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BULKHEAD WORK

Fisher Marine Construction crews inspect heavy equipment used for bulkhead repairs in Ocean Pines in bright, but chilly, sunshine on Friday.

Matt Ortt sets budget based on realities

A few rainy weekends and projections mean nothing

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) Anticipating summer weather conditions not quite as good as last year's amazingly sunny weeks, Ocean Pines Beach Club food contractor the Matt Ortt Companies are anticipating slightly lower profits in 2020.

CEO Ralph DeAngelus said although last year's performance would put the beach club in a position to net roughly \$126,000 in profit in the new fiscal year, the budget that takes effect on May 1 ratchets the figure down to \$97,000.

"We took last years' actuals and budgeted for next year based on what we actually get," he said.

The profit estimate matches the \$97,000 net operating totals for fiscal 2018/2019, when the Matt Ortt Com-

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Cricket Center has canine lobbyist

Facility's support dog goes to Annapolis as advocate in child abuse legislation

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) After providing primarily visual testimony before both Maryland legislative chambers earlier this year, Cricket Center facility dog Josiah, a Labrador golden retriever trained to comfort child abuse victims, made a third trek to Annapolis last week at the behest of Gov. Larry Hogan.

Cricket Center Executive Director Wendy Myers, who accompanied the politicking pooch on his bridge crossings, said the pair spoke, and barked, in support of state legislation to establish a court dog and child witness program.

Based in Berlin since August 2009,

the Cricket Center provides a central location for agencies authorized to investigate child abuse claims in Worcester County.

"We've been strong advocates that we have to let [Josiah] sit with these victims as they testify," she said.

Josiah's most recent venture to the state capital was a victory lap of sorts after the General Assembly passed legislation permitting therapy dogs to accompany child victims while testifying before their alleged abusers in open court.

Sen. Bryan Simonaire (R-31) was the
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Cricket Center facility dog, Josiah, appearing slightly distracted, poses with Executive Director Wendy Myers and Gov. Larry Hogan last Tuesday in Annapolis.



Council session cancelled, rental rules have to wait

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) Without enough Town Council members to establish a quorum Monday, the council cancelled its regular evening session and will reschedule both its work session on short term rentals and its bi-monthly meeting.

According to Berlin's bylaws, in order to hold a council meeting there needs to be either a majority of the council, which would be three members, or two members of the council and the mayor.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood canceled both meetings Monday afternoon as there were not enough members of the council available to reach the

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Carozza addresses fatal car accident on 113, CAFO bill

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) addressed two constituent concerns last week – the recent fatal crash south of Berlin and proposed regulations regarding concentrated animal feeding operations.

A traffic signal study is underway the intersection of Routes 113 and 818 just south of Berlin, where Johnnie Derrickson, 73, of Parsonsburg, was killed in a Feb. 6 collision between his pickup truck and a large rollback truck.

Following the crash, residents told Carozza they were concerned about that intersection. That same day, she requested the assessment from the state highway administration.

“I requested an option for safety improvement, which could include a possible variety of options ranging from a traffic signal to a J-turn to flashing warning signs or other signage,” Carozza said.

She also confirmed last Wednesday that initial information showed an average of two accidents per year at the intersection.

“They have a process where they go back and review traffic patterns, prior accidents, and they’ll look at the information to see what type of safety improvement would be warranted based on the study,” Carozza said.

The study should be complete

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Communication cmte. works to begin resident’s academy

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) Developing procedures for establishing an online “virtual resident’s academy” dominated discussions during the Ocean Pines Association Communication Committee last Thursday.

Committee Chairwoman Jenny Cropper Rines said the matter was explored during the group’s meeting in January, with chapter headings deemed applicable. Among the headings would be a HOA overview, financials, public safety, amenities or services along with public works and projects.

“We talked to who would be the appropriate person last time,” she said.

Rines said in some instances, such as the HOA overview, there is existing information that simply requires updating.

Board liaison Dr. Colette Horn said the intent of developing content for the resident’s academy is to assure that the most knowledgeable person is assigned for various subsections.

Rines asked who should ascertain what person would be best suited to take the lead for the assorted areas.

“It could be a communication committee task,” she said.

Horn said although General Manager John Viola or a board member could be involved, depending on the particulars, direct ownership by OPA employees might be advisable.

“It’s probably more appropriate for somebody on the staff because ultimately it’s going to be staff-owned,” she said.

Rines suggested a cross-training approach across various job sections that could also incorporate online data.

“We talked about trying to do the interactive map,” she said.

Horn said based on earlier discussions with other board members, there was general sentiment to retain face-to-face interactions with OPA staff for new community members, although there was no opposition to an online presence.

Committee member Cheryl Jacobs asked if the residents academy could piggyback off the annual board orientation process for newly elected members.

Rines said the board orientation process could provide some content, but was not as detailed as it should be on the range of issues.

“This isn’t going to be a quick process,” she said.

Horn highlighted the importance of providing an overview of financial procedures, which are often areas newly elected board members find confusing.

“What we get most misunderstandings about are things like what is replacement reserves and how do we budget for that,” she said.

With a rough overview of potential experts to assist in the resident’s academy, Rines pondered further progress.

“Right now, we have a breakdown of what committee members or staff person is part of the presentation,” she said. “What does it take to get to the next steps?”

Rines said a likely path would be developing scripts for the academy’s presenters to follow.

“We could send speakers a breakdown prior,” she said. “That would give them the opportunity to think about it.”

The committee agreed to have Rines outline the resident’s academy flow of information and to confirm Viola agrees with the progress.



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CAFO bill may require manure transport plan

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within a couple weeks.

Turning to Annapolis, Senate Bill 928 would mandate that any farmer applying for a concentrated animal feeding operation construction or expansion be required to complete a manure transport plan if they are in a county where more than 30 percent of the acres tested for a fertility index value of 150 or more.

The farmer must then transport the manure to a county than has less than 30 percent of acres tested for that amount. These efforts aim to mitigate



Mary Beth Carozza

the farms' use of chicken litter as fertilizer, since it can contain high phosphorus levels that may run off and damage water quality.

"My concern and my opposition to the bill is that it creates more regulation on our farmers," Carozza said. "It's duplicative. It would cause financial harm to our local farmers who are already required to comply with the nutrient management law."

She mentioned that the phosphorus management tool Transition Advisory Committee already voted in December to recommend that the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture proceed with the next phase of implementation. The next phase will cover 122,000 acres of land, according to Bob Mitchell, director of environmental programs.

"They're already required to comply with the nutrient management law," Carozza said. "They did not opt for delaying the PMT regulation, so let's let the system work without imposing new regulations on our farmers."

A study conducted by Salisbury's Business Economic and Community Outreach Network revealed that the infrastructure and funding needed to remove excess manure is not yet in place.

Carozza said she questioned the need for the legislation since it would affect Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester County farmers during the hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 19 for the Senate Health, Education and Environmental Affairs Committee.

She expects the committee to make a vote in the next couple weeks.

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County inks iPad lease for schools

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) To bring digital tools to the classroom up to date, the Worcester County Commissioners on last Tuesday approved additional funds for a digital device lease agreement between Worcester County Public Schools and Apple.



Lou Taylor

The commissioners approved \$150,000 for FY21 and \$375,000 for FY22-FY24 for the purchase and implementation of iPads and Apple TVs for all schools, except for Showell Elementary, which already has computer technology included in its capital budget.

Though the final quoted price was about \$20,000 less than what was requested, Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor said the higher amount would give them more room for unforeseen issues.

In 2014, the school system set a goal to reach a 1:1 technology-to-student ratio. In spring 2019, Worcester was notified that the Chrome Books used for state assessments would no longer be supported.

"We are at a critical point in our school system's digital conversion, with the majority of our devices aging

out within the next year," Taylor said.

