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ALL SKATE Rehoboth Beach quad skaters, from left, Alyse Ritzler, Phalin Flynn, 9, and Delilah Curry, school a mob of skateboarders at the Ocean Pines Skatepark on Sunday, Feb. 16.

Planning doesn't dig concept

Heavy equipment as tourist attraction?

By Morgan Pilz Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) A construction site tourist attraction is seeking a potential new location in Worcester County, and approached the Berlin Planning Commission on Wednesday, Feb. 12, regarding a concept plan to plan the site on Evans Road.

Heavy Metal Playground is located in Boonsboro, Maryland, and has three business categories including entertainment, corporate events and certifying heavy equipment training. The entertainment portion of the business would allow people to safely operate and play with heavy equipment like excavators and forklifts

The company has offered events for corporations including Google, Amazon, Volvo, Cisco and other organizations as well as nonprofits like Wounded Warriors and American Cancer Society. In addition, it also offers opportunities for the community to allow underprivileged adults and teenagers, the homeless and veterans gain certification in order to pursue a new career for themselves.

The business offers 15 to 45-minute sessions to work with the machinery in a safe, controlled environment like digging holes or playing the company's game of "heavy metal basketball or football." Guests as young as

Owner Mark Stevanus decided to consider adding a new See PLAYGROUND Page 3

OPA board sets budget for next year at \$13M

Some fees will rise, capital reserve fund to receive \$167,000

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Feb. 20,2020) The Ocean Pines Association Board approved the fiscal 2020/2021 budget by a 6-1 vote Monday, with director Steve Tuttle abstaining because of his concerns with earmarking funds for the new capital reserve fund.

Although avoiding increased assessments for nonwaterfront properties, the budget will raise fees for waterfront lots by \$50 to \$1,451.

The OPA Board of Directors approved the associations' operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year that begins on May 1, despite Tuttle's apprehension over what he considered were vague financial commitments.

The new capital reserve fund is budgeted to receive \$167,000 in operating fund transfers in the new fiscal year. Of that, \$67,000 will be used to cover projects, leaving a balance of \$100,000 as of April 30, 2021.

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Choptank Electric Cooperative has retained the services of contractor Tuckahoe Underground, which this week started several months of infrastructure upgrades scheduled to coincide with the underway golf clubhouse construction project in Ocean Pines.

Choptank upgrades its infrastructure in Pines

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) Aiming for improved service delivery in Ocean Pines, Choptank Electric Cooperative this week began several months of infrastructure upgrades to replace lines and equipment, which will piggyback on the

golf clubhouse construction project.

Valerie Connelly, Choptank vice president of government affairs and public relations, said contractor Tuckahoe Underground will be installing equipment on weekdays, with about 90 per-See CHOPTANK Page 6



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Bylaws debates email vote process

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) Concerns over legalese in the Ocean Pines Association bylaws that permit the board of directors to vote by email in circumstances outside a public meeting were raised by the OPA Bylaws and Resolution Committee on Friday.

Committee chairman Jim Trummel said bylaws concerning informal actions taken by the board without a meeting were amended in 2008.

"I have no idea why the wording of that provision changed from pre-2008 to what it is now," he said. "You have to read it the right way to understand the way it's supposed to be done."

Trummel said the current language related to informal board actions in OPA bylaws states any action required or permitted to be taken at a board meeting "may be taken if a unanimous written consent to take action without a meeting is signed by each director."

"There's no recognition that is more than simply approving to vote by email,' he said.

Committee member Keith Kaiser said

the post-2008 revisions are poorly composed and likely require editing.

"It has grammatical errors in it," he said. "It doesn't sound like it's well put together."

Trummel said the earlier bylaws language was more in accordance with Maryland Corporate Code, which requires unanimous consent to "set forth the action."

"The pre-2008 [language] mirrored the provision in the corporate article code for informal action without a meeting [but] the current version does not,' he said.

Kaiser said if the board seeks an informal agreement on a formal matter due diligence is vital to assure transparency.

"We're allowed to do this because it's a unanimous consent to vote, not what the vote will be, that's your concern," he said. "As long as everybody agrees 'yes' or disagrees 'no,' then you can feel pretty confident because that's 100 percent, but if you have dissent ... now there's no discussion because it's just all via email."

Committee member Audrey Wahl said if the board agrees to vote by email outside of a public meeting there should be united consent.

"The point of this vote is to formalize that everybody agrees on something," she said.

Committee member Jeff Knepper questioned if the bylaws language would need to specify a dual unanimous agreement.

"Your protection is you have to have unanimous consent to even have the vote," he said. "That's a pretty strong protection."

Kaiser wondered if simply reaching overall agreement to vote via email compensates for bypassing open meeting discussions.

"To unanimously agree that we'll deal with this later by email, to me that doesn't seem very strong," he said.

Trummel said Ocean Pines resident Joe Reynolds raised the same concern during the board meeting on Feb. 5, at which time OPA President Doug Parks offered to seek a legal opinion on the matter.

"The code says you have to have unanimous consent to the action and file that [which is] only one step," he said. "There's clearly a conflict."

and there are others that do," he said.

He went on to say that sporadic ap-

'Circumstances are preventing her

pearances by bylaws committee board li-

aison Camilla Rogers have slowed its

from getting here a lot and that's a prob-

lem," he said. "The interactions we have

to have with the board ... we need that

Knepper said her presence at more

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have no problem," he said. "I'm not look-

who can't attend a committee's session

might be able to tap another director as

While not critical of Rogers' efforts,

"If you have a pretty high, but not

Kaiser suggested that board liaisons

"It wouldn't be a formal number two

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context and we're not getting that."

meetings would be useful.

substitute representative.

ing for perfection."

progress on procedural matters.

Board liaison concerns examined

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) Members of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors should have a greater understanding of the association's governing documents, the Bylaws and Resolution Committee said last Friday.

Apparently, committee members concluded, board liaisons to the association's advisory committees don't always report a committee's findings to the full board, or are unable to attend meetings where these findings are established.

How to counter these absences, and the break in communications between the committee and the board, could involve several different approaches, including reporting to more people instead of relying on a single board liaison, Committee Chairperson Jim Trummel said.

"There may a be need for us to com-

municate ... to a wider audience, including the board and committees," he said.

'I'm concerned about the lack of knowledge that people, including board members, have about resolution responsibilities, including lack of knowledge of our governance documents," Trummel continued.

Committee member Jeff Knepper suggested establishing procedures to be employed when board liaisons don't attend a meeting. That could include the possibility of creating a liaison alternate position.

"Normally we don't ... but maybe we need two liaison members," he said.

Committee member Keith Kaiser said a phone-in option for board liaisons could be one answer, although Knepper countered that some committees might not need or want that.

"There are some committees that couldn't care ever if there was a liaison

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Playground would feature heavy equipment

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location in either Berlin or near Ocean City because of his interest in the area.

"I've always wanted to come down to this area," Stevanus said. "I've actually done some business down this way in the Ocean City area and this concept came up and working with [a local organization] that said it would be a great idea to come down here for tourism. This opportunity came up in Berlin."

One of the issues Advisor George Merritt noted during the meeting would be concerns about noise, stating that the average vacuum cleaner is heard at 80 decibels and a lawnmower is around 90 decibels, claiming the machinery would be within that sound range.

The facility would be open for use every day, with potential hours being from noon to 8 p.m.

This was considered a problem for Board member John Barrett, who lives across from the concept area, citing noise concerns.

"It's a terrible location," Barrett said. "It's a residential area ... I live right there; I am right across from the field." Several audience members and Board member Pete Cosby also voiced their concerns over potential noise issues, though both Merritt and Stevanus want to assure the public that the park would not be overly noisy and be limited to only three or four machines working at any given time.

