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Worcester Preparatory School Director of Advancement Betsy Hornung takes freshman Sam Menendez's temperature as he exits the bus on Tuesday morning. Director of College Counseling Vickie Garner assists by logging any pertinent information.

New players, new revenue for golf course

Financial report shows play pushes income into black

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) A rush of new players has kept Ocean Pines golf operations profitable, while other amenities in the community haven't fared as well during this summer of covid-19.

General Manager of Golf Operations John Malinowski said the Ocean Pines Golf Course has maintained fiscal stability despite obvious challenges.

"July was a pretty good month for us," he said.

Golf Operations reported positive revenue variances during July and closed the month \$25,694 overestimates, including higher-than-anticipated totals of \$4,300 in green fees and \$19,216 from cart rentals.

Monthly financials for August, which will be available in roughly a week, are anticipated to continue the trend.

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Berlin candidate filing deadline Friday at 5 p.m.

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) The filing deadline for candidates in the Berlin municipal election this fall is Friday at 5 p.m.

Candidates can file for mayor, District 2 council seat, District 3 council seat or the at-large council seat for the upcoming election.

Currently, there are nine candidates in the Oct. 6 election. Incumbent Mayor Gee Williams, Councilman Zack Tyndall, Jennifer Allen, Bill Todd and Ron Bireley are all running for mayor.

Jay Knerr and Tony Weeg are running for the at-large council seat. Jack

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County students return to school

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) Thousands of Worcester County students will return to school on Tuesday, but, because of coronavirus concerns, it will be weeks before most of them will be able to enter the classroom.

In response to Gov. Larry Hogan's Aug. 27 announcement that Maryland schools could safely reopen, Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor recorded a video addressed to students and their families to assure

them that the plans for returning to school virtually on Sept. 8 have not changed.

"This is due to the fact that our model is right in line with what the governor and state superintendent outlined in their remarks," Taylor said. "In fact, the governor's remarks further affirm that Worcester's 'Responsible Return' model is one that places a high value on bringing students back into the classroom as quickly and as safely as possible."

Approximately 6,630 students en-

rolled in Worcester County Public Schools will begin the 2020-21 academic year with distance learning after Labor Day for three weeks.

Enrollment will be finalized when school counselors return this week, said Carrie Sterrs, the coordinator of public relations and special programs.

The county school system anticipates moving into Stage Two of its recovery plan on Sept. 28, "which would begin the process of phasing students back into the classroom, adhering to

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Board of Education adopts policy changes

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) Dr. Annette Wallace, the Chief Operating & Academic Officer for grades 9-12, presented the policy revisions for administrative operations to the Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education on Aug. 18.

The board approved the adoption of policies under the new “Ethics” section of the Organization of the Worcester County School System.

According to the first policy statement, the school system has an ethics panel of five members appointed by the chair of the board of education with the agreement of the other board members.

The panel will be responsible for receiving and maintaining all forms required by the board’s ethics policies, will provide advisory opinions to peo-



Dr. A. Wallace

ple subject to those policies, and make determinations regarding allegations of ethics policy violations.

The next policy titled “Disclosure of Potential Financial and Conflict of Interests Requirement for Board Members and Candidates for the Board of Education” requires all board members and candidates to file a financial disclosure statement.

The contents of the statement is to include interests in real property, corporations and partnerships and interests in business entities that do business with the school system or the board.

Also to be reported are gifts, employment with or interests in entities that do business with the school sys-

tem, any indebtedness to entities that do business with the school system or the Board of Education, employment with the school system or Board of Education, sources of earned income and any individual interests.

Incumbent officials must file a financial disclosure statement for the preceding calendar year annually by April 30, while an official who is appointed to fill a vacancy in an office must file within 30 days after appointment.

If an official leaves office, the individual should file a statement within 60 days after leaving the office that includes the preceding calendar year and the portion of the current year during which the individual held office.

Candidates for the board should file a financial disclosure statement each year beginning with the year in which the certificate of candidacy is filed

through the year of the election. Furthermore, the statement should be filed no later than the filing of the certificate of candidacy.

The policy requires candidates to file a statement in the year of the election on or before April 30 or the last day for the withdrawal of candidacy and in all other years on or before April 30.