In response, the school system formed a technology task force, whose members visited Microsoft and Apple offices and had vendors conduct demonstrations to determine the best products.

That exercise produced two recommendations – to shift how teachers deliver instruction from stationary to mobile technology and to use Apple products across the school system.

"We feel we have crafted a sustainable, long-term plan for technology in Worcester County that will not only address this looming problem, but provide a transformative solution that will enhance, and this is the key here, that will enhance student learning for years to come," Taylor said.

The multi-year agreement details a one-time setup, deployment costs and training. This is the first time Apple has contracted a zero interest, four-month cycle lease with a school system, according to Taylor.

He noted that the commissioners already fund digital technology for

the schools at \$500,000 and that the first year will be included in the board of education's maintenance of effort budget.

Carrie Steers, coordinator of public relations and special programs for Worcester County Public Schools, said that the \$1 per iPad buyback is already included in the price point. When asked by County Commissioner Joshua Nordstrom, Taylor also clarified that they can sell the devices back to Apple for \$100.

The lease does not require any payment before July 1, 2020.

During the board of education meeting following commissioner's, Taylor said it was a historic day for the school system.

"We're making these pioneering efforts because we all recognize the importance of providing our students with the best resources to support their success within the classroom and even beyond," Taylor said. "I want to personally thank this board of education and I want to publicly thank our county commissioners for being forward thinking partners as we create learning environments not only supported by, but enhanced by, in my opinion, some of the most exciting technology I've ever seen."

Budget reflects unreliable weather

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panies were retained to operate the association's food service.

"That's how we came up to that number," he said.

"It has nothing to do with our strategic plan. This is all based upon caution over weather."

Beach Club net revenues are estimated at \$337,000 for the upcoming year, down from a forecast of \$382,000 during the current budget cycle, but on par with the \$337,407 actuals from 2018-19.

While noting \$97,000 is still a strong net to budget, DeAngelus said conservative revenue estimates were adhered to for the next fiscal year based on less

favorable weather.

"Last year was perfect and that's why our numbers were so much better than the year before," he said. "Not being able to control Mother Nature, we decided to under promise and, hopefully, overdeliver."

Rain or shine, however, upgrades are planned for food delivery at the beach club this summer.

DeAngelus said besides installing a new service bar near the kitchen, there would be a new wireless handheld point-of-service system that will allow servers to order and deliver more quickly.

"They could take an order by the

pool," he said.

Under the new POS system servers would find drink orders filled and food underway when they return to the kitchen service area.

His outlook for the club's overall performance is based on realism, considering that last summer's weather was nearly perfect.

"Next year when everyone's expecting us to make \$97,000 and we actually make around \$109,000 or \$111,000, they're going to be all 'way to go,'" he said. "As opposed to if I budgeted \$111,000 and we got rain 14 out of 16 Saturdays and we only made \$97,000 they'd be like, 'what happened?'"

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Showell Elementary School construction moving quickly

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) The 16th update regarding the construction of the new Showell Elementary School provided insight on current projects for the school during the monthly Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Facilities Planner Joe Price and Assistant Manager Danny Rosas, who was filling in for Oak Project Manager Bill Moschler, shared the most recent process performed during construction.

Within the past 30 days, completed work included canopy footing, adding masonry exteriors, placing exterior stud framing and sheathing, installing vapor barriers on walls, adding quarry tile and setting in electrical switchgear.

Several tasks are currently being worked on this month, including interior walls, adding door frames, casework, roofing, metal panels, adding windows, ceramic tiles, flooring, carpet, primer paint, adding mechanical equipment, plumbing rough in, sprinkler heads, ductwork, insulation, light fixtures and installing fire alarm devices.

Once this work is completed, progress is expected to begin in the next 30 days on adding doors, marker and tack boards, kitchen equipment and plumbing fixtures.

More importantly, according to Price and Rosas, construction has become so efficient that the school could start moving boxes and other items from the old school as soon as April.

“The new school is scheduled to be substantially completed in late April,” Price said. “This means that, providing we receive County Fire Marshall approval, we can begin moving boxes from the existing school into the new school in late April/early May.”

“When we developed the project schedule back in 2018, we had scheduled installation of the new furniture to begin on July 6,” he continued. “Given the progress Oak Contracting and our contractors have made on the building, we determined that the April substantial completion date is realistic and we changed the furniture installation to begin on May 23.”

The board was moved to applause with this information, with Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor personally thanking the men for their hard work.

“I want to thank you all for doing this,” Taylor said. “Showell school is a quality-built school that still has a lot of characteristics that make Worcester County Schools set apart from others.”

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

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Communication cmte. talks signs, members orientation

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) While reporting the status of efforts to replace community marquee signs, the OPA Communications Committee last Thursday also continued to work on developing orientation procedures for advisory board members.

Committee Chairwoman Jenny Cropper Rines said discussions have taken place with potential sign vendors, following the committee's research last September into how to upgrade more than a dozen manually updated community signs.

"Instead of saying we're looking for an electronic [or] digital sign, we're really looking for a LED message center," she said.

Rines said while the committee had originally discussed a 4-foot-by-5-foot sign with four lines of text, further research showed that a sign's aspect ratio is more important than the size of signs vendors might offer.

"They don't care so much about 4 foot by 5 foot [size]," she said. "They care about the 16, 10 or 8 [millimeter] aspect ratio."

Additional concerns were raised over the initial size proposed.

"That 4 by 5 is not a practical size for being able to read it from 150-200 feet," she said.

Board liaison Dr. Colette Horn said the intent is to replace the marquee signs while retaining a similar appearance.

"It will be kind of what we have, but digital," she said. "We're thinking more of a message board that we would build a kiosk around ... so it is kind of more indigenous."

Rines said conversations have continued with vendors since OPA IT manager Steve Grabowski made initial contact with Baltimore-based Gable Signs.

"We've gotten responses from multiple sign representatives," she said.

Rines said further research of price options found that the original cost estimate of \$30,000-\$40,000 per sign appears to be accurate.

Committee member Josette Wheatley noted the overall cost also would be affected by the software packages purchased and the options selected.

Rines noted the inclusion of graphic capabilities would raise the cost, while focusing on messaging might save dollars.

"I can't think of an occasion where we need graphics," she said.

Rines said prior to weighing costs, ironing out zoning regulations with Worcester County officials needs to be resolved.

"We still have lots of steps to get through in terms of even getting permission from the county," she said.

After meeting with Worcester



Jenny C. Rines

County Director of Development Review and Permitting Ed Tudor, Rines and Horn were informed that changing to electronic signs would require a code amendment specific

to Ocean Pines.

In addition expressing concerns about reducing the number of signs in the community and maintaining unobstructed rights of way along the road, county officials wanted assurance that the signs would not be used for advertising.

Horn also reported that Tudor indicated that the county approval would be time consuming.

"He said it's going to take a long time," she said. "He made no promises other than to help with the language" of an amendment.

Rines also updated committee members on efforts to develop content for the annual orientation of new committee chairs and board liaisons.

"It's basically just to teach chairs how to run meetings and what their purpose is," she said.

The recent work resulted in several proposed language revisions to the

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WCPS Board of Education approves budget

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) The Worcester County Board of Education on Tuesday, Feb. 18, approved an operating budget that allows for salary increases as well as an increase for retirement expenses.

The proposed operating fiscal year 2021 budget, presented by Chief Financial Officer Vince Tolbert, includes a 2.73 percent spending increase.

The board expects \$98.4 million (82 percent) of its budget will come from the Worcester County Commissioners, while \$20.1 million (16 percent) – an increase of \$324,919 from last year – would come from the state, and the remaining .67 percent, or \$792,463, stemming from other



Vince Tolbert

revenue, such as fundraising and donations, making the total proposed budget \$119.4 million.