Merritt offered to provide results from sound engineers or even a demonstration to show that the site would not be as loud as residents are concerned. However, as the machinery is rented or leased, the company cannot install mufflers to reduce the noise, as was suggested by a member of the crowd.

"We want to make sure this is not an issue," Stevanus said. "We do not want to be disruptive."

Stevanus hopes to place his business in Berlin with the hopes of driving tourism, with his company being able to offer coupons and other discounts to local businesses (like he has done in his Boonsboro location).

The Planning Commission will consider his proposal and get back to a more definite decision by the following monthly meeting.

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Bylaws debates liaison functions

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or back-up, it would just be their responsibility to make sure one of them attended," he said.

But were that the case, the substitute would have to understand a committee's work to be effective, said member Audrey Wahl.

Kaiser responded that if the alternate could be quickly educated about a committee's work, that would offer additional benefits.

"If the board were responsible for providing either the primary liaison, or somebody else in their stead, then it becomes sort of an educational exposure issue," he said.

"Even if they are just sitting in for the day, they get to see what the committee's doing [and] talks about."

Acknowledging that some committee work is not urgent, Wahl said instances do occur when immediate board attention is required. That won't happen, she added, if the directors have no representative present when a critical decision is made.

"We have a lot of discussion, but there are certain things that we really [require] communication between us and the board," she said.

Trummel said the committee would revisit the topic when it can discuss the situation with board liaison Rogers.

By Morgan Pilz Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) The Berlin Chamber of Commerce recognized businesses and individuals during its annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin last Wednesday.

The awards banquet was held by owner John Fager, who praised the Chamber of Commerce for its work in keeping Berlin the "Coolest Small Town in America."

"Berlin has been so successful," Fager said. "We've got to look at the big picture and see how the chamber has made it this far. [The chamber] deserves a lot of credit ... it had its ups and downs, but now we're the caretakers of Berlin. I care about Berlin and I am proud to be a part of it."

Five awards were given to volunteers and businesses from the town. Of those awards, a new one was introduced called the Berlin Anchor Award. This award was created to honor businesses that have become a landmark for visitors and is considered a key representation of the Berlin brand.

"[The] recipient has created and sustained many jobs over the years for local families and donated thousands of dollars to local charities, not to mention the generous donation of



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Tom Sholtis is named the Volunteer of the Year during the Berlin Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

thousands of dollars to sponsor chamber events over the years," President Steve Frene said. "This person has served on the board of directors as chamber president and chaired many events."

Berlin Chamber awards recipients

The award was presented to Debbie Frene, former owner of Victorian Charm and Frene's wife.

"I love Berlin," Debbie said. "I will always be here and I will always support Berlin." She also received citations from the governor's office and the Maryland Senate from Sen. Mary Beth Carozza.

The award recipients were:

Tom Sholtis – Volunteer of the Year

Action Island Screen Printing – Chamber Partner of the Year

Titan Fitness – Emerging Business of the Year

Jess Hall - Bright Idea Award







(Above) Former Victorian Charm owner Debbie Frene is announced the inaugural recipient of the Berlin Anchor Award, presented to her by her husband and president of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, Steve, during the awards banquet at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin on Wednesday, Feb. 12. (Left) Titan Fitness is named the Emerging Business of the Year. The owners were not able to attend so the award was accepted by Allison Early of the Economic Development Department.

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Berlin Council Briefs

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) Department reports during the Berlin mayor and Town Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 10, shared updates on the census, electrical work and water repairs around town.

Census data

Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen wants to remind the town of the importance of completing the 2020 US Census for the sake of Berlin, if not Worcester County.

"[The census] will play into the drawing of legislative districts, including town election districts," Bohlen said.

She also used the current concerns regarding the spread of the coronavirus as another reason why it is so important to have as close to accurate data as possible.

"The virus is in the forefront of the news ... one of the pieces of information that [I] was given at the meeting I attended was in the event of an epidemic in the area, the CDC will look at population numbers for that area," she added. "They will send out medicine accordingly. If they don't have accurate numbers and those numbers are always going to be underrepresented, rather than overcounted, they won't send enough medicine."

The 2020 Census will be open from April 1 to July 31. For more information, visit https://planning.maryland.gov/.

Electric work

Electric Director Tim Lawrence discussed the repairs and replacements the electric department made throughout the town, including the replacement of a pole on West Street, installation of an underground service on Franklin Avenue, installation of a solar panel for a homeowner (adding the total number of solar panels in the town to 43 systems) and reported the results from a damaged traffic control box on Germantown Road.

Water update

Jamey Latchum discussed the results from the damaged water valve that leaked on the intersection of Broad and West Street, which took over 18 hours to complete. Latchum thanked the State Highway Administration in his report for giving the town a land closure needed to reroute traffic during construction by closing the entire street, stating "When in need, people show up."



Pines directors pass new budget at \$13M

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"We've approved for \$67,000, not \$167,000," he said. "We've talked about [putting] that \$100,000 into the new capital fund, but we haven't talked about what it's for."

Board member Dr. Colette Horn said a plan to build an additional room at the Sports Core Pool to accommodate rentals was the intended project for the \$100,000 balance. The total cost of that project is expected to be \$250,000.

"We had discussed that we were intending to approve the addition to the Sports Core Pool," she said.

Horn said the project's final tally would be determined by a new group tasked with investigating the proposed room addition.

OPA Treasurer Larry Perrone said depositing \$167,000 in the new capital reserve fund was recommended by the budget and finance committee during budget review.

"The idea this was not discussed or agreed to is not true," he said. "The purpose of the new capital fund is basically acting like a savings account."

Perrone said if further funds are put aside after the initial allotment, sufficient money would be available to complete the room addition within a couple of years.

Despite being previously opposed to the new capital fund, Tuttle said he had changed course.

"I did not support the new capital fund but have been supportive of it since casting the one vote that was opposed to it at that time," he said.

Regardless of preliminary conversations about the Sports Core project, Tuttle asked if a formal decision had been reached, while also espousing the need for a strategic plan to chart progress.

"We [need to] identify what the projects are going to be," he said. "That we have a strategic plan in place putting aside money and designating it towards a particular room that hasn't even been approved yet, to me, is inappropriate."

OPA President Doug Parks agreed with Tuttle about putting money

aside without clearly defined projects.

"We're establishing a fund that needs to be controlled and managed properly," he said.

Parks said delaying earmarking funds would serve to push project completion out further.

"Arguably it would be three more years until we could do anything," he said. "It would elongate the timeline unnecessarily."

Parks also stressed the importance of involving the OPA Strategic Planning Committee.

"The strategic planning committee is going to be critical ... before we do any further funding of that account," he said.

Horn also noted that a work group has been established to examine the proposed expansion at the Sports Core Pool.

Board member Frank Daly said there have been recent directives to revamp the underutilized strategic planning committee, while also noting fiscal hurdles have stymied further progress.

"We have had to dig through so many issues that the idea of doing that strategic plan ... it hasn't fallen by the wayside, it's just not a completed process," he said. "We have the building blocks there but haven't connected." Property assessment rates in the approved budget remained in line with the figures included in the recommended budget published on Jan. 24.

In total, assessment fees from 8,452 properties are budgeted at \$9.1 million for the upcoming fiscal year, up roughly \$50,000 from the \$9.05 million collected during the current fiscal year.

Assessment charges for next fiscal year remain unchanged for the 6,716 non-waterfront lots at \$986, but 1,361 waterfront properties will see an increase from the current charge of \$1,451 to \$1,501 during fiscal 2020/2021.

