenton, New Jersey, called TerraCycle, it's all free. We collect the cigarette butts out of these receptacles and we bag them and put them in a box we send them.

Once the butts are collected, they'll be mailed to TerraCycle, which provides free shipping and donates a dollar to the Keep America Beautiful Cigarette Litter Prevention Program for every pound of discarded cigarettes collected.

In addition, the butts used for smoking will be recycled into something human butts can be used for sittings.

"The butts that are put into these are used to make benches for our butts to sit on," Wells said.

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MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Cigarette butt huts like this one have been set up throughout Berlin in order to remove trash from the streets. Once collected, the butts will be recycled into benches.

## **Board of Education Briefs**

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) The Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education took the following action at its meeting in Newark on Jan. 23:

## **Bus contractor requests**

Transportation Manager Kim Heiser received approval from the board regarding two bus contractor replacements that will take effect in February of this year.

Heiser also received approval from the board to extend the use of nine

buses beyond their 12 years of current use.

Finally, she was granted permission to purchase eight new or used buses for use throughout the 2020-2021 school year, as several buses are beginning to reach the end of their service maximum of 15 years.

## **New VP, president**

The board voted on a new president and vice president. Eric Cropper Sr. was voted in as president and Sara Thompson, the board's longest-serving member and recognized as



**Sara Thompson** 

board of education member in Maryland, was selected to replace Cropper. The vote was unanimous with the exception of Todd Ferrante, who was absent.

longest-serving

Cropper will replace Bill Gordy, who was board president for three years.

"[Gordy] has modeled what a president should be," Superintendent Lou Taylor said. "I want to personally thank him for his three years as president."



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Eric Cropper Sr., right, is pictured with Superintendent Lou Taylor after he is elected Board of Education president on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

# Wor. Teacher of the Year finalists announced

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Fourteen educators from each school in Worcester County were announced as Teacher of the Year finalists at the monthly Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21, in Newark.

The program recognizes one teacher from each school who has demonstrated excellence in the class-room. These 14 school-level finalists then compete at the county level to be named the Worcester County

Teacher of the Year.

After county awards are presented, the 24 teachers, representing each of the school systems in Maryland, will have their portfolios judged by the Maryland State Department of Education and the field is narrowed to seven finalists.

Worcester County earned the state title once, in 2007, when seventh grade English Language Arts teacher, Michelle Hammond, of Stephen Decatur Middle School, took home the honor

This year's finalists are: Kristin

Parker, Berlin Intermediate School; Jenna Ashcraft, Buckingham Elementary School; Stacey Russell, Cedar Chapel Special School; Andrese Foreman, Ocean City Elementary School; Danielle Jackson, Pocomoke Elementary School; Jack Cleveland, Pocomoke High School; Christina McQuaid, Pocomoke Middle School; Mackenzie Keyser, Showell Elementary School; Connie Bowen, Snow Hill Elementary School; Ryan Severson, Snow Hill High School; Jerri Mattingly-Freeman, Snow Hill Middle School; Sher-

ryl Olson, Stephen Decatur High School; Michelle Boyle, Stephen Decatur Middle School and Maureen Brittingham, Worcester Technical High School.

Last year, Gina Russell, a special education teacher at Snow Hill Elementary School, was named the Worcester County Teacher of the Year.

Teachers were nominated through a ballot process by a student, parent, colleague, administrator or community member. The Teacher of the Year recipient will be announced in early April at an annual banquet.





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This aerial view of the new Showell Elementary School shows the progress one year after construction started in 2018, on Dec. 15, 2019. This image was presented to the Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education during its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

# Showell's new technology program

**By Morgan Pilz** Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Showell Elementary School continues to progress with its implementation of 21st century educational practices and with the new school building's construction, the Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education was told

last Tuesday in Newark.
Coordinator of Digital Learning
Diane Stulz and teachers Lindsay
Dyda and Liz Davidson reported on
the implementation of computer science and computational thinking at
Showell Elementary School.

"Gov. Larry Hogan has been a huge component of computer science, mainly for economic development in the state of Maryland," Stulz said. "We're one of the few states in the nation that's enacted K-12 computer science standards. We received

funding to help start this through the Maryland Center for Computing Education."

The program aims to help young students become more adept at creative thinking processes and to encourage their interest in computer science as a career choice.

"Computer science is all about opportunities for you and the community and the opportunity to create," Davidson said. "The beauty of computer science is, at the heart of this field, it is creativity. Whether it's the smartphones we all have, the laptop driving this presentation forward, they're all innovation platforms."

Davidson added that the need for computer science is rising as society changes, along with the continuying introduction revolutionary software and hardware.

Some of the programs the students

are being taught include basic coding and programming.

More importantly, the program wants to encourage more students, especially female students, to become interested in pursuing a career in computer science, as computing jobs have become the top source of new wages in the United States, the teachers said. Currently, the nation has 500,000 computer job openings, they said.

"They're the fastest growing area ... almost every job you have is going to involve some type of technology," Dyda said. "In the state of Maryland, there's 21,840 jobs currently. We're only producing 3,422 computer science graduates. We are growing at a much faster rate than the rest ... we're 3.8 times the national average.

"For our students, we wanted to See PROGRESS Page 14





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## **Community Briefs**

## Dean's list

Elsa Quillin of Berlin, was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2019 semester.