The proposed budget also offered a total raise in salaries of \$2.4 million, which is 2 percent Cost of Living Adjusted (COLA) for certificated employees and 2.5 percent COLA for support staff.

There are no rate increases expected for health insurance, though \$59,816 was budgeted for retirement expenses, given a recent number of early retirement requests.

“We’re not expecting any increase in health insurance rates next year, which is great,” Tolbert said. “This

will be the second year in a row there has been no health insurance increase.”

There will be \$150,000 used for technology upgrades, which is part one of a multi-year progress, as well as \$200,000 for employee tuition reimbursements.

Funds will also be used to help hire more staff, especially for the new Showell Elementary School, which is anticipating an additional 130 children once it is opened.

Expenditures are also expected to increase for bus contractors, with a 2 percent rise in hourly, mileage and PVA rates, all of which adds up to \$117,098.

Another \$200,000 will go toward student transportation, specifically for families in transition, after school

programs and enrollments for Worcester Technical High School.

One-time capital projects also saw an increase, with \$900,000 in funds being set aside for schematic and design development fees for Stephen Decatur Middle School (\$283,000), replacement HVAC units (\$200,000), Central Office building improvements (\$150,000) and \$267,000 for various school expenses that would occur throughout the year.

The Worcester County Commissioners will review the proposed budget during their bimonthly meeting on March 31. A public county budget hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 5. After any necessary revisions, the board of education will approve the operating budget on June 16.

OPA Clubs Committee raises function issue

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) Defining its roles and purposes dominated the discussion at the Feb. 20 OPA Clubs Committee meeting because of concerns involving food and beverage operations.

Committee Chairman Gary Miller said his group wishes to be kept in the loop regarding promotions planned by food contractor Matt Ortt Companies at the OPA Yacht Club.

“We’ve been saying that for the last year and a half,” he said. “We used to be able to meet with the manager of the Yacht Club.”

Committee member Donna Hickey said there seems to be a disconnect in terms of the group providing feedback for food operations.

“We were told by previous board members they were concerned [that] instead of suggesting, we were basically giving demands to the board and Matt Ortt,” she said. “I think there’s this huge missing link and I really question our viability and function.”

Committee member Herb Roe said

when the association previously oversaw amenity operations at the yacht club, the lines of communication were more open but have become strained since those roles were handed over to a private contractor.

“How do we communicate with Matt Ortt Companies?” he said. “We haven’t got any feedback from the board or anyone else without us pushing on it for a good two years.”

Dr. Colette Horn, substituting for board liaison Tom Janasek, asked if the consensus among committee members was that the group lacked a clearly defined role.

“It sounds like there may be a disconnect here ... between what you view your function as and what you’re being empowered to do,” she said.

Miller said the clubs committee has a unique role among association advisory groups.

“We are the only committee that deals with an amenity as complex as this one,” he said. “Just being able to hear ... from somebody at Matt Ortt to say, ‘Hey, this is something were looking at doing later this year. What

do you think about it?’”

Horn said revisions are being formulated to resolution CO1 that outlines general policies for advisory committees.

Horn is working with OPA President Doug Parks to assure committee recommendations receive timely feedback.

“There is a charging document that has not been used in many years,” she said. “That is a way for the board to give assignments to the advisory committees and a way of documenting requests or recommendations advisory committees are making to the board.”

Miller questioned the assertion that the committee was pushing an agenda or dictating demands.

“We understand that we can’t make demands,” he said. “We understand that we’re not supposed to overstep our bounds [as] we’re an advisory committee.”

Horn offered to communicate the concerns to Janasek and confer with General Manager John Viola about the committee’s situation. “We’ve been looking at is that something we

need to put in place to facilitate this communication,” she said.

After highlighting the seeming lack of feedback, Horn said the role of the board liaisons and proper channels of communication needs to be discussed.

“I think you’re right in wondering what is the function of this committee in this environment in which there is a contractor that’s experienced, knowledgeable and has a track record of success,” she said. “It feels like it goes into a vacuum.”

After noting the board hesitates to meddle in food and beverage operations, Horn admitted the committee is facing a quandary.

“I think you do have kind of a crisis of identity here,” she said.

Miller reiterated the goal of working with Matt Ortt Company CEO Ralph DeAngelus to coordinate marketing efforts.

“Ralph is always promoting, ‘We’ve got this great idea, this is what’s coming next,’” he said. “If we know about that, we can help promote it.”

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Art of the pARTy culinary fundraiser generates over \$4K

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) The second annual Art of the pARTy buffet-style fundraiser at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin last Friday was both a culinary and financial success after drawing a sell-out crowd of more than a 100 people and raising in excess of \$4,000 for scholarships.

To promote food as a form of art, the Worcester County Arts Council and the Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Association created a scholarship for students of creative cuisine last year, and netted more than \$3,800 through their first food sampling party.

“It was a great event,” Phil Cropper, president of the Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Association and culinary instructor at Worcester Technical High School. “We’re just happy to get the community support for the arts and student scholarships.”

Guests could sample from 12 different stations of food from American Culinary Federation-certified restaurants while listening to live jazz and participating in a silent auction.

The organizations that participated in the event were Centerplate of the convention center on 40th Street in Ocean City, Marlin Moon on 33rd Street in Ocean City, Box Car 40 in Pittsville, Baked Desserts in Berlin, Coastal Coffee Roasting in West Ocean City, Princess Royale on 91st Street in Ocean City, Coastal Cupcake in Berlin, Washington Catering of Snow Hill and the Handy Seafood Company in Salisbury.

The event’s menu read like that of a high-end restaurant: dry rubbed brisket of beef with roasted red pepper and tomato chili sauce, roasted pork, gourmet deviled eggs and candied bacon, artisan cheese, sautéed blackened shrimp over three-cheese grits, shrimp wrapped with shredded phyllo dough and coated with a Thai sweet chili sauce, gourmet mini cupcakes and cream-based desserts.

“I thought it went well; everyone seemed very positive,” Cropper said. “They liked the addition of the live



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Gary Beach, left, and Mark Mayers of Marlin Moon on 33rd Street in Ocean City, serve up Thai chili shrimp during the second annual Art of the pARTy fundraiser held at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, Friday, Feb. 21.

music this year. I got emails sent to me from people who attended that were just gobsmacked because they didn’t know what to expect and they really loved the event.”

Eight students from Worcester Technical High School, Wor-Wic Community College and Somerset Culinary prepared food onsite.

The money raised from last year’s party will be used for scholarships this year, since the inaugural fundraising event took place after the scholarship deadline. Additional money raised this year could be used to help members of the chefs’ association continue their education by sending them to conferences and conventions.

Cropper hopes to continue using the Atlantic Hotel to host the event for years to come.

“We would like to keep it at the Atlantic Hotel because we like the vibe and we like the small community and the ambiance that the hotel offers,” Cropper said. “It’s going to be based on whether we keep the event at 100 or we try to elevate the event to make it more attended. As a committee, we’re happy with the current venue and with having 100 people.”

Students can apply for the culinary scholarship before April 15 at the Worcester County Arts Council website at www.worcestercountycouncil.org/index.php/site/grants_scholarships/ or the Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Association website at www.delmarvachefs.com.

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general committee resolution policy, CO1, along with drafting new attachments for use by committee chairpersons.

“Attachments [include] a sample to use for minutes and [a meeting] agenda,” she said.

The updates also include a form for board liaisons to track the status of committee requests to the OPA Directors or subsequent directives.

“To tell where requests came from and that it is getting where it needs to go,” she said. “We made it so it worked both ways. It’s been a little less structured before.”

