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The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, which marked its ninth anniversary on Memorial Day Weekend, has experienced an upswell since pandemic-related health safety measures went into place in March.

OP market adapts to new situation

Vendors, customers make changes to accommodate health safety guidelines

By Greg EllisonStaff Writer

(May 28, 2020) Although foot traffic at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market was under par this Memorial Day Weekend, attendance has been strong overall despite the spread of covid-19.

Market Manager David Bean said a small dip last week notwithstanding, head counts have trended favorably since Gov. Larry Hogan's March 23 executive order designated outdoor produce vendors an essential business.

"We were pleased with the crowd that we did have," he said. "I had 30 vendors there this Saturday [and] typically on Memorial Day Weekend I'd have 85 vendors. We've seen our foot traffic since mid-April skyrocket ... simply because people feel more comfortable being there and shopping in that environment," he said.

After Maryland issued covid-19 health-safety guidance requiring face coverings and physical distancing at retail businesses, including farmers markets, Bean said participants in the Ocean Pines market adapted quickly.

"All my vendors have stepped up to the situation and embraced what they had to do," he said. "The vendors and the market are more concentrated on serving our customers and providing the product that they're looking for."

Bean said demand for locally produced items has increased greatly during the pandemic.

"The uptick is in the green market," he said. "In other words, people looking for produce, seafood, meat, eggs, honey and that type of thing."

While trying to limit the communal experience by encouraging customers to "come, shop and leave," Bean said the public has largely abided by safety guidelines.

"What really surprises me a lot is how people have embraced the situation," he said. "People have been really cool [with] the social distancing and wearing masks."

Regardless of the momentary hold on other activities at the market, such as cooking demonstrations, and visits by domestic animals such as alpacas, a groundswell of community support for merchants has been evident.

"The public has been great and they've embraced our vendors," he said. "A lot of our vendors are getting tips ... for doing what they're doing."

As for the future, Bean said the time for the phased-in statewide reopening plans remain cloudy.

"We're following the protocol set forth by the Maryland Department of Agriculture and state heath departments," he said. "We have not gotten See CHANGING Page 11

Gulyas resigns from council after 6 years

Planned move out of town reason for his departure

By Morgan Pilz Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) Berlin At-Large Councilmember Thom Gulyas, 55, announced during the mayor and Town

Council meeting on Tuesday night that he is resigning from his position after six years.

Gulyas, who was first elected to the council in 2014, said he will leave the council because he and his



Thom Gulyas

wife, Belinda, who is a principal for Cedar Chapel Special School, will be moving to South Point.

"I have purchased a home outside of the town of Berlin," Gulyas said. "As our code dictates, we must reside within town corporate limits in order to hold an elected position. That being said, we expect hopefully to be into our

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Pines, Seacrets finalizing lease for parking lot

Directors have no interest in giving up OP's ownership

By Greg EllisonStaff Writer

(May 28, 2020) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors continues to work to maintain a financially advantageous parking lot lease with Seacrets on 49th Street across from the Beach Club.

OPA President Doug Parks said negotiations to renew lease terms have been underway since the board held a closed session meeting on May 18.

"The general manager [John Viola] See OPA Page 10



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Berlin election could see changes

No decisions made yet, but town might consider having different voting scenarios

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) The Town of Berlin still has a few months to go before its 2020 election in October, but depending on how the pandemic continues to affect people's routines, consideration could be given different voting scenarios.

Currently, no out-of-the-ordinary plans have been made for the Tuesday, Oct. 6 election, Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said, although contingencies could be planned during the next election board meeting held in July.

"What I am thinking at this point is that we're going to proceed as normal with contingency plans because



Mary Bohlen

we're a fairly small town with a small, comparatively speaking, voter roll," she said. "We can adapt plans fairly quickly. What I do need to determine, though, are what kind of legal re-

quirements might impact how we handle that sort of thing."

The Berlin's municipal elections are held every two years on the second Tuesday of October, with three seats up for election each year.

Up for reelection this year are Mayor Gee Williams, District 2 Councilmember Zackery Tyndall and District 3 Councilmember Brittingham. There will be an empty seat for Councilmember Thom Gulyas, who is retiring in October..

As of earlier this week, only one person – Jack Orris – has filed to become a candidate.

The filing deadline for these seats would be Sept. 4, as well as a write-in candidate deadline on Sept. 29. These candidates will not appear on the ballot, Bohlen said.

Bohlen added that, especially given the circumstances, residents can request an absentee ballot.

"They don't have to have a particular reason for being absentee," she said. "If we do go forward with the inperson election, but people are uncomfortable, they can still request an absentee ballot.'

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is not until Sept. 4.

Should elections remain as usual, voters for Districts 1 and 2 will vote at Buckingham Presbyterian Church on 20 South Main Street. For the first time this year, voters for Districts 3 and 4 will vote at the Police Department on 129 Decatur Street.

Town meetings still virtual in June

Berlin will continue to hold sessions online; waiting on Hogan's recommendations

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) After two months of holding mayor and Town Council and committee meetings via Facebook live, town officials have decided to continue the practice into the month of June.

Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said the town is "playing it by ear" and basing their decisions on Gov. Larry Hogan's recommenda-

"It would be very hard for us to pro-

vide the kind of distancing that is being strongly recommended and, in fact, in some cases required to limit the number of people who come in ... to be a first come, first serve sort of thing," she said. "We've allowed the mayor and council appropriate distancing, [but then] we run out of space in the rest of the room for the public."

Commission and committee meetings will also continue to appear on Facebook live, although these meetings will be based on a special needs' basis, specifically if there is a time constraint for an application or other action that cannot be delayed.

Ouestions and concerns can still be made to Town Hall either the Friday before the meeting (if done by letter) or by noon the day of the meeting (via email or phone call).

Questions can be emailed to info@berlinmd.gov, and should use M&C Comments as the subject line. Comments and concerns can also be faxed to 410-641-2316.

Letters can be mailed to the Berlin Town Hall at 10 Williams St., Berlin, Maryland 21811 with the subject listed as "M&C Comments." Mail should be postmarked no later than the close of business on the Friday before the meeting to help ensure delivery is on time.

We really are trying to do everything that we can to get public input as much as possible, considering that the public can't actually be in the room,"



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OP ARC committee meeting set for June 2

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) After experiencing difficulties staging a virtual OPA Architectural Review Committee meeting during a test run last Saturday, the committee plans to hold a socially distanced in-person event on June 2.

ARC Committee Board liaison Steve Tuttle said since cancelling the groups bi-monthly meetings during the current health crisis, a number of variance requests have been received that need to be addressed.

"The attempt was made by the



committee to do a test virtual meeting to see if we could work through these variance requests," he said. "The test run encountered technical challenges with video and audio connec-

tions."

To further muddy the waters, ARC Committee meetings are typically held in the Public Works conference room, where OPA members seeking an exception to bylaw requirements present their case.

"They make their presentation and then the committee discusses, deliberates and makes the decision," he said. "To do this virtually, we have to get all of those different people who have variance requests into the virtual meeting along with the ARC Committee."

Tuttle said since the deliberation process undertaken by the ARC Committee is more complex than other OPA advisory bodies the decision was made to meet in person next Tuesday.

"We have made a request to have ... an emergency ARC meeting on June 2 in the Assateague Room," he said. "It will be set up in such a way that social distancing is practiced carefully."

Tuttle said in addition to keeping committee members far enough apart, the plans call for applicants to appear only when summoned.