The increase in assessment fees, which were tied to long delayed but now in-progress bulkhead repairs.

Although not eliminating assessment fees for 19 Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department resident members, a waiver for cable and internet will match those figures.

The new budget figures on total revenues of just over \$13 million over the course of the next fiscal year.

Reserve account balances, which include replacement reserves, bulkheads/waterways, roads and new capital reserves, reflect an overall fluctuation of \$200,000, with a forecast balance of roughly \$4.4 million to close the current fiscal year and a \$4.6 million ending balance in the fiscal 2020/2021 budget that closes on April 30, 2021.

Despite those reserve fund totals, the budget includes substantial dollars for a number of ongoing building and infrastructure projects, including operating fund transfers of \$2.8 million and casino fund transfers of \$325,000, which are offset by total expenditures of approximately \$3.1 million.

Detailing each account, replacement reserves has a forecasted balance of \$2.7 million to end the current fiscal year and is budgeted to end next fiscal year at \$3.9 million.

During fiscal 2020/2021 ,replacement reserves are budgeted to receive \$1.8 million in transfers from operating funds, offset by about \$718,000 in capital expenditures.

Bulkheads and waterway reserves have a forecasted balance of \$1.1 million to end the current fiscal year and are budgeted to end next fiscal year at \$638,000, with \$892,000 in transfers from operating funds and \$1.4 million in repair expenses included.

Road reserves have a forecasted balance of \$568,000 to end fiscal 2019/2020, and after a \$325,000 transfer from casino funds with \$936,000 in repair costs and is budgeted to end fiscal 2020/2021 at \$638,000.

Choptank upgrading infrastructure

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cent of work being completed around the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

"Ocean Pines identified this as the most appropriate time with the golf course work underway," she said.

The repairs are not anticipated to involve any road closures or detours, with work trucks primarily parked on Brandywine Drive and Hingham Lane.

Connelly said the goal is installing a tie-line to detour electricity and bypass service outages. "If electricity went down in one area, we would be able to reroute it quickly," she said.

If power lines faltered, the bypass option would provide improved reliability and redundancy in the future, Connelly said.

Another advantage during cold weather is avoiding freezing conditions for residents if power outages occur while demand is high for home heating.

"We can move the load around and spread out as people demand it," she said.

Although just getting underway, the repairs are slated to be completed in time for the opening of the new golf clubhouse.

"It will all be restored to the original state and done by the time of the clubhouse," she said. "All in the name of redundancy and reliability."

Choptank Electric Cooperative members can ask questions about the project by calling 1-877-892-0001 during regular business hours, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Berlin Planning Commission approves plans

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) Two site plans were approved and one concept plan was reviewed during the Berlin Planning Commission meeting last Wednesday.

Main Place site plan

Developer Palmer Gillis asked for and received the commission's endorsement of plans to place a fifth building in Berlin Main Place on North Main Street. Gillis, president of Salisbury firm Gillis Gilkerson Inc., previously applied to the Berlin Planning Office for a building permit for a proposed 10,000-square-foot medical office building at the site near the corner of Routes 818 and 50.

According to Gillis, the building will follow the footprint of a fourth building that was approved four months earlier.

Treated effluent found effective to water golf greens

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) Employing treated wastewater to irrigate golf course greens has become an increasingly popular and environmentally sound alternative to tapping ground water at clubs across the U.S., according to a national study of the practice.

Glen Riddle Golf Course Superintendent Butch Howard said advantages have been noted since local courses joined a host of facilities across the country that spray treated wastewater on their fairways instead of drawing on drinking water supplies.

"I think a great alternative is to use recycled water for agriculture purposes, in our case golf courses," he said.

The spray irrigation procedure at Glen Riddle begins with storing treated effluent in a holding tank.

"The water is transferred to our irrigation pond and then we put it on the course," he said.

The Golf Course Superintendents See RECYCLED Page 8





This rendering shows the plans for a fifth building to be developed on Berlin Main Place on North Main Street, as presented to the Berlin Planning Commission on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Franklin Avenue site plan

Representatives from South Moon Under offices received approval of a new paved driveway off Franklin Avenue located northwest of Route 113. The size of the property in total is 15.2 acres. According to representative Brittany Dawson, the owner of the property sought approval for the driveway in preparation of developing lots 683 and 684.

"There is currently no access to these properties from any road right-of-way," she said. "The access will not be granted from Route 113, so access must be planned for Franklin Avenue."

The paved driveway would also expand parking for lot 683, which the developers hope will entice more leases once there is better access to the site and with more established parking.

During the meeting, a resident expressed concern for a daycare operation located near the properties, citing safety concerns for both parents and children if the roads are paved and lead to speeding.

Attorney Chris Carbaugh, who represents the company, responded to the concern.

"What we're trying to do by increasing the efficiency of the parking lot is making for better circulation of the cars," he said. "Right now, it is tight to move around, so we're looking to come in with appropriate drive aisles of 24 feet and 10 by 20 (feet) parking spaces. That should really help with the vehicular circulation and minimize that situation." The motion was passed on the condition that more landscaping is considered for the plots, as requested by Board member Pete Cosby.

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Sonrise Church

Pastor Daryl McCready of Sonrise Church located along Routes 113 and 818 asked the commission to approve the lot lines for the church in order to create an entrance road for all three lots. Currently, the only road access is trough one lot.

However, because there was a discrepancy on the site plans that failed to show the main road access, as well as some confusion regarding the property lines, the commission decided to hold its decision until the land is resurveyed and the plans demonstrate the right road access.



Derrickson Square concept approved by Berlin Planning

By Morgan Pilz Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) The Berlin Planning Commission approved a concept plan review by Property owner John Derrickson on Wednesday, Feb. 12, that promotes his concept plan for two multi-purpose buildings that will be used for both commercial and residential use.

Derrickson and Architect Steve Cirile approached the commission for approval of a mixed-use property that would be located on 9913 Old Ocean City Blvd, directly across from Cheers Beer, Wine and Spirits and within walking distance of Historic Berlin.

The properties will have three office spaces available on the first floor per building and three three-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments approximately 1,440 square feet each on the second level. There would be 12 designated parking spaces for the second floor, residential renters within the proposed parking lot, as well as bike rack accessibility. There will also be three 4x4 storage lockers



This rendering demonstrates the potential finished product for a mixed project development on Old Ocean City Blvd as provided to the Berlin Planning Commission on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

for the apartments. The second-floor apartments would be leased for \$2,000-2,500 a month.

The properties would also have a walkway with space for lights, benches and other landscaping opportunities, Cirile added. Most importantly, the new buildings would be designed to look exactly like old Berlin.

"We had it mimic old Berlin in its detailing and brick downstairs and the typical wood detailing you'd see down Main Street," he said.

"When I first bought the property, I wanted to do something nice, so we made the back of the building to look like the front of the building," Derrickson said. "Because there are homes there that were just built that make it have a two front [appearancel."

Ensuring the property looks like Main Street Berlin is important because according to Cirile, it will become "the gateway of old Berlin."

Between the buildings will be a walkway that connects them to one another.

Board member Pete Cosby approved of the landscaping concept despite the lack of sidewalks that the town typically uses, with Cirile noting the plan "took great pains to make the building look like it's been there and has that 19th century charm."

Recycled water use for golf course irrigation

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Association of America's Water Task Group and Environmental Programs Committee commissioned Dr. Ali Harivandi, a national researcher and educator, to conduct a study of golf course irrigation using recycled water.

The study defines recycled water as "any water that has undergone one cycle of human use, and after treatment, is suitable for limited reuse, including irrigation."