Horn said the amended resolution language was sent earlier that week to the OPA Bylaws and Resolutions Committee for review, with OPA President Doug Parks planning to put the matter on the next Executive Council meeting agenda.

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Kirwan bill has first legislative public hearing

Carozza, Hartman address concerns about classroom environment, home daycare

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) After a six-and-a-half-hour joint public hearing last Monday, the Blueprint for America’s Future, which is based on the Kirwan Commission recommendations, will move on to committees for possible amendments.

The multi-billion-dollar bill calls for a revamp of public education, including increasing teacher pay, providing free preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds living at 300 percent below the poverty level and strengthening vocational education.

Numerous local officials have voiced concerns about the bill, especially the high cost for Worcester County and the lack of local control.

Worcester County, which is rated

as the wealthiest county per capita in the state by Kirwan standards, would have to budget an added \$5.3 million for public schools in 2030. The state contribution would grow by \$7 million for a combined \$12.3 million increase in 2030 school spending for Worcester public schools.

The public hearing involved the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Appropriations Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, with 130 witnesses.

Delegate Wayne Hartman (R-38 C), a member of Ways and Means, said that five hours into the hearing, they hadn’t even heard from the opposition yet.

“The hearing is exactly what I expected — a lot of people passionate about their special interests, whether it’s students with special needs or teachers in the teacher’s union,” Hartman said.

Although local officials and teachers have previously disagreed with the bill, including traveling to Annapolis for a November public hearing, no Worcester representatives attended last week’s hearing.

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino partially attributed this to the hearing being scheduled for 1 p.m. on a holiday, President’s Day. He added that the bill did not have a proper rollout of the timeline.

“It’s very difficult to testify when you don’t know what’s in there,” Bertino said.

The county commissioners did send a letter of opposition to the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.

“It helps to have our voice heard, although I doubt very much that it’s going to make a difference,” Bertino said during the commissioner’s

meeting on Feb. 18.

The letter’s main point was the financial effects.

“We have concerns regarding how required increases in education funding could impact Worcester County government and taxpayers during slow economic times should the state be unable to fulfill its financial commitment to education funding,” the letter reads. “Furthermore, the bill denies counties the flexibility to meet the Kirwan objectives in ways that make sense to local need and circumstances.”

Hartman said that one of his concerns was home daycares.

“It’s going to be the larger daycare centers and so forth that have a more structured environment with 20 kids in a class for 3-and-4 year-olds where they’re actually going to receive state funding as part of the Kirwan program,” Hartman said, “but yet the home daycares is not going to meet the criteria that’s needed to do that. I have concerns on how that’s going to impact small businesses.”

In a statement, Carozza said she asked questions regarding the fact that Kirwan doesn’t address school learning environment and working conditions, as well as local control over education policy and spending.

“After three years of working on major education reform, there is little in the Kirwan legislation that addresses the challenges of disruptive students nor any serious reforms to improve the student learning environment or classroom and school management for our teachers and school leadership,” Carozza said.

Hartman agreed.

“A lot of college-aged students, when they pick a career, they’re familiar with the salary that’s associated with it, but when they get into the classroom and find out about all the behavioral issues and the lack of control, I think to me, that’s the element that surprises them,” Hartman said. “I think the fact that teachers leave the profession is more related to behavior than pay. Pay only fixes things for a certain amount of time.”

OP Golf considers video simulator

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) Besides bolstering marketing capabilities at the Ocean Pines Golf Course in light of the clubhouse construction project, the association’s recently approved budget for the new fiscal year includes \$20,000 to purchase a video simulator for club fittings and other applications.

With funding now approved, Director of Golf John Malinowski is researching golf simulator vendors.

“I’ve narrowed it down to two vendors and there’s three machines,” he said. “I’m trying to get the most bang for our buck.”

The initial goal is to find a simulator unit that fits the space.

“We’re just trying to work through the numbers and make sure everything fits in the specs we have,” he said. “I think that’s where we’re headed, but we haven’t signed any-



John Malinowski

thing yet.”

Malinowski said the reason a video simulator was wanted was its usefulness inside the pro shop.

“First and foremost, it was to try and help fit the clubs and sell more merchandise,” he said.

To pull in additional revenue, the golf simulator unit could include software for use during subpar weather.

“One of the companies I’m looking at ... you could actually play Ocean Pines on the simulator,” he said. “It gives us an opportunity, especially in the wintertime, where we can try to run some leagues. Essentially, it would be like an indoor driving range.”

The revenue potential will begin to come in focus once funding becomes

available after the fiscal budget begins on May 1.

“It will definitely be here ... my guess is sometime in May is when we get things up and running,” he said. “We’re sitting in a good spot now that we’ve got a new clubhouse.”

Malinowski said with the new clubhouse operating this spring, the golf course is prepared for a profitable season.

“We’ve been trending up in the right direction and this seemed to be like the missing piece,” he said.

Malinowski said the revamped aesthetics at the golf course are likely to encourage players to linger longer after hitting the greens.

“It opens up a whole lot of possibilities that we haven’t had with a 50-year-old building that was run down,” he said. “Nobody wanted to do anything there, it was small, it was cut up and it smelled.”

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Wolf named National Merit finalist

(Feb. 27, 2020) Stephen Decatur High School senior Grayson Wolf has been named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, scoring in the nation's top 1 percent on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Over 1.6 million students enter the program each year and, as a finalist, he is now in elite company among 15,000 top students in the nation.

Wolf will continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered this spring.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2020 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July.

Wolf is one of three National Merit Scholarship finalists in a decade from Stephen Decatur High School.



Stephen Decatur High School senior Grayson Wolf has been named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. He is pictured with Principal Tom Sites.

Wolf is a member of the National Honor Society, the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, the Academic Team, and the Science Olympiad Team. He is also a College Board Advanced Placement Scholar.

Coastal Hospice welcomes Patrick

(Feb. 27, 2020) Tammy Patrick has joined Coastal Hospice as director of advancement.



Tammy Patrick

Her responsibilities include designing and implementing effective fundraising programs as well as donor recognition and relations.

She will work closely with Bob Miller, director of business development, to oversee the marketing and branding of Coastal Hospice.

"We are thrilled to have Tammy on board as our new director of advancement," said Alane Capen, president of Coastal Hospice. "She brings a broad spectrum of experience that will benefit our fundraising efforts. Her extensive background in event planning is especially important as we celebrate our 40th anniversary and undertake many fundraisers throughout the year, including the upcoming Taste of Finer Things in April."

Patrick brings a wealth of knowledge of the nonprofit sector from her most recent role as development officer for the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation.

Prior to that, she spent much of her career as a restaurant and business owner.

Patrick studied accounting at Salisbury University and currently resides in Berlin with her two sons, Connor and Carson.

She is heavily involved in the wellness community in Worcester and Wicomico counties and supports many local nonprofits.

For more information, Patrick can be reached at 410-742-8732, ext. 515.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but do not want to be defined by them, and instead want to remain as active and engaged as possible during

the final chapter of their lives.

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Opinion

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Art of pARTy delivered bargain on great food

For the money, last Friday’s Art of the pARTy fundraiser at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin had to be one of the best deals around for area foodies.

Had another \$20 been added to the ticket price of \$49 and change, that still would have been a decent price for a 12-station buffet that featured outstanding creative fare from some of this area’s top kitchen magicians.

Add to that a dessert table so sinful that one might feel the need to go to confession the next morning, and that paints only a partial picture of what guests received in return for their support.

Presented by the Delmarva Chefs and Cooks Association with the Worcester County Arts Council to raise money for student scholarships, this function could easily have drawn a crowd two or three times larger than the hundred or so people who were lucky enough buy a ticket before they sold out.

But keeping this food adventure on the small and more intimate side is part of what made it so enjoyable, as it gave guests the opportunity to talk to the chefs and students about their dishes and presentations.