"They won't come into the building until we call them and say we're ready for your presentation," he said. "They would be waiting in their cars outside See OPA Page 4

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Historic District Commission OKs pergola

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) Meeting for the first time since March, The Berlin Historic District Commission last Wednesday approved a request for outdoor seating for Blacksmith Restaurant and Bar.

Restaurant owner Justine Zegna and Joe Pino, of United Restoration, asked the commission for permission to build outdoor seating and a deck to respond to the loss of indoor dining business because of the covid-19 pandemic. Restaurants in general have been forced to try to get by on carryout and delivery orders.

Pino told the commission that the plan was to use a concrete base on the property to be repurposed for a deck.

"We're going to have the deck made out of composite boards," Pino said. "We're going to build a pergola on top of the deck ... we're going to put roofing to [keep] the water off the deck if we need to. It will at least allow [Blacksmith] to have the outdoor seating capacity no matter the weather."

Around the post, he added, would be a black iron railing.



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Blacksmith Restaurant and Bar in Berlin will install a deck and pergola after receiving approval from the Berlin Historic District Commission on Wednesday, May 20.

"The purpose is to give some additional seating and outside seating," Pino said. "You've got to have the space to stay alive in a restaurant."

Zegna added that the restaurant would be adding somewhere around 10 seats outdoors.

"We're thinking that if we added an additional 10 seats outside, we'd be about 30 percent of our capacity that we were last year using only the outside," she said. "Right now, we're looking at six feet in spacing."

Zegna also mentioned that the restaurant would likely not be doing much services inside the restaurant during the summer, and would rely more on the deck and pergola.

After Councilmember Mary Moore asked what type of material the pergola would be made of, Pino replied that it would be wood that would fade into a gray color and then be preserved to match the building.

Chairwoman Carol Rose said she believed the additions would make the area look even more historic.

"[Currently], the area is not beautiful," Zegna said. "I love the building. It does have this historic value, but when you look at it you don't realize it, and I think this will bring people in to see ... I think it will really make a difference in the building."

Moore approved of the idea, stating that the restaurant was "a rugged, masculine building."

Councilmember Robert Poli asked about the material that would be used for the roof. Pino said it would be corrugated but Poli felt the concept would be "too tacky."

The Berlin Historic District Commission approved the plans for the deck at the restaurant, but asked Zegna and Pino to return with further details about the roof planned for the outdoor seating space.

The commission will meet again on June 3 to speed up the process as soon as possible.

OPA ARC committee picks back up

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A maximum of two people would be allowed to present details for each individual variance request.

"The person who has the variance request would come and make a presentation from across the room," he said.

The committee would then deliberate to reach a decision before moving onto the next case.

"We think we have come up with a

satisfactory way to at least get a meeting in to make decisions on some of theses variances that are waiting," he said.

Tuttle said in a departure from normal meeting procedures the public comment portion would be abandoned.

"We will never have more than 10 people in the room," he said. "There won't be public people invited into the meeting [because] it's just going

to be to functionally get done what needs to get done by this committee."

Tuttle also stressed that the emergency ARC meeting is not intended to establish precedent for other advisory committees.

"We'll see what happens after that," he said. "Hopefully, some of the restrictions will be reduced or eliminated going forward and we'll be able to start meeting in a more normal way down the road."



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Hardwire secures lease for Wor. warehouse

By Elizabeth Bonin

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) Worcester County government finally has a tenant for its empty liquor dispensary building: Hardwire LLC, the military armor company in Pocomoke City that has been producing face shields since the end of March.



George Tunis

The company announced last week that it has secured a lease for the county-owned commercial building in Snow Hill.

The 40,000square-foot building was formerly the liquor dispensary

warehouse building. It will be used to store the face shields for front-line workers in the coronavirus pandemic, as well as private orders.

The company can churn out a face shield every two seconds and is producing more than 100,000 a day and half a million a week, according to CEO George Tunis. He said this is the equivalent of two 18-wheeler truck loads a day.

"We could fill our manufacturing space with our own production in about three days," Tunis said. "We ran ourselves out of space."

NAI Coastal, the commercial brokerage firm involved, said that Hardwire

will bring more than 100 jobs to the area.

"Partnering with Worcester County to lease commercial space at this time is an indicator of their commitment to public safety," NAI Coastal said in a statement. "This additional space addresses a vital storage need, as Hardwire LLC ramps up operations to provide our nation's healthcare workers with face shields and other personal protective equipment in light of covid-19."

Tunis said Hardwire recently hired an additional 120 employees and has kept its staff steady.

"We've had some folks go back to their normal jobs and we've had an influx of college-aged summer hires that are looking for work because a lot of the restaurants are not open yet," Tunis said.

According to County Commissioner Joseph Mitrecic, it's a temporary lease.

"Although I like having them there, I hope it's not long-term because that means this pandemic is going to go on longer than we all hope," Mitrecic said.

He said he wished Hardwire well.

"I believe that everybody in Worcester County is trying to help and do their part and certainly Hardwire is setting the example," Mitrecic said.

County Commissioner Bud Church said he was proud to have Hardwire expand in the county.



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Hardwire, a Pocomoke City-based company that has been producing face shields for the covid-19 pandemic, secured a lease for the Worcester County liquor warehouse in Snow Hill.

"This was a major leap out of what they normally do, but they saw a need throughout the country," Church said.

"It's going to benefit us because we have a manufacturer in the county that's answering a national need," Church said. "Monetarily, it's going to help us because he's renting a facility that was sitting empty."

Tunis said Hardwire plans to keep the lease for about a year.

"Our commercial business continues to grow on the public facing side," Tunis said. "There's a lot of face

shields going to work in Ocean City as a face covering to meet the mandate."

He reiterated that face shields are a safer alternative to cloth face masks.

"We've been looking at the physics of cloth face coverings and they're 50 percent open when you put them under a microscope," Tunis said. "Compared to a virus, it's equal to a mosquito flying through an open window."

Although the growth is positive for the business and for increasing public See BUILDING Page 6

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Construction continues on the new Showell Elementary School in Showell on Tuesday, May 19.

Construction of new Showell **Elementary School continues**

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) The construction of the new Showell Elementary School is continuing as scheduled according to the latest update report during the Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education teleconference meeting held on Tuesday, May 19.

Chief Financial Officer Vince Tolbert provided the monthly update to the construction of the new school.

"I had a chance to tour the building yesterday with Mr. [Steve] Price," Tolbert said. "It's amazing how finished that building is getting and how beautiful it's turning out to be. And as we were leaving [Monday] morning, furniture trucks were pulling up to deliver the furniture. I hope you [will] be able to tour the building very soon."

Within the last 30 days, work has been completed on the roof drains and the front entrance. Plumbing work has been done and sprinkler heads and fire alarms have been installed.

Work is currently being done to complete the courtyard concrete paving, installation of drywall, carpet See PROJECT Page 7

Building will store face shields

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safety, Tunis said it's a reluctant growth.

"We hope there's a cure for the virus and this segment of our business goes away," Tunis said.

Working with Hardwire on the deal for NAI Coastal was Merry Mears, who knew the property well. Mears was the director of economic development for the county until January



Majority of Wor. Co. students using online virtual learning

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) Worcester County Public School students are continuing to learn with a high online activity rate of 85 percent amid the coronavirus pandemic.



Dr. A. Wallace

Chief Operating Officer Dr. Annette Wallace told the county's board of education members during its monthly teleconference meeting on Tuesday, May 19, that around 98 percent of students

have internet access, whether through means of their own or hotspots acquired by the board.

A majority of students have been using an online learning management system called Schoology.