Howard said the quality of treated effluent used at Glen Riddle surpasses the output from wastewater plants in previous years.

"The way they treat water now, it comes out a lot cleaner than it used to,' he said. "It's approaching potable water levels '

Harivandi's study found that recycled water is also referred to as reclaimed, effluent, treated effluent or treated sewage water.

The study also outlined three stages of processing wastewater - primary, secondary and tertiary treatment.

Primary treatment typically involves a screening process to purge organic and inorganic solids, while the secondary stage comprises biological processes that break down and metabolize complex organic matter for removal.

The more advanced tertiary wastewater treatment involves steps comparable to preparing potable water, potentially including absorbing compounds with a bed of activated charcoal.

Howard said one consideration, and a problem with using recycled water, are higher concentrations of dissolved mineral salts, such as magnesium, potassium, sodium, sulfate, and chlorides.

"The only thing you really have to watch with effluent water is your salt index, because that can have a negative impact on your plants," he said.

Harivandi's study found several conditions that can make damage to vegetation by these salts more likely. These include low annual precipitation, high average temperatures and slow-draining soils. But when wastewater irrigation works, it works well.

"You drive right by, people play golf and there's no discernable odor," he

said. "It's not like it's a port-a-pot smell or something like that.'

The growing trend of using recycled water for agricultural applications also appears to answer the question of how to handle increased wastewater disposal needs that follow population sprawl.

"As these housing developments go up, municipalities have to find a way to get rid of this treated water," he said.

Howard said the potential uses for treated wastewater are not limited to golf courses, and that irrigation is always better than pumping treated effluent into area waterways.

"Now we use it for irrigation water, which filters the water yet again as it goes through the soil," he said.





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Local dairy farm offering home deliveries

By Morgan Pilz Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) The old days of having milk delivered to your front door is no longer a piece of history, as Chesapeake Bay Farms has decided to bring back the tradition and then some by creating its own local grocery delivery system.

Owners Daniel and Laura Holland are third generation farmers on the over 70-years-old farm and have decided to bring back the milk delivery system, taking pride in owning what they say is the last dairy farm in Worcester County.

In addition to dairy, the farm has crops and more than 250 animals. Originally, the milk was sent to a dairy distributer, but the Hollands came to realize it would be less expensive and more sustainable for them to process their own products on the farm.

"We were shipping our milk out of state and bringing it back into cheese and ice cream, and we opened the retail outlet in Berlin and we got a demand for wholesale," Laura Holland said. "The people that were making the product couldn't keep up. So, we said the only way to make it work is if we made everything here."

The processing plant was built in 2011, though the Hollands began their delivery service almost three weeks ago.

Holland said she was inspired by the success of global conglomerate Amazon and realized deliveries would help sell products during the slower, winter months.

"For six months a year, from like April to October, we're slammed because it's ice cream season," Holland said. "We figured this would help with milk sales off-season, especially and when it's really not economical for us to keep our stores open full time because it's slow.

"We see Amazon and these companies that have taken off because people want the convenience, and we're the only local milk, so we figured, let's give it a whirl and see what happens," she continued. "Especially in our Berlin store. People would call and say, 'I can't get over there ... is there any way could you just drop by a gallon of milk or some butter?' We do this especially for the elderly clients. So we figured, let's just make it official."

The delivery service has seen positive reviews, the Hollands say.

All of the products made in Chesapeake Bay Farms are FDA certified. Some of the products available for delivery besides milk are cheeses, butter, ice cream, beef, pork, jellies, jams, oysters, crab meat, artisanal breads, honey and, upon receiving FDA approval, yogurt. All products are created at the farm in Pocomoke City with the exception of the breads, which come from a local baker.

In addition, the farm is offering limited edition ice cream flavors only available through delivery and is not sold in the Pocomoke or Berlin stores.

Delivery options range from once a

week, every other week, once a month or at specified dates. Currently, the farm can deliver to Pocomoke City, Snow Hill, Fruitland, Salisbury, Willards, Berlin and Ocean Pines, though they do expect to expand into other locations and add even more products available for delivery.

Currently, there are no plans to deliver during the summer season in Ocean City, given how crowded the resort can get, though the Hollands may look into offering deliveries during the offseason, they said.

"In the immediate future ... no, and that's only because we deliver wholesale and we have a lot of wholesale clients in Ocean City, and we fight that traffic in the summer four months a year," Holland said. "It's just not cost-effective for us. So we might toy with the idea of [delivering there] offseason." For residents in Ocean City, products can be preordered and picked up at the Berlin location.

There is a delivery fee of \$5 for orders less than \$50. Orders above \$50 are delivered without the fee. Supplies arrive in a cooler that is left in front of the customer's doorstep and can be swapped out for a new one during the next delivery for credit toward future deliveries.

"It's supporting only local farms and we're bringing the farmer's market to you," Holland said. "We are your only option for local milk."

To order or see what is available for delivery, visit

www.supportlocalcows.com/ or call headquarters between Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 443-373-8487 or the Berlin store at 410-629-1997.



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Laura and Daniel Holland have started their own local farm-to-table delivery service from Chesapeake Bay Farms headquartered in Pocomoke City, spanning from Pocomoke City to Fruitland to Ocean Pines.



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Snapshots





SWEET DESIGNS

(Right) Ocean Pines residents Alisha Sethi, 8, and her grandmother, Sevita, center, and mother, Ramesh, design donuts during Donut Wars at the Worcester County Library Berlin branch on Saturday, Feb. 15. (Above) Macii Kinard, 5, of Pocomoke City, has a very vivid display of colors for her sweet treats (and mouth).



TOP FINISHER

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Stephen Decatur High School junior Cole Woodland finished first in the region and sixth in the state in the 2019 fall session of the SIFMA Foundation Stock Market Game. Woodland netted over 17 percent on a virtual \$100,000 investment. His brother, Chase, was the school's first ever Stock Market Game state champion. Woodland is pictured with Principal Tom Sites, left, and Business and Economics Teacher Kurt Marx.



GUEST SPEAKER

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The Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club invited Jonathan Petito to its meeting to share his experiences of his first semester attending Salisbury University. He is majoring in elementary education. Petito, a Stephen Decatur High School graduate, is pictured with members of the scholarship committee, Nancy Bradford, President Cliff Berg and Arlan Kinney.



SHOWING SUPPORT

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With proceeds from its annual gift card raffle fundraiser, the Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society adopted a Worcester G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) family for the holidays. The group has been adopting needy families for 15 years. Pictured, in back, are Kayla Janek, Deema Hammad, Elaina Parsons and Ella Peters, and in front, Amber Whittaker, Madison Munn, Sydney Boger and Alexa Upperman.



PAJAMA DRIVE

To help make the holidays a little warmer for those less fortunate in the community, Worcester Prep's Student Government Association and National Honor Society sponsored a "Pajama Drive" for the Pajama Program Eastern Shore Chapter. Upper School students collected and donated more than 200 pairs of pajamas. Pictured, in front, from left, are Brooke Phillips, Anna Williams, Quinn McColgan, Maddy Shanahan, Worcester English Teacher/NHS Advisor Kathleen Otway, and Pajama Program volunteer/United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore Leadership & Planned Giving Officer Cathie Thomas, and in back, Hayes Peterson, Alex Bunting and Gavin Henschel.

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Sound investments for high fidelity

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) After investing roughly \$50,000 with Mid South Audio for high fidelity gear, vastly improved acoustics are anticipated at the Ocean Pines Association Yacht Club ballroom, along with superior sound at the still-under-construction golf course clubhouse.