The most impressive aspect of this soiree, however, was that culinary students from Worcester Technical High School and Wor-Wic Community College produced many of the offerings.

That means something, because it shows that local schools are attuned to the local employment picture and are preparing young people who are interested in the culinary arts for a solid career here or elsewhere.

As is evidenced by all the cooking programs on television, the nation has become more appreciative of good food and the people who know how to deliver it. These schools and their culinary programs recognize that by offering curriculums that combine the practical business of sending people into a welcoming jobs market while also supplying them with the knowledge and creative spirit needed to excel in it.

That alone is worth the price of a ticket. The outstanding food was a bonus.

Golfers Contribute to the Ocean Pines Golf Course Irrigation Efforts



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Number Talks math program for K-12

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) Two math teachers and the Coordinator of Instruction provided a presentation depicting how solving math problems mentally can create problem solving students during the monthly Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Coordinator of Instruction Kirsten Danisavich and math teachers Connie West and Regina Dashiell shared their findings on a program called Number Talks, which has a goal to create “numerically nimble students.”

“It means that they can take numbers apart and put them back together again,” Danisavich said. “They can decompose them and re-compose them. That’s the foundation of algebraic reasoning.”

By talking about the numbers out loud to their peers, teachers hope students will be able to adapt faster at expressing how to solve the equations, which will make them better communicators, which also



K. Danisavich

helps them become better writers.

This program, incorporated into grades kindergarten

through 12th grade, spends 5-10 minutes of the classroom time working on a problem and developing the solutions.

Danisavich displayed some hand signals used to help keep all students accountable and participate in the activity so the problems are not always solved by the same students who always raise their hands.

The entire equation must be solved with mental math only, with no pen, pencils, paper or calculators to help. This is designed to help keep the students fluid with their facts.

“Students are presented with a problem and given time to develop an answer for it,” West said. “The teacher will present a problem and they are given quiet think time to develop their strategies.”

Once the think time is over, the teacher will poll from the students, who will then share their strategies with each other and explain their thought process on how they came up with that solution.

Once example provided during the presentation was a fourth-grade problem asking to solve $2,500 \times 6$. In a short video that showed student responses, one child showed their work by explaining that $2,000 \times 6$ equals 12,000; 500×6 equals 3,000; so, 12,000 plus 3,000 equals 15,000.

Each child must present their answer out loud to their peer, who can then agree or disagree with how they obtained their solution, and share their own solution back.

“Teachers build a culture of no one is smarter than all of us are together,” Dashiell said. “Some norms that the teachers set in place with their students are having respect for everyone’s ideas, setting up individual think time, allowing everyone to share with one another and leave no one behind.”

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Board of Education choose calendar with short breaks

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Feb. 27, 2020) The 2020-2021 Worcester County Public Schools' calendar, which will have shorter breaks and an earlier dismissal for students for the summer, was approved by the Board of Education during its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Carrie Sterrs, coordinator of public relations and special programs for Worcester County Public Schools, gave a presentation to the board that depicted the important dates, recommended by Superintendent of Schools, Lou Taylor.

"The calendar committee convened on Oct. 24 to create calendar proposals for the 2020-2021 school year," Sterrs said. "The committee was comprised of teachers, school and county level administrators and parent and student representatives. The committee was divided into two subgroups, one focused on creating a calendar with more frequent breaks throughout the school year, and one that was focused on having little breaks in the calendar with the earliest release possible in June."

An online survey was sent out in December to parents, employees and other representatives to consider the two calendars. There were 659 responses to the survey, with 91 percent



Carrie Sterrs

coming from parents and employees, 4 percent from students and bus contractors and 5 percent from others.

"Results from the survey indicated a clear majority ... preferring calendar option one for the early release option," Sterrs said. "This calendar received 365 votes, which was about a little over 55 percent of the total votes received."


For the early release calendar, the students' spring break will fall between Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5. This spring break is considered shorter as a result of where Good Friday and Easter falls this year, Sterrs said.

The one recommended by the superintendent was the calendar with the least number of breaks.

The first day of school will be Tuesday, Sept. 8. The tentative last day of classes, weather permitting, is expected to be Tuesday, June 15.

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This proposed 2020-2021 school year calendar, with shorter breaks and an earlier summer release, was approved by the Worcester County Board of Education during its monthly meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 18.

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15 Early Dismissal for Students - Professional Development		S M T W Th F S		Yellow - New Teacher Orientation	
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18 Closed: MLK Day		10 11 12 13 14 15 16		Blue - Early Dismissal for Students	
28-29 Early Dismissal for Students, High School exams		17 18 19 20 21 22 23		Green - Schools Closed for Students	
29 End of Second Marking Period (43 Days)		24 25 26 27 28 29 30		Orange - Inclement Weather Make-Up Days (if needed)	
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				1 Schools Closed for Students, Professional Day	
				12 Early Dismissal for Students - Professional Development	
				15 Closed: Presidents Day	
				1 Early Dismissal for Students Closed: Spring Break	
				9 Early Dismissal for Students, End of Third Marking Period (46 Days) - Professional Development	
				12 Closed for Students, Professional Day	
				31 Closed: Memorial Day	
				14 - 15 Early Dismissal for Students, High School Exams	
				15 End of Fourth Marking Period (46 Days), Tentative Last Day of School	



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Fri-Sun 11-5	9800 Mooring View Ln., West Harbor Village #32	3BR/2.5BA	Townhomes	From Low \$300,000s	Kathleen Clark/Monogram Realty
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Saturday 10-1	18 Camelot Crl., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$242,900	Power of Two/Hileman Real Estate
March 14th 10-1	11312 River Run Ln., Berlin	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$475,000	The Bright Group/Keller Williams



Snapshots



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FUNDRAISER

Raising money for the Worcester County Arts Council at Fins Ale House and Raw Bar in Berlin on Thursday, Feb. 6, are board members Ellie Scott, left, and Sharon Sorrentino.



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating the fifth anniversary of On What Grounds? in Berlin on Friday, Feb. 7, are owners Denise and Dana Gottloebe.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

CONTEST WINNERS

Worcester Prep sixth graders Catherine Cullen, left, and Caitlin Shimko, both of Berlin, tied for first place in the Ocean City Elks Lodge Drug Awareness Essay Contest. Their winning submissions have advanced them to the district level. The girls are pictured with, from left, Worcester Prep Head of Middle School Megan Wallace, Elks Drug Awareness Chairperson Chet Foster, Elks Exalted Ruler Kevin Matthews and Elks Drug Awareness Chairperson Linda Foster.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BIRTHDAY

The General Levin Winder Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, recently celebrated the 90th birthday of member Mary Jane Hastings. She is pictured with Regent Gail Weldin.



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MUSEUM TOUR

The Arcadia Chapter of The Questers recently toured the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art in Salisbury and enjoyed an informative history of the decoy industry and the art of wood carving wild birds. The Questers support the preservation and restoration of historic buildings and landmarks for educational purposes.

Puzzles

NUMBER THEORY

BY SAM EZERSKY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Sam Ezersky, 24, is the associate puzzles editor at The Times. A “puzzlehead” since childhood, he sold his first crossword to the paper, a Saturday, when he was 17. His job at The Times includes testing/fact-checking the daily Mini crossword and curating the daily digital Spelling Bee. This puzzle started when he noticed a curious property of 26-Across. — W.S.