"Our Schoology usage has decreased a little bit over the past weeks," she said. "But we're very proud to say that 85 percent of our students are actively logging on and participating on Schoology as of this week. And the other 15 percent of students are receiving packets and teachers are working with their students and making sure that they are supporting them."

Teachers are currently not able to collect packets to be graded, so the school system has been monitoring them in other ways.

Wallace also acknowledged the difficulties younger students who might not be able to read yet and the strain that puts on their parents as well as the tasks ahead for high school students who might be resuming work once more businesses reopen.

"We recognize that those are challenges out there," she said. "I would remind the board and anyone else who might be listening that we do have supports in place and have office hours where parents can contact [us] and get extra help for their students. Also, we have a variety of ways

that parents or students experiencing technical issues can get in touch with."

The Help Desk is one of several tools available on http://worcesterk12.org/home where parents, students and faculty can reach out for assistance with technical issues. In addition, the board is offering online counseling for students of all 14 schools.

Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor praised parents, students and teachers alike for their dedication to education amidst the covid-19 pandemic

"It's hard to believe that we've gone through eight weeks of this," Taylor said during the meeting. "And I just want to say how proud I am of our teachers and our entire staff, but also our parents and students who are in the midst of challenging circumstances and are still showing up, are still engaging, and hopefully, we believe are still learning."

Wallace finished the report with her own thoughts on the success of the Continuity of Learning Plan.

"We feel really good about where we are," she said. "We believe that we have some of the best teachers in this state. We know that when we get our students back in school that we are going to fill all of those gaps that have occurred and we are going to make sure that we get our students where they need to be. We have all the confidence in the world in our teachers, and I think that's the message that we want our community to hear as well: that everyone is doing the best they can in a very challenging time.

"It's a challenge for our teachers," Wallace continued. "It's a challenge for our students and it's a challenge for our parents because our parents aren't certified teachers. And certainly, we know that we hear from them sometimes that they're struggling with figuring all of this out. But, we are making a commitment to everyone that when we get back that we are going to be better than ever."

Project to be complete in Sept.

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and tiles, kitchen equipment, insulation and light fixtures.

Tolbert noted that furniture is expected to be placed in the appropriate locations within the next 30 days.

In addition, within the next 30 days, construction crews will begin the process of demolishing the portable classrooms and the existing building and staff parking.

Work is also being done to create a new front entrance for the school and expand the school's playground.

The new 9,600-square-foot build-

ing will replace the current 5,200-square-foot school, and will eliminate the need for the nine portable classrooms at the school.

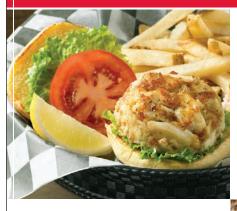
At present, the 40-year-old school has 536 students from kindergarten through third grade. Fourth graders, who were moved out of the building because of insufficient space, will return once the \$47 million school opens.

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Lifetime sports gain steam during pandemic

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) Since the tennis and pickleball courts in Ocean Pines reopened two weeks ago with covid-19-related health safety guidelines in place, flocks of players have resumed action at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex.

Ocean Pines Association tennis pro Terry Underkoffler said the turnout for tennis, platform tennis and pickleball has been strong since activities re-launched on May 14 following Gov. Larry Hogan's initial easing of covid-19 restrictions.

"We've had some good numbers," he said.

Prior to Maryland permitting racquet sports to resume, the United States Tennis Association issued guidelines for re-opening shuttered facilities and health-safety recommendations for players.

"Keeping healthy guidelines," he said. "We put into place the facility recommendations that they wanted."

Further guidance was provided for Ocean Pines racquet sports members.

"We sent out to our membership ... what our expectations were for keeping each other safe," he said.

Pandemic-related measures include portable hand washing stations and ample supplies of hand sanitizer.

"Each player brings a can of balls with their name on it," he said. "You handle your own tennis balls."

Creative means have been employed to minimize surface contact with bouncing balls.

"They send balls back with their feet or with their racquets," he said. "Lots of players have been wearing gloves ... on their serving hand."

Other common-sense recommendations include switching court positions counterclockwise.

"You're always going in the same



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Laser-focused on an airborne spherical exchange, this pickleball foursome heats up the courts at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center on Tuesday.

motion and you don't pass each other as you switch sides," he said.

While Maryland is not requiring the use of facemasks for outdoor tennis and pickleball, players are encouraged to respect their cohorts' sentiments.

"Delaware requires masks for outdoor tennis facilities [but] in Maryland it's more of a courtesy," he said. "We ask as part of our guidelines to keep each other feeling safe in this process [and] if someone requests it honor it."

Although individual sentiments vary, accommodations should be made if opinions differ.

"If one person wants to wear masks, and they feel safer doing that, than if you're playing doubles the other three should," he said. "Be the bigger person."

Recognizing the immense popular-

ity of pickleball among Ocean Pines residents, Underkoffler said two courts remain closed to limit crowding.

"Sometimes our pickleball courts are filled with players," he said. "We have lowered the nets to prevent play in our middle court to promote proper spacing."

Other temporary changes include closing off the lounge area where players typically congregate before and after matches.

"Come to play and, when you're done, you should leave," he said. "Don't hang out."

Underkoffler also said a robust methodology for contact tracing has been undertaken.

"We're keeping track of who's playing on what court at what time," he said. "All players are registering within their groups."

With decades of experience coaching soccer before becoming an USTA certified instructor, Underkoffler said one ramification of pandemic restrictions could be attracting new interest in lifetime sports, such as tennis or golf, in lieu of team competition.

"I've been an athletic coach most of my adult life and I was a soccer coach much longer than I was a tennis professional," he said. "It's a unique opportunity for children especially, to start to learn a lifetime sport because it keeps them active."

With timeframes yet unknown for resumption of team sports, Underkoffler suggests parents trying to channel their children's youthful exuberance should introduce them to potential lifetime athletic activities.

"It's great for footwork, endurance, stamina [and] for individual decision making," he said. "It's a perfect time to encourage your child, 'we need to get you out there moving [and] learn to play tennis [or] golf."

For more information or questions about racquet sports restrictions, call 410-641-5255.

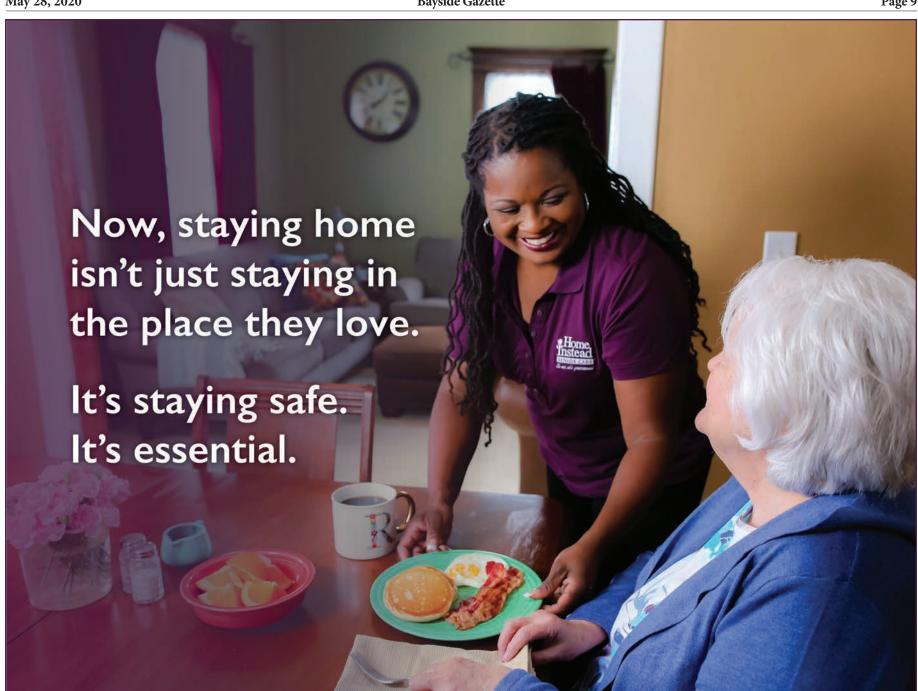


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OPA finalizing parking lot lease with Seacrets

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met with the folks from Seacrets," he said. "The board has been discussing options and we should have something ready by the June 3 board meeting."