Marketing and Public Relations Director Josh Davis said the new budget includes approximately \$32,000 for sound gear at the new golf clubhouse and roughly \$17,000 for replacement equipment at the yacht club.

Although not the lowest bidder, Mid South of Georgetown, Delaware was selected because it is a trusted vendor who recently installed a new sound system in the OP community center building, Davis said.

Matt Ortt Companies CEO Ralph DeAngelus welcomed news of the high-end sound equipment acquisitions.

DeAngelus was equally excited about launching the new golf clubhouse with superior sound capabilities as well as addressing previously poor audio at the yacht club.

"That's why they're doing, because it was definitely subpar," he said.

Mid South Audio Associate Director of Operations Mike LeCates said both sound packages feature the Q-SYS Ecosystem by QSC, a scalable and adaptable software-based DSP [digital audio signal processor] platform.

"This platform allows for a fully customized solution for audio control to meet the client's needs," he said. "It also allows for easy integration of other AV assets like projectors, screens, video switchers, etc., all controlled by a single platform with customized ... controls to allow the end users to focus on their business."

LeCates said the golf clubhouse system is centered on the QSC CORE 110f, the smallest of the Q-SYS cores, which has the power of Intel processing, and the reliability of a Linux operating system. "The CORE 110f has eight inputs, eight outputs, and eight flex channels that handle the bulk of inputs and outputs needed for the clubhouse, including local inputs in the meeting room for microphones, local inputs in the restaurant areas for DJs, and even an outdoor input for announcements during Golf tournament," he said.

The clubhouse sound system will include two power amplifiers, both network and analog, that feature FlexAmp and FAST (Flexible Summing Amplifier Technology) and both provide smooth power distribution.

'That's why they're doing, because it was definitely subpar.' Matt Ortt Companies CEO Ralph DeAngelus

"The network amplifier, a QSC CX-Q 2K4, is one of the newest network amplifiers from QSC providing four channels at 500 watts per channel," he said.

The CX-Q amplifier was released in March 2019 by California manufacturer QSC, which has been in operation for over half a century.

"The higher wattage of this amplifier is used for the larger restaurant and meeting room zone of the clubhouse, along with the outdoor speakers designed for paging and announcements during golf tournaments," he said.

LeCates said the analog amplifier, a QSC MP-A8oV, is part of the manufacturers' new commercial amplifier lineup and provides eight channels at 200 watts each.

"This amplifier is designed for high efficiency and low total cost of ownership by using Class-D output circuitry along with power saving features like auto-standby with a seamless autoramp feature when signal returns," he said.

The eight channels offered by the MP-A8oV amplifier will be used for ceiling speakers in multiple zones including the Pro Shop, bag room, club fitting room, main entrance, restrooms, outdoor patio, kitchen, & offices.

"Speakers for the interior of the clubhouse include a combination of QSC Acoustic Design and Acoustic Coverage ceiling speakers," he said.

LeCates said the in addition to nine ceiling speakers, the clubhouse meeting room will also feature a Sony laser projector and Draper electric screen with a local video connection for presentations and events.

The main restaurant will also feature nine ceiling speakers, with an additional 18 for other interior building areas.

"Outdoor areas [including the patio and golf cart staging area] will be covered by One Systems direct weather outdoor loudspeakers that also offer high corrosion resistance even in salt-air," he said.

The new audio setup approved for the yacht club is also built around the Q-SYS Ecosystem and the QSC CORE 110f.

LeCates said the CORE 110f is capable of handling the array of inputs and outputs required for the Yacht Club, including local inputs in the upstairs room for microphones and DJ inputs, along with existing sources and background music sources.

The yacht club's new audio gear also features the QSC MP-A40V amplifier, which provides four channels at 200 watts per, which will power JBL CBT 100LA-1-WH Straight Line Array Column speakers.

"Each amplifier channel gets one speaker and the speakers feature a switchable coverage pattern and an easily adjustable mount to provide the most flexibility for the various applications," he said.

The yacht club system will also include a QSC GX3 amplifier that provides two channels at 300 watts each for the new JBL Control SB-2 Subwoofers.

"These subwoofers are used to round out the sound from the JBL CBT 100LA-1WH and provided additional low end support for DJs and media playback," he said.



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Worcester Tech team wins regional esthetics contest

By Elizabeth Bonin

Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) Danikah Coleman thought she would be happy with a second-place finish in the regional esthetics competition for SkillsUSA at Worcester Technical High School on Feb. 12. Instead, the junior from Stephen Decatur High School won first place for her daytime make-up look and fantasy make-up look along with her model, Dulce Lopez, also a junior at Decatur.

"I just had a wave of joy," Coleman said. "I worked so hard and because of my hard work, it paid off."

Coleman and Lopez will move on to the state competition in Baltimore in April, where the first-place prize is qualifying for the national competition in Louisville, Kentucky, in June.

The duo automatically qualified for the regional competition because other Worcester Tech teams dropped out of the local contest. They ended up being the only team participating in the local competition.

The girls only had a month to prepare for their first regional competition. They competed against four other teams – two from Wicomico, and one each from Dorchester and Caroline counties.

"When I saw there was an opportunity to do a make-up contest for fantasy and mythological stuff, I said, "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, may as well take it," Coleman said.

Worcester Tech's cosmetology instructors, Patty Hands and Rachel Watson, helped the team with Coleman's garden fairy make-up idea. "We noticed her artistic ability, so we were trying to instill self-confidence," Hands said.

She said Coleman won because she followed the state board guidelines, which the participants are judged on, more strictly than her competitors.

"She did things that other students weren't doing and that's why she won," Hands said. "She went way far and beyond."

Competitors are judged on station set-up, clean make-up application, proper blending, creativity and sanitary practices, among other points.

Both Coleman and Lopez have been studying cosmetology at Worcester Tech for a little over a year.

Lopez, who wants to work at a salon after graduation, said she enjoys the two-and-half year program because she is learning a wide range of beauty skills.

"We learn about new things every day," Lopez said. "At first, I didn't know how to put hair color on real people, but now thanks to our teachers, we know how to."

Watson said that the department, which began in the early 1970s, stands out because Worcester County students can take classes to prepare for the license board exams for free, whereas beauty school can cost up to \$25,000.

There are 58 students participating in the Worcester Tech program this year.

Once students have that license, they can go straight to work, or some have earned business degrees and opened their own salons.

"There is just so much you can do

OC Power Squadron to offer safe boating course

(Feb. 20, 2020) The Ocean City Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will present a four-night comprehensive safe boating course at the Ocean Pines Library, beginning on Feb. 24.

This is a nine-hour course and will be given on four consecutive days starting Monday, Feb. 24 and continuing on Feb. 25, 26 and 27. This includes a review and exam on the last day.

On the first day there will be registration from 6-6:30 p.m. Class will begin at 6:30 p.m. The course will take place from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each evening.

There is a \$20 fee for the course and materials. Middle and high school students under age 18 will be admitted free. Anyone born after July 1, 1972, must satisfactorily complete a safe boating class to operate a recreational vessel or personal watercraft in Maryland. Successfully completing this class also satisfies the requirements nationwide.

This course covers basic boat handling, navigation, federal and state regulations, rules of the road, aids to navigation and required equipment, among other topics.

Statistics show that in 82 percent of boating fatalities the captain had no formal boating education. The Ocean City Power Squadron encourages all boaters to complete a boating safety course.

For more information and early registration, call 410-641-6535 or 410-641-8040.