ACROSS
1 “Consarn it!”
5 Kind of case in grammar
11 Shed some pounds
17 Edited, in a way
19 Sister channel of HBO
20 What the answer at 26-Across is written in
21 Low-level, as a class
22 Question that might be asked when hurrying into a meeting
23 Duty for a property owner
24 Relative of marmalade
26 FIFTEEN
28 Oval Office V.I.P.
29 Transition point
30 Period preceding a school break
34 What the answer at 45-Across is written in
36 “Yes, captain”
40 Gaping opening
41 Willem of “John Wick”
42 Toward the stern
43 Howe’er
44 Chicago mayor Lightfoot
45 ELEVEN

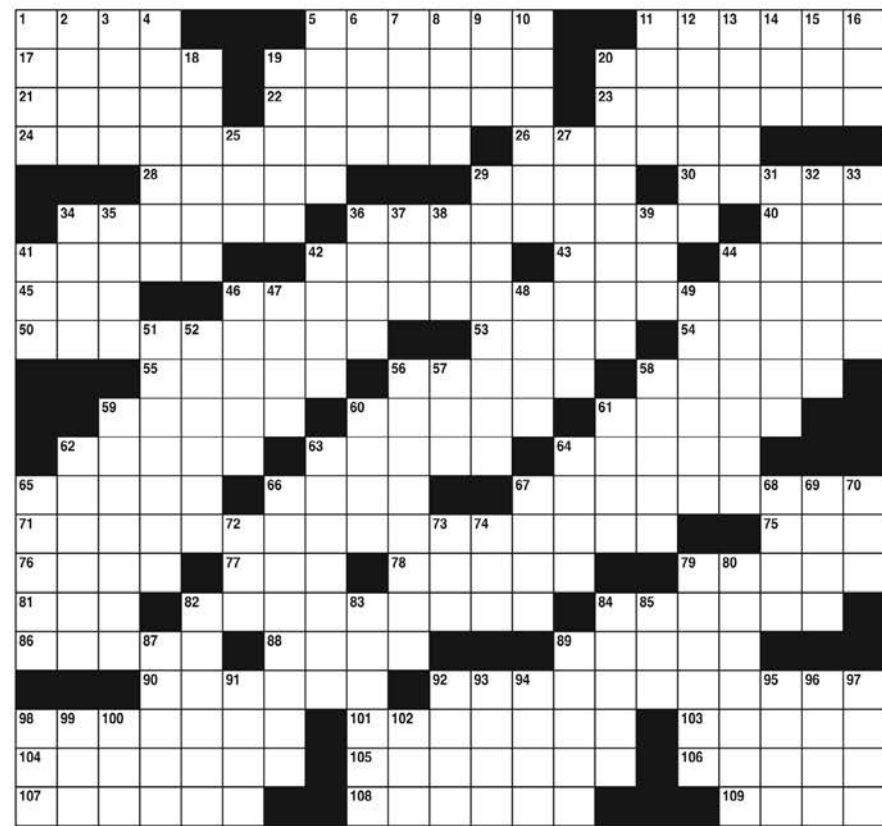
46 Whom Harry Potter frees from serving Draco Malfoy’s family
50 Spicy, crunchy snack tidbit
53 “Ars Amatoria” writer
54 Area the Chinese call Xizang
55 “Make sense?”
56 Hell
58 Square up with
59 & 60 Take control after a coup
61 SIXTEEN
62 “Just ____ boy, born and raised in South Detroit” (lyric from “Don’t Stop Believin’”)
63 Specks
64 Sleep: Prefix
65 Not quite right
66 Full of tension
67 “Hallelujah, praise the Lord!”
71 Because
75 TWO
76 Cozy spots to stop
77 Miss in the future, maybe
78 Buzz source
79 Cocktail specification
81 Fictional creature made from slime
82 Restaurant handouts for calorie counters
84 What the answer at 61-Across is written in
86 Final authority
88 Rainbows, e.g.

89 Flour filter
90 & 92 Alternative title for this puzzle
98 On-the-go sort
101 It’s SW of Erie, Pa.
103 See 106-Across
104 What the answer at 75-Across is written in
105 Life lessons?
106 With 103-Across, character in Episodes I through IX of “Star Wars”
107 Millennial, informally
108 Things passed between the legs?
109 “Butt out!”

DOWN
1 Title host of radio’s first major quiz show
2 Contact-lens-care brand
3 Broadway opening
4 Declare for the draft, say
5 Items that, ironically, contain nickel
6 “Slumdog Millionaire” co-star ____ Kapoor
7 Be a snitch
8 Wishy-washy R.S.V.P.
9 Plant holder?
10 Funeral ceremony
11 Go across
12 Soldier on horseback
13 Word before card or fund
14 Sloan School of Management sch.

15 Team ____
16 Major Southwest hub, for short
18 In store
19 Like some New Orleans cooking
20 Sloppy
25 Letter in the classical spelling of “Athena”
27 “Here’s something that’ll help”
29 Some battery ends
31 Amorphous creatures
32 Dreaded musician of the 1960s-’70s
33 Brisk
34 Luxurious affair
35 Symbols of failure
36 1974 Eurovision winner that went on to international stardom
37 “Wahoo!”
38 Immature stage of a salamander
39 Letters of credit?
41 Drops on the ground?
42 “Not on ____!”
44 Where Wagner was born and Bach died
46 Scatterbrained
47 Man’s name that sounds like two consecutive letters of the alphabet
48 At any time
49 Oktoberfest vessels
51 Some unfair hiring managers
52 “Go ahead,” in Shakespeare

56 Openly controversial opinions
57 Knock out
58 Invoice directive
59 Like most medical-journal articles
60 High hairstyle
61 Club ____
62 Egypt’s “king of the gods”
63 Excellent conductors
64 N.Y.C. neighborhood near NoLiTa
65 “Ciao”
66 Put in jeopardy
67 Muscle cars of the ’60s
68 Lyrical, as poetry
69 Facetious response to a verbal jab
70 “E.T.” actress Wallace
72 “Ugh, stop talking already!”
73 Sack
74 Sun ____, “The Art of War” philosopher
79 Where most of America’s gold is mined
80 Like the presidency of John Adams
82 Joint
83 Longtime Eagles QB Donovan
84 Suspect
85 Bible study: Abbr.
87 With a wink
89 Kisses, in Cambridge
91 Brown
92 Bring (out) for display
93 Candy wrapped in a tube
94 “I’ll come to you ____”: Macbeth
95 Eensy-weensy
96 New pedometer reading
97 Beginner, in modern lingo
98 Mammoth
99 Western tribe
100 ____ Salvador
102 What will happily sell its Soul?



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HARD - 58

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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Cuisine

Knock-your-socks-off bread pudding recipe

If I ever approach you with a plate of food and say something akin to, “Try this. It’s stupid,” that means that I am fully confident that you will relish in the decision.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

In this case, ‘stupid’ means stupendous or amazing in all things flavor. And that is not to say that I think I’m particularly great in this craft; it’s just that I have been doing this for a very, very long time, and as such I can tell when something is good or not so much.

And “stupid” is exactly what I said multiple times last weekend as we catered a beautiful private function in Snow Hill. The bread pudding was, in fact, quite stupid.

While I make it at the restaurant on occasion (admittedly I should carry it all of the time as it becomes a home for day-old and otherwise stale bread), I made a few adjustments this time around that still make my eyes roll back in my head, as I sit here lusting in my sweet-tooth thoughts.

Bread pudding has always been a mainstay. It is simple to make, a great depository for aforementioned otherwise useless bread and a conversation starter at the ubiquitous quiet table.

There is always at least one of these tables per night, but bring the pudding out and things get animated. I’m not sure what it is about bread pudding that does this, but it does seem to have a magical effect on people.

I remember watching an interview years ago of the woman who owned Commander’s Palace in New Orleans. Everyone knew how serious she was about her bread pudding, and she was even known to have fired a chef on the spot if she bit in and found a piece of dry bread.