Parks said in addition to the Beach Club and adjacent parking oceanside, the parcel extends due west to bayside.

"We actually bisect the parking lot all the way out to the bay," he said. "Some people don't realize that."

Parks said the land parcel's western extension is bordered by parking spots directly to the north and south.

"If you look at the front door of Seacrets, that's their parking lot and right next to it is a sliver of land, that's Ocean Pines, and just to the right of that is more Seacrets parking lot," he said. "We kind of own the land right in between.'

The longstanding business arrangement has proven beneficial for both parties, Parks said.

"We know how important that piece of land is to Seacrets, and they're giving us a fair price for it, so both parties benefitted," he said. "That's why it's been in place for so long."

Noting a lack of contention during the numerous years the lease arrangement has been in place, Parks said by all indications the association would seek to retain the terms.

"The OPA is very much interested in maintaining ownership of that property, but we have no intent to use it for anything other than the Seacrets parking lot," he said. "There's no design on doing anything different than what we're doing right now."



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The Ocean Pines Association is working on renewing a parking lot lease with Seacrets on 49th Street in Ocean City, directly across from the Beach Club.

Mid-term departure avoids special election

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new home by the end of 2020, at the latest beginning of 2021."

Gulyas would not have been up for reelection until 2022, and even though he could have put off his resignation until he moves out of town — and after October's town election — that would have entailed a special election to fill his seat.

"That would force the town to spend an extra \$7,500-\$10,000 just so that I could stay another extra three or four months," he said. "And that's not right. That's just not the right thing to do."

Gulyas, who owns Ace Printing & Mailing on 10026 Old Ocean City Blvd, has been a business owner in Berlin since 1985 and moved into town limits with his family in 2006.

Originally, his business was located directly on Main Street for 23 years before he bought his current in 2000.

Gulyas said he became interested in running for Berlin office in 2008, when he ran against then District 2 Councilperson Lisa Hall. His mother, Louise Gulyas, was a long-time Worcester County Commissioner (she held the position for 16 years).

"I spent 23 years on Main Street while the prior mayor and councils were working on the town," he said. "There's so much that is said in public about people thinking that politicians are 'On the take.' I can't speak for other politicians, but I can speak for the ones that are here in town: that's not happening, not to my knowledge, anyhow.

"Everyone always thinks that deals are being made in executive session ... I'm telling you, they're not," Gulyas continued. "That doesn't happen because I would be the first one screaming. I used to think the same thing, too, because I wasn't part of what was going on.

Despite leaving his term two years early, Gulyas is not overtly concerned about leaving any unfinished business behind.

"There's always unfinished business as a politician, unfortunately," he said. "But I do have faith in my counterparts that they will continue on in the positive direction that they have been going for many councils before me."

However, in his tenure, Gulyas said

he has been pleased with several tasks the town undertook, including the purchase of then Berlin Falls, now Heron Park, and some tax decisions made over the years.

"The mayor and council have the best interests of this town at heart," he said. "They really do. I believe that in my heart. I wouldn't be there if I thought otherwise. It's difficult to get in to politics because you're never going to make every single person happy. It just doesn't work that way. So, you try to do what's best, what you feel is best for your government and move from there."

He also learned many new skills as a result of his terms.

"I've learned how to deal with people a lot better," Gulyas said. "I've learned how to deal with the negativity a lot better, and I've really learned how to listen to points of view that are that are opposite of mine.

"I remember when we were raising taxes last year, I spent over 220 hours meeting with people, whether it was one on one in my office or at their home," he continued. "And while nobody wants to pay more in taxes, every single person that I spoke to understood it, every single one of them. It made me feel good that even some of those folks understood it. Again, they didn't want to pay more, nobody does, but they understood it."

Gulyas' seat will be available for the taking come this October.

"Now that I have announced [last] Tuesday night, the seat will be open at the final meeting before the new folks get sworn in," he said. "To the best my knowledge one since I've made this public already, anybody has the option to run for the seat."

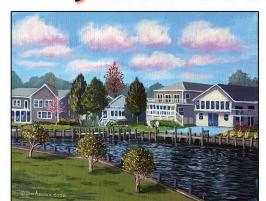
Gulyas said some interest in running for his seat has been expressed, and said Kite Loft owner Jay Knerr, a member of the Berlin Board of Zoning and Appeals, is a possibility.

Gulyas still intends to participate in council meetings as a Berlin business owner, and has even considered running for a county commissioner's position in the near future.

"I have appreciated the opportunity to serve the people of the town of Berlin," he said.



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Teachers, board happy with new agreement

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) The Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education signed and approved a ratified 2020-2021 contract agreement between the Worcester County Teachers' Association and the Worcester County Educational Support Personnel Association on Tuesday, May 19.

The agreement was presented by Supervisor of Human Resources Dr. Dwyane Abt during the board of education teleconferenced meeting.



Normally, the signing would have taken place at the same time, but according to Abt, signatures were obtained prior to the teleconference.

'We did have some

language modifications, edits and additions," he said.

According to the agreement, the teachers' contract has been agreed upon for one step increase to eligible employees and a 2 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA).

The contract will also offer step increases to eligible employees in a 2.5 percent COLA in the food service scales that will be adjusted to meet the minimum wage requirements by law over the next five years.

'We also increased our longevity payment \$100 from \$1,300 to \$1,400," Abt said. "It is my pleasure to say that we have two signed agreements with our employees and I'd like to thank Mr. Gary McCabe, Beth Shockley-Lynch and Mr. Ivory Smith, as well as the committees from the board as well as the association.'

Shockley-Lynch, the president of the Worcester County Teachers' Association, expressed her gratitude for the support of the agreement.

"We would just like to thank the board in all of our support through all

of this," she said. "Our negotiated contract was ratified at 100 percent. I had no one that was displeased with it. We are very grateful to have the relationship with the board and with the leadership team. So thank you."

Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor also expressed his gratitude for the camaraderie between the organizations.

"It is a pleasure to work with you, Mr. McCabe and Mr. Smith," Taylor said. "It's been a true team effort through negotiations, and that's carried and even gotten deeper as we've gone through these uncertain times. So thank you for your partnership and for most importantly, keeping our kids first, and all of us doing the right things. It takes both sides and we appreciate that way of working to-

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Changing times met with easy transition at market

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any directives; we're looking for direction and waiting to hear what that will be.

Bean said the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, which marked its ninth anniversary this Memorial Day Weekend, would continue despite the current challenges.

'We've been open and we will continue to stay open," he said. "We're there rain or shine."

The challenging times have also

fostered a stronger bond between vendors and customers, Bean said.

"It's been a great relationship with the Ocean Pines community," he said. "It opens our eyes [and] we see things a little differently than we did before.

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is open Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in White Horse Park on 239 Ocean Parkway. For further visit online oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmersartisans-market.