In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

William & Mary, in Williamsburg, Virginia, is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

## **Dean's list**

Riley Dickerson of Ocean Pines, has been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester.

Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland.

# Free identity theft seminar provided in Pines, Feb. 5

(Jan. 30, 2020) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will give area residents an opportunity to learn how to protect themselves from identity theft at a free seminar on Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway.

According to the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book, 1.4 million fraud reports were filed in 2018, representing \$1.48 billion in total losses. Close to 15 percent of those reports were for identity theft.

"Identity theft is America's fastestgrowing crime," said Katie Goetzinger, an Ocean Pines recreation programmer. "Come learn what to do before and after a breach of your identity."

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## Pines Radford alumni aids school

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) Ocean Pines residents Kathy Grimes and Kennis Austin, who in addition to sharing a zip code are both alumni of Radford University in Virginia, have started a new charitable endeavor to provide clothing and supplies to students in need at Pocomoke Elementary School.

To launch the venture, Grimes said more than a dozen cold-weather items, including coats, hats and gloves were dropped off to Pocomoke Principal Dr. Michael Browne and Assistant Principal Faye Williams on Tuesday.

"We have now joined in partnership with them [and] will be providing things seasonally for them," she said.

Grimes and Austin, who are both members of the Delmarva Radford Univ. Alumni Association, dreamt up the venture late last year while having lunch at DiFebo's in Berlin.

"We decided ... because it was late December we would do a coat drive ... for these children that have no coats," she said. "We also got hats and gloves."

Grimes credited Austin, a student



More than a dozen items were donated to extend warmth to students at **Pocomoke Elementary** School, on Tuesday. Pictured, from left, are Principal Dr. Michael Browne. **Kathy and Wesley** Grimes, 3, and **Assistant Princi**pal Faye Williams. PHOTO COURTESY KATHY GRIMES

services specialist with Worcester County Schools, with directing the effort to Pocomoke.

"It was Kennis's idea [and] he said the Pocomoke area needs jackets," she said. "When I contacted Dr. Browne .... he said, 'I'm all about whatever the kids can have to help them."

Recognizing needs exists beyond winter, the duo intends to revive the undertaking this spring with clothing items or academic supplies.

"The gym teacher came in and said, 'we really need shoes for the kids," she said.

Grimes said after establishing an ongoing plan for donations with Pocomoke Elementary the obvious gratitude was palatable.

"It does my heart good," she said.
"The look on his face ... he was just delighted that somebody was going to come in and help."

# Progress in school's construction

Continued from Page 13

give them [more] opportunities, and if we start young, girls will be more interested in coding and computer sciences," she continued. "We're teaching them something, when they get into the workforce ... it's solely about exposure at this point and to see there are endless possibilities."

In addition to the computer science courses at the school, Facilities Planner Joe Price, and Oak Contracting Project Manager Bill Moschler gave their 15th monthly update on the new school's construction progress.

According to their report, the past

30 days has seen the kitchen's walkin freezer and exhaust hood installed, while other work involves the installation of roofing, windows and drywall. Prep work is being done for plumbing, the fire sprinkler system and electrical wiring.

The new 9,600-square foot building will replace the current 5,200 square-foot school, and will eliminate the need for the nine portable classrooms currently in use.

At present, the 40-year-old school has 536 students from kindergarten through third grade. Fourth graders, who were moved out of the building because of insufficient spaces, will return once the \$47 million school opens

To help speed the process along, Showell Elementary has been given permission by the state to close on June 5 this year, a little more than a week earlier than other schools.

"I am grateful that the request for a waiver of the 180-day requirement has been approved," Superintendent Lou Taylor said in a letter sent to Showell Elementary School parents earlier this month. "As the Showell project continues toward completion, this additional time will ensure that the new Showell Elementary School will open safely for the start of the 2020-2021 school year."

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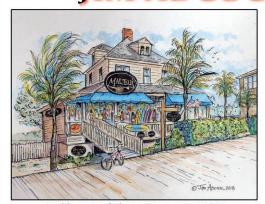


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# Berlin teen pleads guilty to murder

By Elizabeth Bonin

Staff Writer

(Jan. 30, 2020) The Berlin teen charged with murdering 17-year-old Dehaven Nichols last May pled guilty to second-degree murder and was convicted in Worcester County Circuit Court on Tuesday, Jan. 21. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered.

Sixteen-year-old Vershawn Hudson-Crawford had faced charges of first-degree murder, first-degree assault and seconddegree assault after being indicted by a grand jury. He was tried as an adult and faces up to 40 years imprisonment.



Vershawn **Hudson-Crawford** 

On May 22, Nichols was found unresponsive near an apartment complex off Route 113 in a wooded Berlin area. EMS personnel pronounced him dead. After the incident, Hudson-Crawford, his mother and grandfather reported to the Berlin

Police Department that Hudson-Crawford had been in a fight with Nichols, according to police.

Preliminary investigation findings also revealed "the two teenage boys were in-

volved in an altercation." According to the autopsy, Nichols' death "was caused by a combination of multiple significant injuries, including blunt force trauma, strangulation and asphyxiation.

Hudson-Crawford previously entered a not guilty plea on May 29. He has been held without bond at the Worcester County Detention Center since May.

The Worcester County State's Attorney's Office filed the intention to seek life without parole on July 12.

According to State's Attorney Kris Heiser, the sentencing date has not yet been set.