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Watson and Hands, who have

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(Above) Stephen Decatur High School juniors Danikah Coleman, left, and Dulce Lopez, won the SkillsUSA regional esthetics competition at Worcester Technical High School in Newark on Wednesday, Feb. 12. They are pictured with Worcester Tech cosmetology teachers Rachel Watson, back left, and Patty Hands. (Left) Lopez shows off the winning make-up look applied by Coleman.

whole lot of money," Watson said. out immediately and work.' "And, there's not many programs that She and Watson also help

She and Watson also help students travel to and pack their cosmetology kits for the boards, whereas beauty school graduates are on their own and usually need more training once they get to a salon.

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Before the exam, the seniors take a mastery of cosmetology class with Watson and Hands.

"I do intense grading when we have that class," Watson said. "They were so attentive. They worked so hard."

After the boards, the students move on to clinical cosmetology, where they work with a supervisor at a salon for at least 15 hours a week, and most of the time, they get paid.

A year out from their boards, Coleman and Lopez are focusing on the state competition.

"I'm personally advancing the look I did for regionals and making it better and figuring out ways I can make the colors pop a bit more," Coleman said.

She said she's excited, but anxious.

"Each time I move up, there's going to be better and better people I'm competing against," Coleman said. "I used to think it was discouraging, but if I keep thinking it's discouraging, I'll stop believing in myself. I have to keep an open mind but stay humble."

Coleman and Lopez will head to Baltimore on April 17-18. If they win, they will qualify for nationals, held June 22-27, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Death by Chocolate in WOC, Sat.

By Morgan Pilz Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) Participants will have the opportunity to sample an assortment of chocolate treats during the 13th annual "Death by Chocolate" game taking place at 17 West Ocean City businesses, Saturday, Feb. 22.

Players who are 18 and older are encouraged to find specific items, then get their game cards validated inside each store. The game is free to play.

"It was created 13 years ago as a means of getting to know who your local merchants are," Jan Patterson, organizer Death by Chocolate and co-owner of CraZy LadyZ store, said. "For instance, if you didn't need flooring, you would never even go into OC Floor Gallery. But once you go in [there], you realize, 'Oh, my gosh, I didn't realize they did tile."

A complimentary chocolate treat will be provided by each merchant and players who finish the game will have a chance to win a prize, ranging from gift certificates to wireless headphones, a free eye exam or a family movie night package.

A majority of the businesses have participated in Death by Chocolate since its inception, but there are some new stores joining in the fun this year.

To play Death by Chocolate, pick up a game card at any of the 17 participating stores, not including Sunset Grille or Carrabba's Italian Grill. To be eligible for prizes, players must visit all of the merchants, in any order, and find the item asked for, while indulging in complimentary chocolate.

Game cards must be validated by a representative from each store before going on to the next one.

This year's theme is "If You Build It, They Will Come," where participants will have to hunt down various tools or items required for construction in each store, like a hammer or concrete mix.

There will be three tools missing from the list, and by the time the hunt is completed, the person should be able to identify the missing items.

"We've got things like a caulking gun in a store, so they're really going to have to hunt," Patterson said. "Each store will have one tool, and what they do is once they identify the tool, they cross it off the game card and they get their card validated by the merchant and figure out the clues in order to enter into the drawing."

The stores will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants must bring their completed cards to Sunset Grille, on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City, by 6 p.m. for a chance to win prizes.

Everyone who turns in a completed card has a chance to win one of the 19 prizes offered by the participating businesses at Sunset Grille's 7 p.m. drawing. Players do not need to be present to win.

Sunset Grille will host a huge postgame party, with drink specials include \$4 house wine, \$3 domestic beer, \$5 orange crushes and $5\,{\rm chocolate\,martinis.}$

In addition, buy one entrée and appetizer, get a second entrée free from 4-7 p.m. To get this dinner deal, participants must make a reservation under "Death by Chocolate."

Carrabba's Italian Grill will also offer lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, and players will receive a 20 percent discount if they present their game card.

The event has grown annually, with 40 people participating the first year and about 600 playing last year.

"We've been getting phone calls since November about the date," Patterson said. "When it started 13 years ago, I went to the merchants and they all thought I was crazy. We did it on a Sunday in the dead of winter, of course, and we had 40 people come through our doors. In the dead of winter for local merchants, that's a lot. Each year it has grown."

Death by Chocolate starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday and continues until 5 p.m., followed by a celebration at Sunset Grille.

"It's a day of camaraderie ... It's a day where people meet other people," Patterson said. "You get to meet the owners of many, if not all, of these businesses. We as merchants have the opportunity to not only meet new people, but new people get to see who we are."

Call 410-213-8110 to make dinner reservations at Sunset Grille. For more information about the game, call CraZy LadyZ! at 410-213-2085.

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Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

Support PIA update

Lisa Kershner, the state's public access ombudsman, and Maryland Public Information Act Compliance Board Chairman John "Butch" West, issued a joint statement last week declaring their support for legislation that would strengthen the state's public information law.

Since the law was instituted 50 years ago, most government documents have been available for inspection by any citizen, but enforcement of that statute has not been as strong as it should be.

The measure Kershner and West endorse, HB 502, which is cross-filed in the Senate as SB 590, attempts to change that by increasing the board's authority, reducing the response time for replies to requests for information and establishing a penalty for noncompliance.

This is not a complete solution to a process that can be frustrating for both requestors and information gatekeepers, but it is an improvement at a time when more governments lean toward policies to filter out content that might reflect badly on it and its top officials. The public, so the theory goes, would not understand.

From our perspective, however, accountability is the price that must be paid when an entity takes money from the public because it produces little income of its own.

At the same time, however, this legislation protects government from being besieged by what Kershner and West describe as "burdensome or repetitive requests."

In other words, even though the law guarantees the public's right to inspect or obtain copies of reports and many kinds of documents, it does not grant citizens the right to make frivolous requests or to hound records custodians.

As Kershner and West said in their statement, HB 502 "enhances the ombudsman's mediation process by giving parties a meaningful incentive to cooperate so as to avoid board review, while simultaneously enabling that review for disputes that are in real need of a binding decision. Ultimately, the bill creates more equitable access, ensures transparency, and will help restore public trust in state and local government.

We concur, and urge this district's representatives to support these bills in the House and Senate.

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"I don't care if today is your birthday, the Sale ended on Tuesday."

Berlin infant competing in pageant

Deadline to vote for Arabella, 4 months, Tuesday, Feb. 25

By Morgan Pilz Staff Writer

(Feb. 20, 2020) Berlin resident Arabella Pinkney-Gully is only 4 months old and already starring in a beauty pageant, the winner of which will be announced next Tuesday.

Arabella's parents, Tamara and Christopher, discovered the Little Miss Beauty pageant in January on Facebook. As of Tuesday, Arabella was ranked fifth in Maryland and 319th in the country for the 0-4 years old division. The pageant is both state and nationwide, with the first place for states winning \$300 and the national winner taking home a jackpot prize of almost \$4,000.

"I was just going through Facebook and it just popped up and I clicked on it and I was like, 'Oh, this is interesting," Tamara said.

This is not the first beauty pageant for the infant, who completed her first in January and finished fourth in Maryland, after only participating for 12 days.

The Pinkney-Gully family decided to put their infant daughter into pageants because of her love for the camera.

"She loves the camera," Tamara said. "As soon as she sees the flash, she starts kicking her feet and goes crazy. She just loves it."

The competition, which began on Sunday, Feb. 9, has more than 4,500 contestants for the 0-4-yearold division.

Voters can offer 10 free votes a day, or choose to donate cash for votes. For instance, 150 votes costs \$3.99, 400 votes are \$7.99, 1,000 votes are \$12.99, 2,000 votes costs \$24.99, all the way up to 20,000 votes for \$189.99.

"I think people should vote for Arabella because she brings light in everybody's world that she meets and she's just a lovable 4-monthold," Tamara said.