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Worcester Prep holds drive-thru graduation

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) The Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin held an unconventional graduation ceremony on campus last Thursday by having its Class of 2020 have a drive through parade.

Forty-seven students graduated from the school, and were able to celebrate by driving their cars while a small crowd of their teachers and other faculty cheered them on as they received gift bags from the school's mascot.

The students drove up to the gym, received a gift bag, and continued out of the parking lot with their families in the car with them. The gift bag contained a class T-Shirt, poster of the class, letters from staff, and other gifts. The teachers and some members of the Berlin Police and Fire Departments also gathered in the parking lot to cheer them on as they left.

According to Marketing and Public Relations Associate Diane Brown, every student was accepted into a four-year school, involving 37 different universities in 15 states. One international student will be going to university in the United Kingdom.

Twelve of these students have also been invited to an honors program at one or more colleges. The students also did well financially, as \$6.8 million was awarded in grants or scholarships and around 92 percent of the class received offers of merit or need-based scholarships and financial aid.

Acting Head of School Mike Grosso said the decision to hold the parade was created by a graduation committee to help give the students the recognition they deserved after the coronavirus caused the cancellation of the school's traditional ceremony.

"Worcester Preparatory School's traditional graduation ceremony is one of the most special events of the year, but due to the current circumstances, we needed to adapt," he said. "In times of necessity, new traditions are born. It was so nice to see the smiles — and some tears — as our senior class drove through our lot being cheered on by faculty and staff. This indeed was a special moment and a memory to last a lifetime.

"The parents and students were very happy that we organized this and they had a great time," Grosso continued. "It was also nice that the teachers were there to support the kids."

Class of 2020 President Sam Tinkler, of Berlin, who will be studying business with a minor in history at Belmont University in Tennessee this fall, thought the drive-thru celebration was a fantastic idea.

"I know everybody's been pretty bummed out about everything that's happened and not being able to have a traditional graduation, but it was really fun and really nice to be able to see all the teachers and see all of my classmates," Tinkler said.

Tinkler also believes the virus brought his class closer together despite being physically separated from one another for three months.

"In some ways, it brought our class even closer together, because it made us build stronger connections outside of school," he said. "I think it's actually



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZET

Vice President of the Worcester Prep Class of 2020, Quinn McColgan of Millsboro, Delaware, highfives the Fighting Mallard, as she participates in the school's drive-thru graduation parade on Thursday, May 21.

been really special in that aspect because I think that some people have been able to build up some long-distance communication and some things that they wouldn't have otherwise.

"I'm very proud to be representing them all," Tinkler continued. "It's been a weird thing, but everybody has been very positive about it and it makes me very proud to represent them."

Also feeling proud to represent Worcester Prep was Vice President Quinn McColgan, who traveled from Millsboro, Delaware to attend school.

"It was just so much more exciting than just a regular traditional ceremony," she said. "The teachers and the faculty, they really went all out. They decorated the parking lot in all this Worcester gear and they had posters and balloons ... it was just nice to see that they had all shown up and put on something just to celebrate us.

"It was very fitting that we had some sort of celebration in place just to give us a little bit of a gift before restrictions slowly come down and life gets a little bit back to normal." McColgan continued. "I'm sure they have an idea of a day where we could do some sort of ceremony. But since that's kind of far off in the future and there is no guarantee, I think this is the one way they felt like they could just celebrate us."

McColgan will be attending Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York, this fall with a focus on writing and literature.

Kiwanis Club launches Diakonia food drive

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City are launching a weekly food drive to help stock the shelves at the Diakonia Emergency Food Pantry.

Kiwanis Club President Roy Foreman said the initial food drive for non-perishable goods was held this Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Ocean Pines Community Center parking lot outside the Assateague Room.

"It's a pretty contactless way of having a food drive," he said. "It allows people just to drive up with what they want to donate."

Foreman said the effort would continue each Wednesday in the same location through June 17.

"It's going to be about two hours every Wednesday for the next four weeks," he said. "If the food drive is really successful, as we hope it will be, we might continue it on into the summer."

Kiwanis Public Relations Press Chairman D.J. Landis Sr. credited his cohort with envisioning a charitable endeavor that could be undertaken while adhering to health-safety guidelines.

"We've been inactive during this whole coronavirus thing," he said. "Roy Foreman came up with the idea because we haven't been able to do any projects ... or hold any fundraisers."

Diakonia Executive Director Bee Miller said the Kiwanis Club collection drive serves a vital need, which has heightened during the covid-19 pandemic

"We serve over 3,000 families per month," she said. "Donations for our food pantry are critical."

Miller said as monetary woes abound for residents who have found themselves unexpectedly unemployed, food assistance can help free up limited resources.

"Help for today [and] hope for tomorrow," she said.

Landis said with the state's covid-19 restrictions having limited Kiwanis Club meetings to a virtual format, the Diakonia-focused food drive provides an avenue to continue helping the community.



Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City cohorts Dave Landis, left, and **Tom Foreman** were on hand Wednesday at the Ocean Pines Community Center to launch a weekly food drive to help stock the shelves at the Diakonia Emergency Food Pantry. GREG ELLISON/

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

"It just seemed like a good thing to do to be proactive to help the community out, which is basically what we like to do anyhow," he said.

Landis said the new campaign to collect non-perishable food items for Diakonia piggybacks on an April in-house effort to garner groceries.

"We said open it up to the public too

, left, and let's see what happens because we can collect non-perishables and try to help resupply Diakonia," he said.

Foreman said for the next three weeks at least, facemask-clad Kiwanis Club members will be at the parking lot at the Community Center on Wednes-

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Three organizations partner to host free virtual art class

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) The Worcester County Arts Council, the Worcester County Board of Education and the Worcester County Recreation and Parks Department have joined to offer children a free virtual art program starting today.

Anna Mullis, executive director for the arts council headquartered in Berlin, was approached by the Recreation and Parks Department about creating the Worcester County Art Link.

"The Worcester County Arts Council has partnered with two other Worcester County agencies, with the county [board of education] and the county recreation and parks department," Mullis said. "I am very excited about this collaboration with the two agencies, because the main goal is to provide free arts enrichment programming for children during the summer for kids and teens."

The art program will be held online through Zoom, and children will be able to register for classes at no charge through the Worcester County Recreation and Parks Department website registration platform at https://campscui.active.com/orgs/WorcesterCountyRecreationPark?orglink=camps-regist ration.

The classes will be interactive so chil-

dren may participate with one another as well as the teachers and art instructors teaching the courses.

"We hope to be able to present the results of these classes on our Facebook pages and basically just encourage children to be creative during the summer,"

Mullis said.



Anna Mullis

This is especially important since the Worcester County Art Council will not be able to provide its typical art programs during the summer because of the effort to contain the spread of

"The Worcester County Art Council has a very popular program during its annual summer arts camp for children with hundreds of kids participating each year," Mullis said. "During these circumstances, we just felt that we couldn't provide this program on the same the same format as we used to.

"In my opinion, art culture and creativity have always made a difference in a powerful way, especially during challenging times and being inspired and creative cannot be canceled," she continued.

Classes will begin once a week on See CLASSES Page 15

Obituary

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Barbara Zane (Taylor) Walter, 75, of Berlin, returned to her heavenly home on May 17, 2020.

Born in Santa Barbara, California, to Tom and Jean Taylor, she spent her teenage years in Salisbury and was a 1963 graduate of Wicomico High School.

Barbara was recognized for her beautiful artwork in many restaurants, churches and homes, and for her decorating skill including design and creations.