## protect identity during seminar Continued from Page 14

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Leading the seminar will be certified senior advisor Michael LeCompte. LeCompte has a master of science degree in loss control science and retired from Nationwide Insurance Companies as a senior loss control consultant. He has been a regional award-winning speaker on reducing personal loss for 20

Seminar participants will hear how to safeguard personal information and detect suspicious activity. Advice on how to find a resolution to an identity theft situation and restore a victim's good name will also be

For those unable to attend the February seminar, a session on April 1 from 5-6:30 p.m. will be offered.

This seminar is free and open to the public, but spaces are limited and advance registration is required. To register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, is available at Ocean-Pines.org.

## **Woman sentenced for theft scheme**

(Jan. 30, 2020) Fedia Dorlus, 25, of Salisbury, was found guilty of theft scheme – from \$100 to \$1,500, on Jan. 21, by the Judge L. Bruce Wade in the Snow Hill District Court.

The court imposed a sentence of 120 days' incarceration with 90 days suspended and placed Dorlus on two years of supervised probation upon release.

The charges stem from a report of theft and credit card offenses made to the Ocean Pines Police Department last March.

Police met with family members of the elderly victim, who had succumbed to her



**Fedia Dorlus** 

terminal illness just days before.

Family members told police that the victim's credit card, which was kept in her purse by her bed in her Ocean Pines residence, had been used at several locations in Salisbury during

the time she was under home health care.

Police identified one of her home health aides as Dorlus, who told officers the victim had given her the credit card and told her to use it to purchase herself a birthday gift.

She admitted using the card to buy nearly \$300 worth of beauty products and spa treatments.

Family members confirmed that the victim was bedridden and unable to communicate on the date Dorlus claimed she gave her the credit card.

The victim died the day after Dorlus made the purchases.

Worcester County State's Attorney Kris Heiser commended the investigative efforts of Ofc. Brasure and the Ocean Pines Police Department which led to the successful prosecution of the case.



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# **OPA** members invited to aid budget process

Not only will members of the Ocean Pines Association have their first opportunity to learn about the new budget at next Wednesday's board of directors session, they have been encouraged to attend and find out more about it.

The budget process doesn't get any more open than that, and kudos go to board President Doug Parks for making that clear

As he, the other board members and the administration apparently know, the best way to eliminate the possibility of misunderstandings and disagreements within the membership — and to prevent the turmoil experienced in previous years — is to have open communications between the public and the governing authority.

The no-secrets-here approach, and addressing possible critics at the outset of the process, is an excellent means to ensure an operation that continues to run smoothly.

If there's one thing that upsets the efficient management of things it's what people want to believe, or think they know, rather than actual knowledge.

Naturally, the budget proposal will have aspects with which some members disagree. In that instance, it will be up to the board and the administration to explain and defend their positions as satisfactorily as possible.

It isn't as if the board is inviting people just to say they did, or to nod approvingly as presentations are made. The directors are saying, in essence, if you want to know why we propose to do this, and hope to accomplish that with your money, now is the time to ask for and receive some answers.

Members who fail to take advantage of this opportunity will have only themselves to blame if, down the road, they find themselves griping about an expenditure or project of which they were unaware.

Other opportunities to learn more about the budget will arise in the next few weeks, but there's no point in waiting, when the invitation has already been issued.

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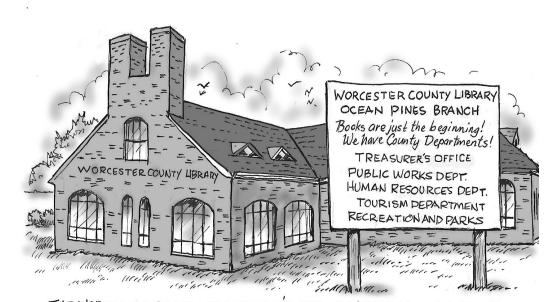
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## **American Legion marks TET Offensive**

Wreath to be placed at Worcester County Veterans Memorial

(Jan. 30, 2020) On Jan 31, 2008, the 40th anniversary of the TET Offense of the Vietnam War was recognized and those who fought in this victory were honored at Post #166 American Legion in Ocean City.

The TET 40 Wreath made by Rosie Garlitz was placed at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines by Leroy Hohman and Dennis Bowers.

Each year since then a wreath has been place at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on Jan. 31. This year, the TET 52 Wreath will be placed at noon at the memorial recognizing the 52nd anniversary and to honor those who fought in the TET Offense of 1968. In addition, a moment will be taken for those who did not return from this victory.

The past 12 years, in good or bad weather the program went on and the same will apply for this year's program. Each year the attendance increases and this year the participation should be outstanding.

Other groups that will be participating this year include American Legion Boggs-Disharoon American Legion Post #123, Duncan-Showell American Legion Post #231, First State US Marine Corps League, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #10910f Ocean City, and the Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 Veterans Group.

Following the program will be a gathering at Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion on 24th Street in Ocean City, with lunch being served.

## SDHS annual \$1 Taco Night, Feb. 4

(Jan. 30, 2020) It's been over a decade since Stephen Decatur High School began hosting \$1 Taco Night and the event has become a tradi-

"While Taco Night has consistently been one of our biggest school fundraisers, it has also grown into a special community night for many of our parents, business partners and alumni," said Thomas Sites, principal of Stephen Decatur High School.