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Berlin resident Tamara Pinkney-Gully holds her 4month-old daughter, Arabella, who is participating in the Little Miss Beauty pageant online. The deadline to vote is Tuesday, Feb. 25.

> If Arabella ranks in the February competition, she will be able to compete in the March competition as well.

> However, there will more opportunities for Arabella to dress up for the camera, as her family was recently approached about an opportunity to model. Her parents have considered giving Arabella a modeling career once she is older.

> Votes can be made for Arabella at https://www.littlemissbeauty.com/miss/581 1 4 2 5 0 7 1 4 3 1 8 5 1 -Arabella/vote/178/.



A number of Worcester Prep art students in Kindergarten through 12th grade placed in the "2019 Eastern Shore Classic Dog Show Art Contest."

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WP students win awards for dog art contest

(Feb. 20, 2020) A number of Worcester Prep art students in Kindergarten through 12th grade placed in the "2019 Eastern Shore Classic Dog Show Art Contest," which connects student and canine through artistic expression.

Students from Lower School Art Teacher Rebecca Tittermary and Middle and Upper School Art Teacher George Zaiser's classes placed in every age category except one, captured nine of the 13 first-place ribbons and earning cash awards.

Junior Hannah Perdue received the Pathos Award top honor as well as third place for Grade 11.

Winners were selected based on their interpretation of "Dogs, Man's Best friend" by a panel of judges, which included local artists, art educators, and AKC judges.

Award winners:

Kindergarten: first place, Nora Rafinski; second, Jack Parks; third, Priya Garg; and fourth, Knox Luttrell. Award of Merit went to Brooke Arnold.

Grade 1: first, Suri Thomas; second, Camille Leslie; and third, Rudolphe Creveoeur

Grade 3: first, Caroline Burbage; second, Vivian Spraul; and third, Emerson Bofinger.

Grade 4: first, Elena Gjoni; second, Harper Hertrich; third, Keerat Brar; and fourth, Scarlett Shimko. Honorable Mention was presented to Ryan Shipp.

Grade 5: first, Chase Burbage; and second, Chloe Antonov. An Award of Merit was presented to Isabella Fernley, Isha Garg, Anna Mumford and Haven Harrison.

Grade 6: first, Avery Betterson; second, Kobe Bouzaglo; third, Anoop Kaur; and fourth, Caitlin Shimko. An Honorable Mention award went to Hailey Bushnell. Award of Merit was earned by Anisha Batra.

Grade 7: first, Angie Todorov; third, Jayden Scopp; and fourth, Sydney Tingle.

Grade 8: first, Izzy Huber. Grade 9: first, Henna Parmar; second, Luke Loeser; and third, Cayden Wallace.

Grade 10: second, Grace Baeurle; and third, Hannah Brasure.

Grade 12: third, McKenzie Blake; and fourth, Abby Taylor. Award of Merit: Kurt Leinemann, Max Huber and Damiana Colley.

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(Feb. 20, 2020) The Ocean Pines Players are kicking off 2020 with "Different Drum: A Musical Tribute to Linda Ronstadt," this weekend.

Show dates and times are Friday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7 pm; and a matinee performance on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 2:30 p.m. All performances will be at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Parking is free and the location is handicap accessible.

Tickets cost \$15 (cash) and can be purchased at the door. Walk-ins are welcomed.

Those wishing to make reservations in advance can do so at www.oceanpinesplayers.com. Click on "Tickets & Reservations."

The tribute, "Different Drum," is named after Ronstadt's first hit single recorded in 1967. She became known as the "Queen of Rock" during the 1970's.

She reigned for four decades in almost every musical genre, from rock and roll, country and pop, to big band, symphony and opera.

"Linda Ronstadt was one of my two greatest idols growing up, the second being Joan Baez," said Cabaret Director Amy Morgan. "Through my own love of singing, these two ladies brought me up and got me through my teen and young adult years, where love and heartbreak run rampant.

"I especially loved belting out tunes with Ronstadt to get me through the most difficult times," she continued. "I am so very happy and honored to be involved in this tribute."

The tribute will focus on the songs from the 1970's decade of Ronstadt's far-reaching career, centering around the Troubadour Club in West Hollywood, California, where she performed with her first band, The Stone Poneys. "It's going to be a whole lot of fun with a multitude of great songs to perform," Morgan said.

The 90-minute, all-female cast production features Morgan and Annabelle Brady of Ocean City; Karen McClure of Ocean Pines; and Brenda Golden of West Ocean City.

This year has been declared by Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan as the "Year of the Woman."

Ocean Pines Players' productions this year will feature women actors and directors as much as possible. Next up will be "The Dixie Swim Club" by Jessie Jones, beginning last weekend in May.

The Ocean Pines Players is a local, all-volunteer, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. Follow the Ocean Pines Players on Facebook or visit www.oceanpinesplayers.com.





BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay, Ocean City 410-524-7575 / www.bjsonthewater.com Feb. 21-22: Tranzfusion, 9 p.m. Feb. 26: Lennon LaRicci & the Leftovers, 6 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, Ocean City,

behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium 443-664-2896 / www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com

Feb. 21: Dave Sherman, 7 p.m. Feb. 22: Lauren Glick Trio, 4 p.m.; 33 RPM, 8 p.m.

Feb. 23: Bob Hughes, 6 p.m. Feb. 25: Fat Tuesday Party w/Randy Lee Ashcraft, 6 p.m.

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CAPTAIN'S TABLE

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

DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street, Ocean City, Montego Bay Shopping Center

410-250-1449 / www.duffysoc.com Every Friday: Bob Hughes, 8 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road, West Ocean City 410-213-1846 / www.ocharborside.com Feb. 21: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. Feb. 22: Dust N' Bones, 2 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. Feb. 23: Pickin Party, 2 p.m. Feb. 26: Dust N' Bones, 6 p.m. Feb. 27: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

HOOTERS

12513 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City 410-213-1841 / www.hootersofoc.com Feb. 22: Blake Haley, 5-9 p.m. Feb. 23: Trailer Park Romeo, 3-7 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. Feb. 21-22: Half Moon, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

PICKLES

706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City 410-289-4891 / www.picklesoc.com

HALF MOON Ocean Club Nightclub: Friday & Saturday, Feb. 21-22, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.



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TRAILER PARK ROMEO Hooters: Sunday, Feb. 23, 3-7 p.m.

Every Friday: Beats By Jeremy, 9 p.m. Every Monday: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m. Every Wednesday: Beats By Styler, 9 p.m. Every Thursday: Beats By Wax, 9 p.m. Feb. 22: Never Ending Fall, 10 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City 410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com Feb. 21: Until Sunrise, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. Feb. 22: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Bobby-0, 6 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, Ocean City 410-723-6762 / www.skyebaroc.com Feb. 21: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m. Feb. 22: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17, Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 410-208-3922 /www.whiskersbar.com Feb. 21: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



Calendar

Thurs., Feb. 20

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m. Project for February is to be announced. All are welcomed.