This is the mortal sin for which many a cook and chef have been asked to vacate the premises in many Nola joints. Of course, not every person is as passionate about their bread pudding, but all you need is that one bad experience and you will take your time in the future, patiently soaking the bread in that eggy, sweet goodness.

In this recipe, I alter the dairy and instead of using all milk, I dump in equal parts of milk, cream and buttermilk. The latter gives a bit of tartness that no one will ever guess is in there, but pairs well with the dried fruit.



Even without the fruit, the barely noticeable tinge of tart is welcome in this overly sweet dish.

And now that I am at this point of the article, and Mardi Gras has just passed, I realize that I haven’t fed my wanderlust in a very long time.

New Orleans, I hear you calling me and mayhap this would be a reason to set up a bread pudding competition in The Big Easy.

As I write this, I tilt my head to the side to try to figure out how to make this happen. In fact that leads me to a bigger idea; one that I certainly won’t share here, as all of a sudden I have a purpose with it.

Yes, bread pudding is going back on the menu. It is too simple to make, and really is a delicious way to finish a meal. So please try this and master it. After all, it is baking and, as I have learned over the years, either you can bake, or you need a lot more practice.

There is no shame in that. Just don’t burn it, and take your time. Because, once you have this down, it will be a permanent fixture in your rotation.

Knock-your-socks-off Bread Pudding

makes about 30 portions

Enough stale bread to overfill a 2-inch hotel pan (see note in step 2)

- 2 c. White chocolate coins
- 1 c. Craisins or dried fruit of your choice
- 16 Whole eggs
- 1 qt. Whole milk
- 1 qt. Buttermilk
- 1 qt. Heavy cream
- 3 c. Granulated sugar
- 1 c. Melted butter
- 2 tsp. Vanilla paste or 1 tsp. seeds
- Cinnamon, to taste (listen to your heart)

1. Spray the pan heartily and fill with the bread.
2. If the bread isn’t stale, simply bake in a medium oven until halfway crispy. This will do the trick and you will be ready to continue.
3. Sprinkle the white chocolate and craisins in the bread concoction.
4. Combine remaining ingredients

until well-blended and pour over the bread/cream puff mix.

5. Here is where you need patience. You must allow the egg goo to soak completely into the breads. Press down periodically to ensure a full saturation.

6. Place in a preheated 350 oven for anywhere from 40 minutes to an hour or more. This is probably the best recipe to show that every oven is different.

7. You know it is done when the pudding has expanded well over the top of the pan, in a balloon-like fashion. However, make sure that it is not burning. If it is, lower the heat.

8. Remove and allow to cool. This will let the pudding set .

9. Serve with caramel and whipped cream and watch your guests’ heads literally explode. Now that is a good bread pudding!

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

Finnegan’s Wake party to benefit WCDC, March 7

(Feb. 27, 2020) Traditionally, an Irish Wake marks the end of someone’s life, but this year in Ocean City it celebrates the start of the St. Patrick’s festivities, when the Friends of Worcester County Developmental Center present its eighth annual Finnegan’s Wake Saturday, March 7, in Seacrets Morley Hall.

The event is a mock Irish funeral inspired by the traditional Irish song of the same name. The doors to Morley Hall on 49th Street open at 4:30 p.m., and the evening’s festivities will commence at 5:30 p.m. with the funeral procession winding its way through Morley Hall led by the Ocean City Pipes and Drums.

Included in the cortege will be St. Patrick, clergy members, mourners, pall bearers and a leprechaun or two.

Music is an integral part of an Irish wake, and back again by popular demand are The Irish Lads.

For 42 years the Lads have dedicated themselves to preserving Irish culture and history through folk and nationalistic music. They have shared the stage with Tommy Makem, The Clancy Brothers and The Dubliners, to name a few.

The Ocean City Pipes and Drums will not only lead the funeral procession, they will also perform Highland and military songs.

Audience participation will be encouraged throughout the evening. Attendees will have a chance to become part of the show when viewing Tim Finnegan.

If guests can raise Finnegan from the dead by telling him a joke and making him laugh, they will win a beverage. Those with strong voices can enter the Keening contest. Wealthy Irish would hire professional mourners called Keeners to cry for their dearly departed. Contestants will be judged on volume, style and feeling as they compete for cash prizes.

Admission is \$20. Happy hour prices will be available at the bar and the kitchen will be offering an Irish menu.

Event sponsors are Robert Nock Insurance, Cheers of Berlin and Gallagher Insurance. The entertainment is sponsored by The Burbage Funeral Home, Malvern Collision Service, Avery Hall Insurance Solutions, Vicki Tillery, John Falcone and Robin Dannelly.

All money raised from this event will go to support the clients of the Worcester County Developmental Center, which provides employment opportunities, day habilitation training, residential services and community-based supports for adults who live with an intellectual disability in Worcester, Somerset and Wicomico counties.

For More information, contact Jack Ferry at 410-632-2382, ext 117, or ferry@wcwcservices.org.

NOW PLAYING

BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-7575 / www.bjsonthewater.com
Feb. 28: The Classmates, 9 p.m.
Feb. 29: The Chest Pains, 9 p.m.
March 4: Old School, 6 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, Ocean City, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium
443-664-2896 / www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com
Feb. 28: Dave Sherman, 7 p.m.
Feb. 29: Dave Tarlecki, 7 p.m.
March 1: Randy Jamz, 6 p.m.
March 4: Reform School, 6 p.m.; Open Mic, 8 p.m.
March 5: Steve Kuhn's Acoustic Campfire, 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.

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. 28: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.
Feb. 29: Side Project, 2 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
March 1: Opposite Directions, 2 p.m.; Team Trivia w/ Chuck D, 7 p.m.
March 4: Dust N' Bones, 6 p.m.

March 5: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

HOOTERS

12513 Ocean Gateway,
West Ocean City
410-213-1841 / www.hootersofoc.com
Feb. 28: DJ BK, 4-8 p.m.
Feb. 29: Classic Vibe, 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.
Feb. 28-29: First Class,
9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

PICKLES

706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City
410-289-4891 / www.picklesoc.com
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. 29: Andrew Robear, 10 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com
Feb. 28: Liquor Before BEER
(Love On Tap Pre-Party), 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.;
Shake, Shake, Shake, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.



FIRST CLASS

Ocean Club Nightclub:
Friday & Saturday, Feb. 28-29, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Feb. 29: John McNutt Band, 5-9 p.m.;
DJ Bobby-O, 6 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
Kono Nation, 10-11 p.m.;
Stellar Mojo, 1:30 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
March 5: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, Ocean City
410-723-6762 / www.skyebaroc.com
Feb. 28: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.
Feb. 29: Tourist Trap, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17, Pines Plaza,
Ocean Pines
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Feb. 28: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

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Calendar

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

Thurs., Feb. 27

PLAY TIME
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. A play date for infant to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STORY TIME ‘BUGS’
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM - 11:59 PM, For ages 2 to 5 years. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SMITH ISLAND CAKE DEMO
Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 2:00 PM. Learn the secrets and tips for making Smith Island cakes. From Smith Island, Lisa Evans demonstrates how to make these delights. There will also be sampling. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FIRESIDE CHAT
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:00 PM. A lively chat about favorite reads and get some ideas for exploring new authors and genres. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

AN EVENING AT THE OSCARS TRIVIA PARTY
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:00 PM. Come dressed for the red carpet to enjoy some treats and a game of trivia on the history of the Academy Awards. Prizes will be presented to the top winners. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SAFETALK CERTIFIED WORKSHOP
Zenna Wellness Studio, 617 Franklin Ave., 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Attendees will learn how to prevent suicide by recognizing signs, engaging someone and connecting them to an intervention resource for further support. Pre-registration required: chrissyhr@eshealingartscenter.com.