Typically, over 1,000 people will attend Taco Night to congregate and dine.

The Berlin school owes much of the event's success to Sonrise Church, whose congregation has organized and volunteered for the event since its inception.

The 11th annual \$1 Taco Night will be held at Stephen Decatur High School on Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 2:30-7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

In addition to chicken and beef tacos, there will also be

sides, drinks and desserts.

Reservations are not necessary. Patrons can dine in or carry out. All proceeds benefit Stephen Decatur High School.

For more information, call Stephen Decatur High School at 410-632-2880.

Also that evening at the school will be a Vape Community Forum at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents, students and members of the community are invited to attend.

# **Expert insights provided for pending drainage seminars**

(Jan. 30, 2019) In an effort to continue public education on drainage issues, Ocean Pines will join several outside organizations this spring to present a series of free seminars.

Each of the seminars will be open to the public and held in the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway. There is no need to preregister.

The events are:

**March 2, 6-7:30 p.m**. – Watershed restoration specialist Jennifer Dindinger will discuss yard waste and lawn fertilization

**April 20, 6-7:30 p.m.** – Watershed restoration specialist Jennifer Dindinger will host a hands-on seminar on how to make a rain barrel and rain garden

May 12, 5:30-7 p.m. – Kevin Wagner, who manages the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Assistance Program for Maryland, will host a seminar on FEMA activities and flooding issues. The event will include local agencies and vendors that specialize in flooding.

Additionally, Director of Amenities and Operational Logistics Colby

Phillips will offer a presentation on drainage during the Feb. 5 Ocean Pines Board meeting, slated to start at 5 p.m. in the community center.

Phillips will supply updates on drainage improvement efforts, including those on Watertown Road and in the Borderlinks section.

"Watertown was expected to start last week, but we will now be looking to start next week after some unexpected obstacles," she said.

"Borderlinks will be starting soon, with work done by contractor Goody Hill of Berlin.

"They will also be installing a new culvert under the road at Harborview, which will help with some of the drainage issues there and on Clipper Court that have been reported to us."

Phillips said the association has nearly finished compiling a drainage maintenance list of Ocean Pinesowned swales, which should help staff to "stay on top of the clearing and maintenance of our ditches."

For questions about the seminars or concerns about Ocean Pines drainage issues, contact Phillips at Cphillips@oceanpines.org.

# Wor. Habitat for Humanity recognizes board, volunteers

(Jan. 30, 2020) Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County held a holiday gathering on Dec. 11, at the ReStore facility in order to recognize and appreciate board members, committee members and volunteers who serve in a regular capacity for the organization affiliate and the shop.

Gary and Shirley German were named the ReStore Volunteers of the Year

The Germans are a true team, volunteering together two days a week since September 2018. They agree that volunteering at the ReStore is both fun and rewarding.

"In retirement, we have time to do positive things and to give back to our community," the said. "It is a true joy to help and serve others."

Volunteers contributed a total of 4,020 hours to the ReStore in 2019.

Beach Construction owner Colleen Deptula was awarded Habitat Business Partner of the Year.

Deptula took on the role of project manager for the Bishopville new home build. Her invaluable experience and kind heart helped the project run smoothly to completion.

Jim Savage was named Habitat Construction Volunteer of the Year.

Savage is a foreman with Beach Construction and gave many Saturdays of his time educating and training volunteers on what needed to be done on the build site.

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County is grateful for all of the hours that its volunteers have committed to the Bishopville Build project, which was completed on Dec. 19.

Habitat for Humanity is always in need of volunteers with construction experience to serve on the construction committee.

In 2020 the affiliate plans to engage in critical home repairs projects. Interested volunteers should contact volunteer@habitatworcester.org.

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County, Inc. is a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, and is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope.

Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.

For more information, to donate or to volunteer, visit www.habitat-worcester.org.

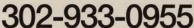
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# **Snapshots**



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## **SURPRISE DONATION**

Students in Vanessa Hill's class at Berlin Intermediate School were surprised on Dec. 11, when they were presented with a check for \$1,000 from The Hertrich Automotive Group of Pocomoke City. They entered the Cash for Class contest by creating a video showing a need in the classroom. Their winnings will be used to purchase subscriptions to an online site called BrainPop.



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#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Worcester County Sheriff Matt Crisafulli was the guest speaker during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's Dec. 4 meeting. He is pictured with Kiwanis Club President Roy Foreman.



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## **BIRCKHEAD HONORED**

Brigadier General Janeen L. Birckhead, assistant adjutant general, Maryland National Guard, spoke to members of the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution about national defense at a recent luncheon meeting. Janet Simpson, the chapter's American History chair, presented Birckhead with a DAR American Women in History award. In addition, the chapter's National Defense chair, Pat Arata, submitted Birckhead for a DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal. Pictured with Simpson and Birckhead, is her mother, Fannie.



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## **GOLF TOURNEY**

Eighty-four golfers participated in the Coats for Kids Golf tournament on Dec. 7, held annually at Eagles Landing. This year's event raised \$8,000. The money is used to purchase coats for kids in need, which are distributed to schools in Delaware and Maryland. Pictured, from left, are tournament Co-chairman Bill Thompson, Dan Stearman (Eagles Landing) and Co-chairman Nick Costa.