An ordained minister, she was well-known as a prayer warrior, for her love and her faith in Jesus.

She was involved in many ministries over the years, including The Son'Spot, in Ocean City; WOLC Radio, in Princess Anne; Christian Shelter, HALO and Joseph House, in Salisbury; and the Revelation 22 Ministry Alliance, in Towson, Maryland.

She wrote and directed Christian plays and puppet shows, ministered in jails and prisons for 20 years, and had an outreach to single mothers.

For over 20 years she wrote a popular column called "Things Hoped For" in the Manna newspaper.

With her husband, Randy, she conducted Shiloh Ministries from their home, where they wrote 12



Barbara Walter

books together. Her home was always open to people in need.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend, she is survived by her husband of 38 years, Randy

Walter, of Berlin; a son, Wallace Wayne Zane IV, of Santa Monica, California; a daughter and son-in-law, Malia Zane Ricks and Jeff Ricks, of Berlin; a son and daughter-in-law, Xon Zane and Jannet Zane, of Berlin; grandchildren, Tanner Ricks, Lily Ricks, Diego Zane, and Aeriel Zane, all of Berlin; one sister in Florida, Eleanor Bosley; three sisters in California, Lola Taylor, Mary Lee Taylor (Lisa Todd) and Sina Taylor; a niece in Florida, Connie Brown; and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, J.T. Taylor, of Princess Anne, and her father and mother.

A celebration of her life will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2020 in SonRise Church, located on routes 50 and 818 in Berlin. Revs. Dale and LuAnne Mast, of Dover, will officiate.

Contributions in Barbara's memory can be made to: Shiloh Ministries, c/o Randy Walter, 209 West St., Berlin, Maryland 21811.

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Opinion

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Gulyas leaves council with honest appraisal

As Berlin Town Councilman Thom Gulyas confessed in this week's story about his resignation from the council, he thought he knew a great deal more about the workings of town government before he became a part of it in 2014.

That's when he realized how much he didn't know and how much he had to learn quickly to become an effective member of the council. Obviously, he got up to speed in short order, because that was the job he had pledged to do.

Gulyas's admission that his initial opinion of government's function was off the mark is refreshing at a time when a favored pastime of many people is to produce theories and conjecture to back up what already believe.

Gulyas, however, set aside his preconceived notions about how town government operated and went about his duties with an open mind.

What he discovered, as he admitted in this week's interview, was that local government wasn't being guided by secret agendas and ulterior motives, but that elected officials truly did put the interests of citizens first.

Naturally, political self-interest is always present in representative government, and the opinions of elected officials will vary according to their own interpretations of the information presented to them.

But as Gulyas opines, local government officials, whether they're right or wrong and whether they agree or disagree, do try to do the right thing.

Although the councilman can point to numerous accomplishments during his time on the council, his best parting gift to Berlin residents is his honest acknowledgment that his opinions of government going in weren't as well-founded as they might have been, and certainly aren't the same as the perspective he takes with him as he departs.

His frank assessment of his own changing views should allay some of the concerns of citizens who find it convenient to believe that local government is always out to get them.

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Three candidates certified for election

(May 28, 2020) Three candidates have been certified for the 2020 Ocean Pines Board of Directors election.

In a letter to Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger this week, Ocean Pines Association Secretary Camilla Rogers confirmed that Doug Parks, Dr. Colette Horn and Dr. Stuart Lakernick had each qualified to

A fourth candidate did

not meet eligibility requirements.

"I have verified that the three eligible candidates are current in their OPA fees and none of them have any outstanding CPI violations. Therefore, I can certify that Mr. Parks, Dr. Horn and Dr. Lakernick meet the requirements of Section 5.02(c) of the By-Laws and are eligible to run for the office of Director of Ocean Pines Association," Rogers said in the

letter.

While the original candidate filing deadline was May 10, that date was extended. Ocean Pines By-Laws require at least two more candidates than the number of seats available, which this year is two.

The new application deadline is Friday, July 3.

To download a candidate application, visit www.oceanpines.org/web/p ages/board-of-directors.

Worcester libraries plan for opening

(May 28, 2020) All five Worcester County Library buildings remain closed, but plans are now in place for a gradual restarting of public services.

Beginning Monday, May 18 at 11 a.m., all branches will open up library book returns. Items will be quarantined for at least 72 hours to remove any contamination following recommendations from the State Library Resource Center.

Library staff will be avail-

able to answer phones Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Questions can also be sent to askus@worcesterlibrary.org or to its social media sites.

All library due dates have been extended until June 1 and the library is fine-free, so there are no overdue charges.

Items should be returned to the outside book drops so staff can safely handle materials. At this time, the library is not accepting any donations. Contactless Curbside Pickup service will begin sometime after Memorial Day.

Virtual programs continue to be offered. A variety of classes are available to educate and enrich learners of all ages.

Some programs will be live on Facebook along with activities posted on Worcester County Library's Instagram account.

Visit www.worcesterlibrary.org for more information.

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Thursdays, typically around 1 p.m. with a class size of no more than 16 students so the instructors will have time to work with

Each course, according to Coordinator of Instruction Tamara Mills, will vary and may even have materials provided through the Worcester County Recreation and Parks Department.

"The three of us together are providing everything; [the board is providing] the art teachers and the staffing and the Worcester County Arts Council is providing the funding and the Parks and Rec Department will be providing the outlet, the source to share with people," Mills said. "It will be a great partnership to allow people to be creative and have

some fun using artistic lessons."

The first art project held today was an origami art show, Mills said there are plans to have a clay project and even a coffee paint project.

"We thought about one of our future sessions possibly being a clay project, an air-dry clay, where we could provide some model magic," she said. "We would provide the supplies at Parks and Rec so that people who participate can just swing by the Parks and Rec Department and pick up the materials, and that way they can participate using the materials."

Everyone, parents and children alike, should be encouraged to work in art, she said.

"It's a really nice creative outlet for people to be able to relieve some stress, and it's a good tool for family time," Mills said. "A lot of parents are still not quite back to work, or they're still working from home. So it's a good lunch break activity for parents to do with kids. And we feel it's just a nice way to reach out to the community and help them do something at home that is productive and creative."

Since the program is new, it will begin with four weeks and then the organizations involved will determine if the online arts program will be held throughout the entire summer.

For more information, visit the Worcester County Parks and Rec Facebook page as well the Worcester County Board of Education and Worcester County Arts Council Facebook pages.

Board of License Commissioners Briefs

By Elizabeth Bonin

Staff Writer

(May 28, 2020) The Worcester County Board of License Commissioners granted several new liquor licenses and transfers during their meeting on Wednesday, May 20.

The Globe

The Globe, located on 12 Broad Street in Berlin, was granted a license to serve beer, wine and liquor. The property was purchased by Bryan Brushmiller, owner of Burley Oak Brewery, last fall.

The 7,000-square-foot building will have 175 seats at inside tables and an inside bar with 30 seats. The property

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Kiwanis Club supports Diakonia Food Pantry

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days beginning at 10 a.m. to collect donations. Those items will be loaded into awaiting vans for delivery to Diakonia's Emergency Food Pantry.

"Diakonia helps a lot of families that are in transition from one place to another," he said. "They have a very wide group of people that they work with and the food goes to a lot of different kinds of people."

Foreman said addressing food insecurity seems vital during this severe economic downturn.

"A lot of people as summer goes on may have trouble with housing [or] meeting their rent and things of that nature," he said. "Trying to put food on their table can be a big challenge."

Kiwanis Club members have an ex-

tensive history of backing nonprofits such as Diakonia, in many cases investing sweat equity, Foreman said.