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. 28

ST. PATRICK’S SOCCER TOURNAMENT
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD. Featuring Adult Co-Rec (18+),

Men’s Over 30 and Women’s Over 30. Team entry fee is \$400 and must accompany team entry form. 410-250-0125, <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/st-patricks-soccer-tournament/>

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>

ADOPTION EVENT
PetSmart, 11330 Samuel Bowen Blvd., Unit 100. Worcester County Humane Society will be there from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Town Cats of OC, all day.

CRAFTERNOON ‘SCRAPPY-GAMI’
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Create a scrapbook page and explore origami. For children 6 and older., <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MOVIE: SELMA
Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church, 103 W. Market St., 6:00 PM. To celebrate Black History Month, the deacons of the church are hosting a free screening of Selma, followed by a discussion. There will also be a potluck dinner. Bring a favorite covered dish.

‘THE WIZARD OF OZ’ PERFORMANCE
WPS Athletic & Performing Arts Center, 508 S. Main St., 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Featuring students from the Upper School at Worcester Prep School as well as a troupe of Lower School students. Tickets cost \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets: worcesterprep.org or 410-641-3575.

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Whaleyville United Methodist Church, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Buffet includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE ‘LEAP DAY’
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Crafty fun for children of all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

ADOPTION EVENT
PetSmart, 11330 Samuel Bowen Blvd., Unit 100. Worcester County Humane Society will be there from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Town Cats of OC, all day; Grass Roots Rescue, from 1-3 p.m.; and Little Paws Dachshund Rescue.

SHORE CRAFT BEER FEST: LOVE ON TAP
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Tour the Shore with unlimited tastings of more than 40 local craft beers. Live music provided by Firekite and a complimentary glass for the first 1,000 participants. VIP tickets cost \$50 and include a VIP only hour from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and an event T-shirt. General admission cost is \$35 and designated driver cost is \$10. All attendants must be 21 years or older, with ID. Food will also be available. Tickets available at ShoreCraftBeerFest.com. 410-703-1970

2ND ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PAWTY FUNDRAISER
Waterman’s Seafood Company, 12505 Ocean Gateway, 3:00 PM. Come celebrate with Jessica and Kelly as they raise money for Kindness Matters Animal Rescue. All tips will be donated. Featuring an 80’s themed party with \$3 Tito’s Mixes, happy hour food and drink specials, door prizes, auction, 50/50 raffle and tunes by DJ Bigler. Dress in 80’s attire to receive a discount off your total check.

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER & DANCE
Pocomoke Community Center, 1410 Market St., 6:00 PM. Sponsored by the Pocomoke Area Chamber of Commerce, this year’s event will have a 60’s theme. Cocktails served at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and awards at 8 p.m. The Film Rhythm Band to perform. Costumes encouraged. There will be a costume contest, cash bar and buffet-style dinner. Tickets cost \$45 for chamber members and \$50 for nonmembers of couples tickets for \$85 and full table tickets (8 people) for \$345. Tickets available at the Chamber office and Woodforest National Bank in Walmart in Pocomoke City. pocomokechamber@gmail.com, 410-957-1919

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., March 1

ST. PATRICK’S SOCCER TOURNAMENT
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD. Featuring Adult Co-Rec (18+),

Men’s Over 30 and Women’s Over 30. Team entry fee is \$400 and must accompany team entry form. 410-250-0125, <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/st-patricks-soccer-tournament/>

OCBP PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL SKILLS EVALUATIONS
Salisbury YMCA, 715 S Schumaker Drive, 10:00 AM. There are no pre-certification requirements and experience in ocean rescue is not necessary to apply. Candidates should prepare for a full day of testing, which includes a 400m swim, a 300m run and various simulated swimming rescues. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged: www.ococean.com/ocbp. Ocean City Beach Patrol, 410-289-7556

ADOPTION EVENT
PetSmart, 11330 Samuel Bowen Blvd., Unit 100. Worcester County Humane Society will be there from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Town Cats of OC, all day; Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue, from 1-4 p.m.; and Little Paws Dachshund Rescue.

Mon., March 2

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 Drug, 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

TOT AND TUNES
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. Children, ages 0-5 years, can enjoy toys, activities and songs. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. A 30-minute nursery rhyme program for children up to age 3 years. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

THE MOBILE MENTOR
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Providing one-on-one assistance to 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-

Calendar

4014, <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

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

MONDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Attend a free screening of the documentary, Reinventing Power. The film tells the backstory of clean energy from innovation to installation. Recommended to adults and teens. Free popcorn and door prizes. Tom Murray, an environmental professional, will be the moderator.

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., March 3

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@atlantic-general.org, 410-641-9725

STORY TIME 'SHOES'

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. Stories, finger plays and songs for children ages 2-5 years. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STEAM STORY TIME 'THE OCEAN'

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

UNCLUTTER YOUR PAPERWORK

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Uncluttered Concepts discusses organizational solutions for all documents. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FAMILY TIME MOVIE 'THE LORAX'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Dr. Seuss themed movie will start at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy crafts before the show. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>



Worcester Prep students will perform the musical, "The Wizard of Oz," Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Berlin school.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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, held March 3, 4, and 5. This course is a great refresher for experienced boaters as well. Cost is \$15. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807 or CGAUX1205@gmail.com.

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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., March 4

WITTY KNITTERS

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

STEAM STORY TIME 'THE OCEAN'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. Ocean themed stories and activities from young children. <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. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

HEALTHY LIVING FOR THE BODY AND THE BRAIN

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 11:30 AM. An expert will discuss Alzheimer's and ways to maintain health. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. The first speaker will be TV personality and photographer

Charles Paparella, well know for his Travels with Charlie segments. Admission is free. Reservations are suggested: <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/1unch-learn-with-charlie-paparella/>. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Aubrey Sizemore, aubrey@artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433

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

GARDENING BASICS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Master Gardener Virginia Rosenkrantz teaches about basic gardening. <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>

YOUTH MENTORING VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services has recently developed a youth mentoring program that will serve 6th graders through high school seniors. If interested in becoming a youth mentor, contact 410-641-4598 or shine@gowoyo.org.

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>

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

WP students to put on 'Wizard of Oz'

(Feb. 27, 2020) Tickets are on sale now for the Worcester Prep musical, "The Wizard of Oz."

The performances will be on Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., and a Saturday, Feb. 29, at 2 p.m. This event is open to the public.

The show will feature a cast of students from the Upper School, and, for the first time, include a troupe of Lower School students as the munchkins.

Director of the play is Paulette DeRosa-Matrona and the music director is Christopher Buzby.

Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the musical in the Worcester Prep Athletics and Performing Arts Center in Berlin. Tickets cost \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, visit www.worcester-prep.org or call the school at 410- 641-3575.

Wednesday of each month. Speaker and education related to Diabetes provided. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-208-9761

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

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

Wednesdays - Residence Inn by Marriott Ocean City, 300 Seabay Lane, 6:00 PM. 302-540-2127

WEDNESDAY BINGO

Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., other bingo supplies at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$14 for basic package of 25 games. 410-250-2645

ONGOING EVENTS

ART LEAGUE OFFERS BUS TRIP

The Art League is sponsoring a bus trip to the Baltimore Museum of Art on April 15. The bus will pick up at the Lowe's parking lot on Route 1 in Lewes at 7:15 a.m. and at the Ocean City Center for the Arts at 8 a.m. The bus will arrive back at approximately 7 p.m. The cost is \$65 and includes the bus, entrance to the museum, water and snacks. Tickets are available at the Arts Center, by calling 410-524-9433 or online at artleagueofoceancity.org/bus-trip-to-baltimore-museum-of-art/.

CROSSWORD CLUB

Any time, through March, at any Worcester County library branch. Ask at the circulation desk and form a club to figure out the clues. www.worcesterlibrary.org

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