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#### OP FISH

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club presented its 2019 Angler of the Year awards at the December meeting. Winners were: Bruce Polley, bluefish, 24.5 inches; Budd Heim and Kevin Welkner, tautog, 17 inches (tie); Heim, flounder, 24 inches and sheepshead, 22.75 inches; Dave Rippy, weakfish (trout) 21 inches; Tom Nelson, black drum, 27.75 inches; Becky Clark, large mouth bass, 29 inches; and Walter Klein, fresh water trout, 15 inches. Pictured, from left, are Rippy, Nelson and Heim.

## **NOW PLAYING**

#### **BEACH BARRELS**

13207 Coastal Highway, Ocean City 410-250-0522 / www.beachbarrels.com Jan. 31: Low Tide Lovers, 9 p.m. Feb. 4: Open Mic, 8 p.m. Feb. 5: Bingo w/DJ Rupe, 6 p.m.

### **BJ'S ON THE WATER**

75th Street and the bay, Ocean City 410-524-7575 / www.bjsonthewater.com Jan. 31: Full Circle, 9 p.m.

Feb. 1: Bird Dog & the Road Kings, 9 p.m. Feb. 5: Old School, 6 p.m.

#### **CAPTAIN'S TABLE**

15th St. & Baltimore Ave., Ocean City 410-289-7192 / www.captainstableoc.com Every Friday & Saturday: Phil Perdue, 5:30 p.m.

### **HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL**

12841 S. Harbor Road, West Ocean City 410-213-1846 / www.ocharborside.com Jan. 31: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 1: Side Project, 2 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 2: Opposite Directions, 2 p.m.

#### **HOOTERS**

12513 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City 410-213-1841 / www.hootersofoc.com Jan. 31: DJ BK, 4-8 p.m.

### **OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB**

101st Street, Ocean City In the Horizons Restaurant, in the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 410-524-3535 / www.clarionoc.com Every Friday and Saturday: DJ Dusty, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Jan. 31-Feb. 1: New Censation, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

#### **PICKLES**

706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City 410-289-4891 / www.picklesoc.com Jan. 31: Beats By Jeremy, 9 p.m. Feb. 1: Beats By Adam Dutch Feb. 3: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m. Feb. 5: Beats By Styler, 9 p.m. Feb. 6: Beats By Wax, 9 p.m.

### **SEACRETS**

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City 410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com Jan. 31: DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. Feb. 1: The Freddie Long Band, 5-9 p.m.

#### **SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE**

66th Street, Ocean City 410-723-6762 / www.skyebaroc.com Jan. 31-Feb. 1: Dalton Elliott (from American Idol), 4-8 p.m.

### WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17, Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 410-208-3922 /www.whiskersbar.com Jan. 31: Karaoke w/ Donnie Berkey



## **NEW CENSATION**

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# Beach Club parking, pool coupons

(Jan. 30, 2020) Included in the Ocean Pines Association budget process this year are several changes that will affect Beach Club parking passes and pool coupons.

For Beach Club parking, the biggest change is that the sale of parking passes will no longer include pool coupons.

According to General Manager John Viola, "A work group was formed to address the board's request for a review to separate the Beach Club parking permit from the pool passes. The team, compromised of membership Supervisor Ruth Ann Myer, Director of Amenities and Operational Logistics Colby Phillips, Director of Finance and Operational Logistics Steve Phillips, Aquatics Manager Kathleen Cook, and Senior Executive Secretary Michelle Bennett, have proposed the following:"

- Beach Club parking only passes would increase about 9 percent, from \$165 to \$180.
- Beach Club parking passes with pool photo ID and pool access cards would be discontinued and no longer an option for purchase.
- Beach Club parking permits sold with other memberships would increase about 9 percent, from \$115 to
- · Realtor bundles would be discontinued and no longer an option for purchase.



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Included in the Ocean Pines Association budget process this year are several changes that will affect Beach Club parking passes and pool coupons.

 Beach Club pool entries would now be available using a regular pool membership, cash entry fee at the door, or discounted visit purchases via coupons, which will now be loaded onto the membership card.

"These changes will simplify membership options in what has become a very complex and confusing menu," Steve Phillips said.

Regarding the "legacy" coupons and Beach Club parking passes sold

before May 1, 2019 and due to expire April 30, Ocean Pines will extend the expiration of these balances to April 30, 2021, provided that the member provides the membership department staff with the actual card containing the balance by April 30.

For questions, contact the membership and assessment office at 410-641-7717, or email membership and assessment Supervisor Ruth Ann Meyer at rmeyer@oceanpines.org.

## **Morris joins AGH** senior leadership as VP patient care

(Jan. 30, 2020) Atlantic General Hospital officials have announced that Dr. Matthew Morris has joined the orga-

> nization's senior leadership to serve as vice president of patient care services/chief nursing officer.

Morris succeeds Colleen Wareing, who has served in this role for the past 15 years.

Morris has been a

registered nurse for more than 20 years, earning his Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB) and a Master of Science in health services leadership and management from UMB, before completing a Doctor of nursing practice degree at the University of Alabama.

**Matthew Morris** 

He is also a board certified nurse executive through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

He has worked in progressive nursing leadership roles in several hospitals in the Baltimore area, most recently serving as the director of nursing for the Surgery and the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation units for The Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Morris has also been actively involved in nursing and leadership development for a number of years, most recently as adjunct faculty and a member of the Nursing Advisory Board at Cecil College.