“If a candidate fails to file a statement required by this policy after written notice is provided by the Board of Election Supervisors at least 20 days before the last day for the withdrawal of candidacy, the candidate is deemed to have withdrawn the candidacy,” the policy states.

Also, the Board of Elections Supervisors cannot accept any certificate of candidacy unless the statement has been filed in proper form with the board or ethics panel.

The financial disclosure statements are public records and are available for examination and copying during normal business hours for reasonable fees and administrative procedures established by the Ethics Panel or the board, according to the policy.

The panel will record the name and home address of any person who reviews or copies the financial disclosure
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Worcester County Government offices will resume standard operating hours on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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School officials to disclose likely interests

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statements as well as the name of the person whose statement was examined.

The policy also requires the panel to retain all financial disclosure statements for four years from the date of receipt.

Another policy titled “Conflicts of Interest, Lobbying, Employee Financial Disclosure Requirements” applies to members of the board of education, board candidates, school officials and employees of the Worcester County Public Schools system.

Those officials cannot participate in

decision making of any matter involving a business entity in which they or their relatives have a financial interest.

The policy also prohibits school officials from decision making in an entity that does business with the board of education or school system, “in which a direct financial interest is owned by another entity in which the official has a direct financial interest.”

Officials must disclose the nature and circumstances of any conflicts of interests.

As for financial interests, a school or board official cannot be employed or

have a financial interest in an entity that is subject to the authority of the school system or board, or have any other employment relationship that would impact the impartial judgement of the official.

Anyone who proposes to appear before any school official or employee to lobby must submit a registration statement with the ethics panel.

Another policy prohibits board members, board candidates, school officials and employees from accepting gifts from a lobbyist or any person that is doing business or seeks to do busi-

ness with the school system.

The final policy under the new ethics section refers to nepotism and conflicts of interest in employing candidates for the board.

Immediate family members are not supposed to be shown favoritism by any board member, nor should an employee supervise an immediate family member.

During the meeting on Aug. 18, the Board of Education also approved revisions to the instruction and personnel policies of the Organization of the Worcester County School System.



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County, OPA confer about drainage project

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) Recent changes in funding for proposed drainage improvements in the area around Bainbridge Park in Ocean Pines brought Worcester County and Ocean Pines officials together last Tuesday to ensure both sides are charting the same course.

County Commissioners Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting led a unanimous vote on Aug. 18 to delay the county's receipt of a \$549,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to retrofit Bainbridge Pond for enhanced flood protection.

DNR awarded Worcester County \$1.58 million in grants for the Pines project, which was estimated to cost \$2.3 million. The sum represents the largest single allotment out of roughly \$26 million distributed statewide.

Last week, Bertino and Bunting, along with Worcester Director of Environmental Programs Bob Mitchell, conferred with OPA General Manager John Viola, President Larry Perrone, Treasurer Doug Parks, Director of Logistics and Operations Colby Phillips and Public Works Director Eddie Wells to confirm the path forward after tabling grant acceptance the previous week.



Chip Bertino

"Larry, Doug and John made it very clear that Ocean Pines is on board with the drainage project," Bertino said.

During the commissioners' last meeting, both Bertino and Bunting hesitated on the county's role as a pass-through agent for OPA, which is not a municipality, to receive state funding because of land costs and recent uncertainties expressed by Perrone.

After being installed as president on Aug. 12, Perrone, in referencing the revised award total, questioned if the lower amount would create a funding gap that might increase costs for the association.

For his part, Perrone said the previous commentary was based on unknowns.

"They had seen my comments ... regarding the scope and cost of the project," he said. "It raised concerns with me."

Perrone said the most recent meeting with Bunting and Bertino gave him renewed confidence.

"The commissioners ... wanted to get together to make sure the Ocean Pines board was in support of this project, which we are," he said. "At this point, we believe we're all on the



Larry Perrone

same page."

Bertino said all parties concur the drainage project's scope of work will have to be reevaluated.

"That process is underway with assistance from Vista Design, Bob Mitchell, the county and representatives from OPA," he said.

Once the project parameters are refined, the revised proposal would require new approval from the state to proceed.

"When the work is re-scoped, it will have to go before the Board of Public Works," he said. "They're hoping to get that on the September agenda."