"We've supported them for a long time in our club," he said. "We even have had people go over there and help sort the food."

Landis, who in addition to handling marketing duties also serves on the Kiwanis Board of Directors and oversees the group's annual toy drive, said, regardless of other challenges, diminishing membership has made charitable outreach efforts increasingly difficult.

"We're down to 50 members. When I joined, we had 135 strong back in 2004," he said. "We're still doing what we did but it's getting harder and harder."

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Snapshots



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PROCLAMATION

The Worcester County Commissioners presented a proclamation on March 3 recognizing March as Women's History Month to Commission for Women members, honoring the contributions of these and other exemplary women to the economic, cultural and social well-being of Worcester County. Pictured, in front, from left, are CFW members Laura Morrison, Gwen Lehman, Chair Tamara White, and Commissioners Diana Purnell and Bud Church; second row, Commissioner Jim Bunting, CFW members Vanessa Alban and Coleen Colson, and Commissioner Joshua Nordstrom; and in back, Commissioners Joe Mitrecic, Chip Bertino and Ted Elder.



AUCTION

Coastal Hospice recently hosted the annual Quarter Auction to benefit the Macky & Pam Stansell House at the Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured are Event Chair Ann Lovely, left, and CEO Alane Capen.



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SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

Hundreds of Stephen Decatur High School students and staff members pledged to "Say Something" during a week-long campaign to establish a more inclusive and friendly school environment. The campaign was inspired by the Sandy Hook Promise organization, whose mission is to prevent shootings, violence and other harmful acts. Throughout the week, students used props to take selfies using the hashtag "SaySomethingSDHS" and wore the color green on a designated day for school-wide awareness.



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SPECIAL GUEST

Showell Elementary Principal Diane Shorts joins the Lorax, who, "Speaks for the Trees," during Read Across America Week activities.



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BLOOD DONATION

Stephen Decatur senior Jacob Fuchsluger gives blood during the high school's biannual Key Club Blood Drive on March 3. With over 150 pints collected each year, Stephen Decatur is typically one of the largest high school donation sites on the Eastern Shore.



BAKE SALE

Worcester Prep teacher Jackie **Knowlton and her students hosted** the annual second grade Bread Sale as part of a hands-on learning lesson combining English, science, social studies (civics and community), mathematics and philanthropy. The project is modeled like a small business, with the young entrepreneurs baking bread, selling it to Lower School classmates in a "Café" and donating the proceeds to charity. This year, the class partnered with the Bad Monkey West in Ocean City where they learned how to make and bake the bread. The students made \$773.36 and donated the proceeds evenly between Atlantic General Hospital and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Second grader CJ Labin and his mom, Wendy Caba-Labin, prepare to sell bread to students. SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Board of License Commissioners Briefs

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will operate Sunday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The license also requests live entertainment five days a week from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Cambria Hotel

The new Cambria Hotel on St. Louis Avenue and 7th Street in Ocean City was granted a license to serve beer, wine and liquor. The eight-story hotel will have 137 rooms.

The inside lobby bar will have 1,600 square feet of space with 10 seats at the bar and 50 seats at tables. The outside lobby will have 1,500 square feet of space with 40 seats at tables and 40 seats on a 3,000 square-foot pool deck.

A rooftop bar will have 10-15 seats inside and 100 seats at tables inside with 2,000 square feet of space. There will also be 3,000 square feet of outside seating with 60 seats at tables.

Annabelle's

Annabelle's Barbecue and Creamery, a new restaurant located on 64th Street on the bayside, was granted a license to serve beer, wine and liquor. The restaurant will serve barbecue meals and ice cream.

The 2,600 square-foot building will hold 75 seats inside. The two patios out-

side, each consisting of 200 square feet, will hold 35 seats at tables together. Staff will serve alcohol from a walk-up counter.

Annabelle's will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week, year round

Fenwick Inn

The Fenwick Inn on 138th Street in Ocean City was granted a license to serve beer, liquor and wine. There will be a restaurant and bar on the top floor, with the inside bar seating 15 people. The rest of the seating has not yet been determined.

The restaurant and bar will be open from 4-10 p.m. seven days a week from May through September. It will be closed during the off season.

Hilton Tru Hotel

The Hilton Tru Hotel, located on 34th Street in Ocean City, will have 105 rooms. The license for beer and wine will allow hotel guests to purchase alcoholic beverages from the front desk and consume in the hotel lobby or in their rooms.

There will not be a bar or outside seating.

The 3,200-square-foot lobby can seat 75 to 80 people. The applicants also requested one shuffleboard table and one foosball table for the lobby.

Maryland Board of Elections send ballots, deadline June 2

(May 28, 2020) The Maryland Board of Elections has confirmed that mail-in ballots for the June 2 Presidential Primary election have been sent by U.S. Postal Service to all eligible state voters.

Ballots for Worcester County residents were mailed on April 27; by now, each eligible voter in the county should have received a ballot at the mailing address provided to the Maryland Board of Elections.

Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, voting for the June 2 Primary will be conducted by mail, with limited options to vote in-person on election day.

The pandemic also resulted in the date of the Primary being moved from April 28 to June 2.

While the mail-in ballots voters receive will display the original Primary date of April 28, the ballots are in fact valid for the June 2 election.

"Voting by mail is safe, secure and free," said Maryland Administrator of Elections Linda Lamone. "There is no postage required to submit a ballot. Voters simply need to fill out their ballot, sign the oath on the envelope and place it back in the mail."

The return ballot must be postmarked no later than June 2, but can be mailed at any time before election day. Voters should sign only the oath on the outside of the envelope but not the ballot itself.

If an eligible voter does not receive a ballot in the mail, they may submit a request to absentee.SBE@maryland.gov or call 1-800-222-8683.

The Maryland State Board of Elections is committed to educating voters on the changes made to the election procedures due to the novel coronavirus epidemic. These changes have been made to ensure voters can exercise their fundamental right to vote while also safeguarding the public's health during this pandemic.

The June 2 Presidential Primary election will be conducted by mail, with up to four in-person voting locations in each Maryland county and the City of Baltimore for those who are unable to vote by mail.

Drop boxes for voters to submit ballots will be available at designated locations beginning on May 21. The drop boxes will be available from May 21 until the close of voting on June 2.

For more information about this election, including a list of in-person voting locations, visit www.elections.maryland.gov or contact the State Board at 1-800-222-8683.



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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.

Fri., May 29

TRIMPER'S GREENMARKET

Fridays - Trimper's Rides, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The market will include all types of produce including mushrooms, fruits and vegetables as well as flowers and herbs. Farms interested in participating can apply online at www.trimperrides.com.

Sat., May 30

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL TESTING

Ocean City beach at Dorchester Street. There are no pre-certification requirements and experience is not necessary. All training and certifications will be provided in a paid (\$15.25/hr.) Surf Rescue Academy, which is being conducted beginning on May 31 or June 14. Registration/check-in begins at 9:00 AM. Each candidate must have a mask and will have a wellness check before participation. Applicants should prepare for full day of testing. Pre-registration is encouraged by visiting www.ococean.com/ocbp. Applicants must be 17 years old or older prior to June 24, and those under 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Info: 410-289-7556

Sun., May 31

THE BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays - Located on Pitts Street and Main Street, 9:00 AM - 1:00 pm. Special senior shopping time from 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM. www.berlinmainstreet.com

Mon., June 1

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

The meeting will be held via conference call, 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Dial 605-472-5789, wait for voice command, then press 944874. 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

The meeting will be held via conference call, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Dial 978-990-5451, wait for voice command, then press 3753651. Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Discussion and education related to diabetes is provided. AGH Diabetes Education Program, 410-208-9761

Tues., June 2

KIDS BOOK CLUB

Join the group for a virtual book club discussion of "Bats" by Carl Schuetz and "In the Garden" by Pearl Markovicz, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Both titles are available on Hoopla

(https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/1193 3621 and

https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12295 418). Must be logged into Hoopla for the links to work. For school children ages 6-12 years.