"Colleen Wareing has made an indelible mark on the fabric of the culture at AGH and she has shaped the stellar nursing practices that are in place here today," said Michael Franklin, president and chief executive officer of Atlantic General Hospital. "We are sad to see her go and her retirement from Atlantic General is bittersweet, but we are fortunate to have gained another great leader in Matt Morris. I look forward to working with him."

Morris began his duties at Atlantic General on Jan. 6.

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.

Built through the commitment and generosity of a dedicated community, Atlantic General's main facility in Berlin combines the warmth of personalized attention with the reassurance of medical expertise and advanced technology.

The not-for-profit hospital provides quality specialty care in oncology, medical and surgical weight loss, orthopedics, and women's diagnostics among other services.

Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 40 primary care providers and specialists, cares for residents and visitors throughout the region.

For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org.

# **OPA** board approves new job titles

(Jan. 30, 2020) The Ocean Pines Board on Jan. 4 unanimously approved several changes to the organizational chart, including title changes for four key staff members.

The new titles include Director of Amenities and Operational Logistics Colby Phillips, Director of Finance and Operational Logistics Steve Phillips, Senior Executive Assistant Michelle Bennett, and General Manager of Golf John Malinoski.

In introducing a formal motion, Director Colette Horn said the changes were based on "a comprehensive operations assessment ... conducted by the general manager in conjunction with the recently completed compensation study."

Sibson Consulting conducted the study, which started late last summer and finished in November.

Horn said only the senior executive assistant position would come with a change in pay.

"This structure has proven its effectiveness, as reflected in operational efficiencies and accomplishments achieved over the past six months,"

Horn said director of amenities and operational logistics would replace the old director of operations position, because "the new position title more accurately reflects the scope of responsibility and authority that has evolved within that position.'

She added the new senior executive assistant title would replace the executive assistant position.

"This new title reflects the expanded scope of responsibility and authority, and carries additional compensation," pending approval of the proposed fiscal year 2020/2021 budget, Horn said. She added the two other title changes would not come with changes in responsibility.

Director Frank Daly said the new organizational chart was "a long time coming."

"This is embodying a year's work and, as I told somebody earlier this week, [it's a] move from a damnable culture of indifference to a culture of operating excellence, and I fully support it," he said.

Association President Doug Parks credited General Manager John Viola and his team for helping to move the Association forward.

"Looking at operationally what Ocean Pines needs [and] making the necessary adjustments to the staffing and the organizational structure is a byproduct of a year's worth of analysis

[and] a year's worth of understanding what it's going to take to run this organization, not only now, but for the long term," Parks said. "I'm in full support of not only this motion, but [also] the work that's been done to get us to this point."

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle agreed.

"I've had the privilege over the last year of working very closely with the people involved with this process the two people whose job descriptions are being impacted as well as the GM - and we've got stellar people and they're doing a great job, and I really think this is a great move on the part of the GM to present this," he said.

"These guys have done incredible work," Horn added. "I think the GM has provided incredible leadership with respect to the concepts of cross training and bench strength.

These positions have evolved as the duties have been carried out and assigned to the individuals," she continued. "They've done a stellar job as reflected in our bottom line, and in the morale improvements and the overall operational efficiencies.'

To view a video of the meeting, https://youtu.be/6qM2p6qvOXU.

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## Puzzles

#### **BIOTECHNOLOGY** BY VICTOR BAROCAS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Victor Barocas is a professor of biomedical engineering at the University of Minnesota with more than 100 published works in the field. Given his profession, the genesis of this puzzle (spelled out at 71-Across) is probably obvious. Besides the theme, Victor included colorful fill like 8- and 29-Across and 8-, 43-, 56-, 82- and 100-Down — all of which help make for enjoyable solving. This is Victor's 14th crossword for The Times and his fifth Sunday in the past year. — W.S.

#### ACROSS

- 1 Homeowner's action, for short
- 5 Things blockers block 8 1979 film inspired by
- Janis Joplin's life
- 15 Indistinct shape
- 19 Receptionist on "The
- Office"
- 20 Be bothered by 22 Island nation west of Fiji
- 23 Possible consequence of default, in brief
- 24 Wildflower with spiky, purplish blooms
- 25 Secure
- 26 Ruling family of Edward I
- 27 Finished
- 28 Adam's (water)
- 29 Hole in one's head 31 Humpty Dumpty, e.g.
- 32 "Dallas" family name
- 33 The Anne of "Anne of the Thousand Days'
- 35 Feverish
- 36 Put back on 38 Insinuating
- 40 James who won an Emmy two years in a row for the same role on different shows
- 42-
- 45 Ignorant person, in slang
- 47 Security-system array 87 Fall color providers
- 49 Total

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- 51 Angered by
- 53 Ancient monuments
- Gaston \_\_\_\_\_, "The Phantom of the 54 Gaston Opera" novelist
- 55 Latte choice, informally
- 58 The "she" in the lyric "She would merengue and do the cha-cha'
- 59 W.W. I French biplane
- 60 Capital of Albania
- 61 Like much of Iowa 63 1980 Olympic hockey
- champs
- 66 Up
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- 71 Biological manipulation by this puzzle
- 74 First African-American Davis Cup player
- 75 Beethoven's birthplace
- 76 Comprehension
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- vestments de Triomphe
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- Leaguer to hit 500 home runs
- 88 Some instant coffees
- 90 Cheyenne Mountain org.
- 92 Stavs out of
- 93 Closes in a thin membrane