STORY TIME 'WINTER'

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

STEAM STORYTIME 'LET'S EXPLORE SHAPES'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Shape stories and activities for young children. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

COLOR ME CALM

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. An adult coloring session. Colored pencils, gel pens and felt tips will be available.

http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 2:00 PM. This one-hour workshop will address some of the issues African Americans face when doing family history research. Attendees will be taught genealogy basics and resources to assist in putting the pieces of the puzzle together while doing African American genealogical research. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

NAACP FEBRUARY MEETING

North Worcester County MAC Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., 6:00 PM. Executive Board meeting starts at 6 p.m. with 7 p.m. guest speaker, Debbie Smullen of Worcester Goes Purple. 443-944-6701

2020 RELAY FOR LIFE KICKOFF

Old Pro Golf, 6801 Coastal Highway, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Open to anyone who would like information on Relay For Life. Golf compliments of Old Pro Golf. Pizza and snacks available for purchase. RSVP: Jessie, Jessie_wolfe@hotmail.com. http://www.relayforlife.org/northworcestermd

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., Feb. 21

OCEAN CITY INDOOR CUP

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD. Indoor soccer featuring boys and girls, birth years 2002-2005. Team entry fee is \$400 and must accompany team entry form. 410-250-0125, https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks/indoor-cup/

RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR REPUBLI-CAN WOMEN FEBRUARY LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING

To be held Feb. 27, 11:00 AM with doors opening at 10:30 AM. at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. The guest speakers will be Corine Frank, Executive Director, MDGOP and Ed Rodier, President of the Board of Education, Worcester County. Cost of the luncheon is \$20. Reservations: www.gopwomenofworcester.org. Reservations due by Feb. 21.

FIBER FRIENDS

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

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 1:00 PM. Featuring "A Mercy" by Toni Morrison. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. 410-641-0650, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

TEEN BOOK CLUB 'MANGA'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. YA: Henshin by J.M. Kim Niimura. Middle grades: Avatar: The Last Air Bender by Gene Luen Yang. For ages 12-17 years. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

FISH DINNER

Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, MD, 4:30 PM -7:00 PM. Dinners cost \$10 and include flounder filet, macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn bread and dessert. Beverage is included for those who eat in.

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Atlantic Hotel, 2 S. Main St., 6:00 PM -8:00 PM. Enjoy samplings like smoked Maryland rock fish, sea scallops, seared tuna, shrimp & grits, pulled sugar sculptures and carved ice along with meat and cheese displayed like works of art. Also featuring live saxophone and background music. Event raises funds for culinary arts scholarships for Worcester County students. Tickets:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-artof-the-party-2-by-the-delmarva-chefscooks-association-tickets-8882999992. Info: http://worcestercountyartscoun-

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'DIFFERENT DRUM: A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO LINDA RONSTADT'

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, 7:00 PM. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the door. Reservations:

www.oceanpinesplayers.com, click Ticket & Reservations. Walk-in also welcomed.

Sat., Feb. 22

OCEAN CITY INDOOR CUP

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD. Indoor soccer featuring boys and girls, birth years 2002-2005. Team entry fee is \$400 and must accompany team entry form. 410-250-0125, https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks/indoor-cup/

REACH THE BEACH NATIONALS: REC & SCHOOL

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM. Cheerleading national competition hosted by American Cheer & Dance Academy - EPIC Brands. Admission fees are \$23 per day or \$40 for both days for adults and \$15 per day or \$27 for both days for children and seniors. For event details visit www.acdaspirit.com or www.theepicbrands.com or call 410-579-8668.

ANNUAL KIWANIS WINTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Enjoy pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, fruit cup, coffee and tea. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children age 5-11 years and free to those 4 and younger, in advance or at the door. Carryout is also available. Proceeds benefit the youth of the community.

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'PROCESS ART'

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

PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SESSION

Fulton-Owen Hall at Wor-Wic Community. College, 32000 Campus Drive, 10:00 AM. High school students who graduated in 2019 or who will graduate in 2020 are invited to attend with their parents. Information will be provided about eligibility and the requirements of the scholarship. ccooper@worwic.edu, 410-334-2989

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. "Our Heritage, Our History, Our Community and Our Faith" features music, dance, art, recitation, poetry and food. Goodwill offering accepted.

BINGO

Willards Lions Club, Main Street, 5:30 PM. Doors open at 5 p.m., early bird games at 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Regular bingo starts at 7 p.m. Pays \$125 per game. Assorted food and desserts for sale. 410-430-1135

HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICES

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Red Doors Community Center, 10959 Worcester Highway, 5:30 PM. Holy Eucharist services with children activities. Info: Joy Connor, 410-289-5576, joy@reddoors.org or Rev. Mathew D'Amario, 443-610-8533, Fr.Matt@stpaulsbythesea.org.

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. 23

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Mon., Feb. 24

IPAD CHICKS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Explore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017. 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

MAKING WIRED CRYSTAL JEWELRY Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington

CALENDAR



COLLECTING SUPPLIES

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Sixth graders at Berlin Intermediate School have been collecting supplies for the Worcester County Humane Society, a no-kill shelter in Berlin. Pictured are Dylan Ringen, Collin Pennington, Olivia Koval, Anthony Perella, Ellie Cheynet and Sophia Ferrante.

St., 5:00 PM. Create your own jewelry using a crystal and wire. Materials included. Sign-up: 410-524-1818. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

SAFE BOATING COURSE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM. This is a nine-hour course given on four consecutive days, Feb. 24, 25, 26 and 27. Registration is held on the first night from 6-6:30 p.m. There is a \$20 fee for course and materials. Middle school and high school student under 18 take the course for free. Successfully completing this class satisfies requirements for those born after July 1, 1972. The Ocean City Power Squadron encourages all boaters to complete a boating safety course. Early registration: 410-641-6535 or 410-641-8040.

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. 25

TOT TIME: ACTIVE PLAY FOR ACTIVE TOD-DLERS

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 10:30 AM. Let's get toddlers up and moving. For 2 to 5 year old children. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

STEAM STORYTIME 'LET'S EXPLORE SHAPES'

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. Shape stories and activities for young children. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

HEALTHY LIVING FOR THE BODY

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 12:00 PM. An expert from the Alzheimer's Association leads a discussion about keeping healthy as it relates to Alzheimer's. They also can find help for those battling Alzheimer's, think they might have it or are a care giver. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

HEMINGWAY'S WIVES

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Long-time performer Elaine Flynn portrays four women who shaped the life of one of America's greatest writers. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

FAMILY TIME 'GAMES'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Come explore the game collection. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Whaleyville United Methodist Church, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Pancakes, sausage, scrapple, beverages served in the church hall. A love offering will be taken at the door. All proceeds benefit the WUMC Youth Group.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Menu includes sausage, pancakes and baked apples. Tickets to dine-in cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 11 and younger. All take-out orders cost \$8. Advance ticket sales only by calling 410-632-1216.

ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12 years and free to those 5 and younger. Eat in or carryout. All profits benefit youth. Nanci, 410-251-7234

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

Wed., Feb. 26

'LIFE ON THE EASTERN SHORE 100 YEARS AGO'

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Enjoy a display of antique toys, farming and kitchen tools, quilts and more. At 4 p.m., play some old fashioned board games and learn about life in the early 1900's.

http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

WITTY KNITTERS

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

LAP TIME

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

STORY TIME 'FOR THE BIRDS'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

GARDENING BASICS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Master gardener Virginia Rosenkranz talks about getting ready for spring planting. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION PROGRAM

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:00 PM. A free introductory lecture where attendees will learn about a natural, effortless technique of meditation that can help reduce stress, lower blood pressure and increase energy and creativity. Kim Bemis, kimbemis@tm.org, 302-236-8001

FAMILY NIGHT 'LIBRARY TRUTH OR DARE'

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Fun for the entire family. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

SNOW HILL BOOK OF THE MONTH

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 PM. Featuring "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" by William Kamkwamba. Copies of the book are available at the library in advance. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

LIFE AFTER LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. This bereavement support program is designed to help those left behind to understand and manage their grief as they move forward toward hope and healing. Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church, 103 W. Market St., 7:00 PM. Communion service with distribution of ashes. All are invited.

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