Wed., June 3

FOOD COLLECTIONS

Ocean Pines Community Center, parking lot, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City will be collecting non-perishable goods for Diakonia. Collection dates are



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FOOD COLLECTION

When the coronavirus pandemic first struck, Marian Bickerstaff, pantry manager, was concerned whether The Community Church at Ocean Pines would have enough resources to nourish its regular pantry clients. Because of donations from Mountaire Farms, WaWa, Food Lion, the church family and people in the community, Sarah's Pantry, which on average serves about 300 people a month through its county referral program, has been able to also assist those that are food insecure due to the pandemic. Those in need are asked to call Sarah's Pantry at 410-641-8392. Pictured, from left are volunteer Sidney Ward, Bickerstaff and volunteer Carlyn Crout.

June 3, 10 and 17. Volunteers will be wearing masks.

AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

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ONGOING EVENTS

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Donate to Lyme Awareness through the secure PayPal. For every \$10 donated, participant's names will be entered into a virtual

raffle to win a door prize basket (3 baskets total, \$30 = 3 entries). Run the 5k anytime between May 1-30. Share a picture of your creative run or walk so the group can post it on social media. For sponsorships or questions, email FightTheBiteOC@gmail.com. More info: Angela Brainard Burke at 410-443-0700. http://www.fightthebiteoc.org

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GRADUATES

Worcester County jail and correctional officers who graduated in the 107th entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, from left, are Sara E. Hetherington of the Ocean City Police Department, and Taylor Q. Armstrong, Joshua R. Lockman and John P. Znamirowski of the Worcester County Jail and Detention Center.



IZZETT AWARDED

Gabrielle Izzett, president of the Stephen Decatur **High School Key** Club, is presented a scholarship from **Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City** President Roy Foreman. Izzett will attend Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia, and play on the women's soccer team. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Puzzles

WIDE-OPEN SPACES BY BYRON WALDEN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Byron Walden is a math and computer science professor at Santa Clara University, "currently on sabbatical at the exotic location of my dining-room table." He picked up his love of crosswords from his grandmother and father and is now passing it along to his 8-year-old son. This puzzle is themeless. It features longer, sometimes more challenging vocabulary than usual, with only 122 answers (versus the standard 140). - W.S

ACROSS

- 1 How some stock shares are sold
- 6 Caesar-salad ingredient
- 13 Big name in
- swimwear
- 19 African grazer
- 20 Yalitza _, bestactress nominee for 2018's "Roma"
- 21 Woodworking machine
- that once sponsored "The Dick Van Dyke 55 Christ, to Christians Show'
- 24 Had legs, so to speak
- 25 Flying class?
- 26 Like some leaves and knives 27 Blast
- 28 "The Confessions of Turner" (1967 Pulitzer-winning novel)
- 29 Scrapped
- 30 One who might say. 'Your money's no good here"?
- 31 Overwhelming favorite
- 33 Roofing material
- 34 Dyes that can be used as pH indicators
- 35 Echo voice

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/ ci (\$39.95 a year).

- 36 Eponym of Agaba's airport
- 38 Editorial reversal
- 39 Simmering sites
- 41 On the schedule
- 45 Chef's creation
- 47 Crosses one's fingers
- 49 Sophisticated
- 50 Subjects of four famous violin concertos by Vivaldi
- 52 Can't take
- 22 R.J. Reynolds product 54 Body part that's also a Hebrew letter

 - 56 Flavorful
 - 57 Colts, maybe
 - 59 Sch. on Chesapeake Bay
 - 60 Interstellar clouds
 - 62 Fundamental dispositions
 - 63 With 55-Down, inning enders
 - 65 Pourable art material 66 Creature seen
 - basking on the shores of the Galápagos
 - 67 Superman co-creator Jerry
 - 69 Sports icon with the autobiography "Faster Than Lightning"
 - 71 Entertainer Minnelli
 - 75 Bitcoin and the like
 - 77 47th U.S. vice president

- 78 Comic actor whose wife left him to marry their neighbor
 - Frank Sinatra 81 Airer of the gospel music reality competition "Sunday
 - 82 Classic Chevrolets
 - Best' 84 Eaglelike
 - 85 One with a small but devoted fan base
 - 87 AAA service
 - 88 Restrained from biting
 - 89 Places of intense scrutiny
 - 90 Entertainment on a diner place mat, maybe
 - 91 Alka-Seltzer tablet, for one 92 Early omnivore
 - 94 Returning after
 - curfew, say 95 Substance used
 - to preserve the Declaration of Independence
 - 96 Apt rhyme for "bore" 97 Pieces
 - 98 Has in mind
 - 99 Mary I or Elizabeth I

DOWN

- 1 Major tributary of the Mississippi
- 2 Gymnastics event for both men and women
- State.

- 4 Targets of formicide
- 5 Mythical flier
- 6 Isolated
- 7 Account
- 8 Popular performanceenhancing supplement for athletes
- 9 Freaking out
- 10 Good-size wedding band
- 11 Competed
- 12 Rockvesque interjections
- 13 Spends extravagantly
- 14 Some biodiesel sources
- 15 Victorian home?
- 16 Whole
- 17 Judged
- 18 Things taken while waiting
- 20 Representative
- 23 "Capeesh"
- 27 Whiffs
- 29 Org. for lightweights 30 End-of-level
- challenges in video games
- 32 Items in 18" x 18" x 13/4" boxes
- 34 Like the hands in the Allstate logo
- 36 Keystone
- & the Blowfish
- 39 What sneers express 40 Popular dating app
- 42 Lake drained by the
- Truckee River 43 Iniquities
- nickname for Maine 44 Places of iniquity

- 46 Spanish "that" 48 State capital on the
- Mississippi
- 50 Word with roll or bar
- 51 Muppet wearing a horizontally striped shirt
- 52 Chinese port city on Korea Bay
- 53 Occupy, as a booth 55 See 63-Across

puzzle.

- 56 English county that's home to Brighton
- 58 Weather-map symbol 72 The "Last Great Race 82 Some skilled workers 61 Butter, in Burgundy
- 62 Doctors Without
- Borders and others, in brief
- 64 Having a low neckline, as a dress
- 66 "Gotta split" 68 Group of 18th-century
- thinkers that included Voltaire and Rousseau
- 70 Numbers of concern to showrunners
- on Earth"
- 73 Love match?
- 74 Respondent
- 76 South African money 77 Slo- fuse
- 78 Pan flute musician in
- iconic commercials of the 1980s
- 79 Like a jackass
- 80 Your current occupation?
- in "Brave New World'
- 83 Lead-in to while
- 85 Party line? 86 Former North Carolina senator Kay
- 89 Let fly

Arnold

- 90 Clickable list 92 W.W. II general _
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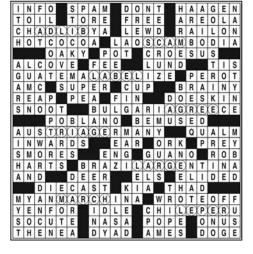
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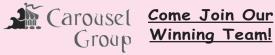
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