- 95 Disappointing response to an application
- 98 Remarkable ability of a starfish
- 99 Use a rototiller on,
- say
- 101 Lack of variation 103 "ER" actress Laura
- 105 Turn out
- 106 Service with more than 1.5 billion users
- 107 Home of the Latino Walk of Fame,
- informally 108 Composer of the "London"
- symphonies
- 113 Anti-athlete's foot brand
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  - 117 -
  - 119 Provider of child support?
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  - 121 Polynesian carving
  - 122 Dreamer 123 Half in advance?
  - 124 Unique individual
  - 125 Starting point
  - 126 Broadway's " Todd"
  - 127 "Hamilton" Tony nominee Phillipa
  - Loch \_\_\_\_, site of Urquhart Castle 128 Loch

#### DOWN

- 1 Goes through physical therapy
- 2 Anon

- 3 Beethoven's only opera
- 4 As a rule
- 5 City that ancient Greeks called Philadelphia
- 6 Christian with a big house
- 7 Winter vehicle
- 8 Mike and Carol Brady,
- 9 Berry receiving much attention in the 2000s
- 10 Bambi's aunt
- 11 Bit of ancient script
- 12 Ingredient in some health-food supplements
- 111 Big e-cigarette brand 13 Not occurring naturally
  - 14 Romanian-born writer once in the French Academy
  - 15 Cook on the outside 16 Tribe of Moses and
  - Aaron 17 Available to the public
  - 18 Wimbledon champ,
  - 1976-80
  - 21 First takes
  - 29 Gag item floating in Halloween punch
  - 30 Brother on "Frasier"
  - 32 Breadwinner
  - 34 Ancient Dead Sea land
  - 37 Woozy
  - 39 -40 Rooms with views
  - 41 Forecast
  - 43 Phrase of agreement
- 44 Subject for Kinsey 46 Olden Tokyo
  - 48 Flower part

- 50 Roman emperor before Hadrian
- 52 "Nyah, nyah!" e.g. 55 Nursery sight
- 56 Insurance for the crash-prone
- 57 Big story

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- 60 Start of a countdown
- 62 Composer Schoenberg
- 64 Repair material
- 65 Skeptically
- 67 Apostle called "the Zealot"
- 69 Launched

- 71 Didn't know but said something anyway 72 Midlength records, for
- short 73 Full of spirit
- 78 From Shiraz or Tabriz
- 80 Country star Womack
- 82 Greenbacks 84 1990s-2000s compact
- car 85 Smelter's supply
- 87 Locale for un
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- animal 91 Rackets

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- 94 Smiles smugly
- 96 Twist together
- 97 X's 100 Chafe
- 102 QB protection squads
- 104 Companions of Dionysus
- 105 John Wilkes Booth's actor brother 106 Wikipedia's logo
- 112 Magazine with the motto "Cure

109 Devoted

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110 Make into a couple

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**HARD - 62** 

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

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## Answers to last week's puzzles

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# Calendar

## Thurs., Jan. 30

#### STORY TIME 'MUSIC'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### STORY TIME 'TURTLES AND DINOSAURS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. For ages 2 to 5 years. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Anne Waples, awaples@atlanticgeneral.org, 443-614-5720

#### **FIRESIDE CHAT**

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:00 PM. Join this lively chat about favorite good reads and get some ideas on new authors and genres. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **BINGO FOR A CAUSE**

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:30 PM. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Food, snacks and desserts will be available for purchase. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door or buy 6 tickets for \$100 and get a reserved table. Proceeds benefit the Eastern Shore Walk to End Alzheimer's. Reserve your spot: 443-746-0494, 443-210-2007 or 443-664-8220.

## **BEACH SINGLES**

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

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT**

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

## Fri., Jan. 31

#### FIBER FRIENDS

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

#### **VIETNAM WAR TET 52**

Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, 11144 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD. This year the TET 52 Wreath will be placed at noon at the memorial recognizing the 52nd Anniversary and to honor those who fought in the TET Offensive of 1968. Also, a moment will be taken for those who did not return from this victory. The event is held rain or shine. Following the program there will be social time at Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion with lunch being served.

#### **BINGO FOR BABIES BONANZA!**

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 PM. Doors open at 5 p.m. Every Friday in January the Knights of Columbus Ocean City Council #9053 will donate all proceeds to The Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health. Cost is \$22 to play all night. Refreshments available. http://www.koc9053.com

## Sat., Feb. 1

## CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'WINTER ANIMALS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Crafty fun for children of all ages. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### FREE TAX PREPARATION!

Northside Park, 200 125 th Street, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Get Your Income Tax done for Free by Certified IRS volunteers. Free Efile. By Appointment only. Please bring Last year's taxes, ID and social security cards. 443-373-2667

#### **VALENTINES DAY CARD MAKING**

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Stop in and make a card for someone special. For all ages. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

## FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, non-fiction and creative writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop-in welcome. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

## **ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET**

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36536 Mount Pleasant Road, 11:00 AM. Menu includes chicken, vegetables, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$14 for adults, \$7 for children and free to those 5 and younger. Bake table and carry outs available.

## **FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET**

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

## Sun., Feb. 2

#### **SUPER BOWL SCRAMBLE**

Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Road. Tailgate party begins at 9 a.m. with brunch served. Kick off is at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. Tickets cost \$60 and include green fees, cart, tailgate party and Melanie's Blitz Soup served at half time. Also included is Throw the Bomb on the third hole. Prizes will be awarded for winning teams. https://www.eagleslandinggolf.com/golf-extras

## Mon., Feb. 3

## **CPAP MASK FITTING**

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

### **HYPERTENSION CLINIC**

Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., #600, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Genie, 410-641-9268

## THE MOBILE MENTOR

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Providing one-on-one assistance for those who want to make the most of their tablet or mobile device. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

## **GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 PM. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections recommended by the Great Books Foundation. 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

## STORY TIME 'PENGUINS AND POLAR BEARS'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4:30 PM. For 2 to 5 year old children. 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 Campion, 410-641-0157

## **JUGGLING FOR BEGINNERS**

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. Learn the basics of juggling. No experience necessary. RSVP: 410-632-3495. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

## **AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Speaker and education related to diabetes is provided. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education, 410-208-9761

#### **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., Feb. 4

## **RELAY FOR LIFE INTEREST MEETING**

St. John's United Methodist Church, 8829 Lewis Road, Berlin, 6:00 PM. Find out what's new for 2020 and register a team. Relay For Life will be held Friday, May 8 at Frontier Town Campground. www.relayforlife.org/northworcestermd

## FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP

Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center Conference Room, 9707 Healthway Drive, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. A cooperative effort for local Worship Centers and Atlantic General Hospital & Health System to increase health awareness, education and healthy living incentives. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

## STEAM STORYTIME 'LET'S EXPLORE SHAPES'

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 10:30 AM. Shape stories and activities for young children. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

## STORY TIME 'LOVE IS IN THE AIR'

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. For children ages 2 to 5 years. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **MAKING WIRED CRYSTAL JEWELRY**

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Create your own jewelry using a crystal and wire. Materials included. Sign-up: 410-524-1818. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

## \$1 TACO NIGHT

Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Road, 2:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Featuring chicken tacos, beef tacos, sides, drinks and desserts. All items cost \$1. Dine in or carry out. All proceeds benefit SDHS. 410-632-2880

## FAMILY TIME 'CODING'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Learn to code using Scratch, Sphere BB8 robots and Cubetto.

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#### **'MEET THE ARTISTS' RECEPTION**

Berlin library, Second Floor Gallery, 13



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## **BOWL CRAWL**

The New Year's Day Bowl Crawl is an annual non-competitive event bringing the local skate community together to enjoy area parks. For the sixth annual event, skaters visited Epworth Skatepark in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, then Ocean Pines and Salisbury skate parks. The group is pictured in Ocean Pines.

## **CALENDAR**

Harrison Ave., 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. The Worcester County Arts Council's February/March exhibit will feature local artists Lisa Marie Penn and Martha Peleggi. This event is free and open to the public. The exhibit will be on display until March 30.

## **VAPE COMMUNITY FORUM**

Stephen Decatur High School, auditorium, 9913 Seahawk Road. The community is welcome to join the discussions at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

### **MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. The Maryland Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972 and is awarded after successful completion of the course. The course is held Feb. 4, 5 and 6. The \$15 fee includes all three nights. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807 or CGAUX1205@gmail.com.

## 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. SLCGS@comcast.net

## **GRACE PARKER BREAKFAST**

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM. All-you-can-eat eggs to order, bacon, ham, sausage, biscuits, potatoes, grits, pancakes (plain or buckwheat), coffee and tea. Cost is \$9. Eat-in or carry-out.

## WITTY KNITTERS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Knitters, crochet enthusiasts, needle artists of all skill levels are invited.

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#### **LAP TIME**

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. Songs, stories, games and finger plays for children under 2 years old. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

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Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. Shape stories and activities for young children. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

## **HYPERTENSION CLINICS**

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin and at Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Genie, 410-641-9268

## **EAT WELL/PAINT WELL**

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Local artist Joanne Guilfoil teaches about the produce industry in Berlin, including a tasting, before students visually study, draw and paint the food. Register: 410-641-0650. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

## **TEEN SILENT BOOK CLUB**

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM. Bring a book (or borrow one) and read with fellow book lovers. Discuss the books and enjoy some snacks. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### FREE IDENTITY THEFT SEMINAR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Seminar participants will learn how to safeguard personal information and detect suspicious activity. Advice on how to find a resolution to an identity theft situation and restore a victim's good name will also be given. Free and open to the public. Registration required: 410-641-7052. http://OceanPines.org

## **OPA PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 5:00 PM. At the hearing, Ocean Pines Board and staff members will be available to answer questions posted by residents and association members about the recommended budget. View the recommended budget at

https://www.oceanpines.org/wp-content/up-

loads/2020/01/20200124153101435.pd

## **DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital, the group is open to the public and meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Speaker and education related to Diabetes provided. **AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education** program, 410-208-9761

## KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330,

http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org

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Wednesdays - Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Dance to the sounds of the '50s and '60s music. A \$5 donation to benefit Veterans and local charities in the Delmarva region. Members and guests. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 410-208-1151, http://delmarvahanddancing.com

### **OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING**

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## Wed., Feb. 5





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