If the state accepts the changes, the commissioners will revisit accepting the grant on Ocean Pines' behalf.

"They're going to take a big bite out of it ... from this new scope of work," he said. "It will really move things forward."

Also adding to the commissioners' hesitation during the Aug. 18 meeting was the issue of obtaining drainage rights-of-way easements on the former Old Pine Shore Golf Course property north of Beauchamp Road.

At that time, Mitchell said the project plan did not initially factor in land costs.

"It was to be done through a cooperative easement with the developer," he said. "If we have to purchase an easement, that was not anticipated ... we might have to go another route."

Perrone said the OPA has since opted to forgo the land purchase.

"The Windmill Creek project [and] paying them once they put in their pond over there ... for access to use it for drainage from Ocean Pines," he said. "They made a demand for us to buy the property and we have since told them we are not interested in buying the property."

Eliminating the land costs should result in a significant savings, Perrone said.

Perrone said an updated project presentation is on tap during the Board of Directors meeting on Sept. 9.

"All the board members will be brought up to date on what the scope of the project is right now [and] we can get more information out to the community," he said.

Bertino said however the lines are redrawn, improving storm water runoff in Ocean Pines will require a multi-faceted approach.

"You're not going to fix a decades old problem in just a couple of months," he said. "I suspect this will be an ongoing process through the years until the problem is solved."



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WCPS annual kick-off event goes virtual amid pandemic

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) “Better together” was the message delivered repeatedly by speakers Tuesday morning at the Worcester County Public Schools system’s virtual #WeAreWorcester Opening Kick-Off event.

“I am excited for the fact that we will be back in school — hopefully, sooner than later,” Superintendent Lou Taylor said.

Worcester County schools will begin distance learning on Sept. 8 for three weeks.

“This pandemic can’t define us, and today I encourage you to not let this pandemic define who you are, what you are and what you do every day,” Taylor said.

He urged teachers in the 14 local public schools to be present for their students who have been disadvantaged by a lack of face-to-face instruction.

“I ask that you embrace them on day one when you turn that computer on,” Taylor said. “They need us more than ever before. They want to be with us.”

He recounted a letter he received from a female student, who asked him to bring students back to school. She told Taylor how much she missed being with her teachers and friends, who make her feel supported and loved.

“Embrace our kids,” he said. “Find out where they’re hurting. Find out where you as an adult can help them to become a better individual. Find out where you can support them. Find out where you can show them love. Find out where you can be there for them in times of trouble.”

Taylor encouraged educators to embrace the change and the associated challenges of the coronavirus situation.

“I ask each of you to take a look in the mirror each and every day ... and say, ‘How can I be a difference in the life of a young person today,’” he said.

During his opening message, Taylor also thanked the seven members of the

Manuel Scott

Board of Education and elected officials, particularly the Worcester County Commissioners, for their contributions to the school system.

“Together, we will be better than we’ve ever been,” Taylor said.

Gina Russell, the Worcester County 2019 Teacher of the Year, offered her peers some inspirational thoughts during these difficult times.

“I would always say that the staff of Worcester County represented the extra degree,” Russell said. “I’d read an intriguing book by Sam Parker and Mac Anderson called ‘212 The Extra Degree.’ The book’s significance centers around the fact that at 211 degrees water is hot. At 212 degrees, it boils, and with boiling water comes steam. And steam can power a locomotive. By raising the temperature of water by just one extra degree means the difference between something that is simply very hot and something that generates enough force to power a machine. You all are the extra degree.”

Following Russell’s remarks, a video was presented with Fred Hertrich IV, president of Hertrich Family of Automobile Dealerships, giving the 2020 Teacher of the Year, Christina McQuaid from Pocomoke Middle School, a 2020 Ford Escape to use during the school year.

“We know that educators are the leaders in making our community strong for the future,” Hertrich said. “We thank you for your continuous commitment to our children. I have the privilege of being married to an educator, so I know the passion and extra work it takes to be teacher of the year.”

McQuaid then introduced the event’s keynote speaker, Manuel (Manny) Scott, whose story partly inspired the 2007 movie “Freedom Writers.”

Scott began his address by singing “If I Can Help Somebody” by Mahalia See MANUEL Page 10



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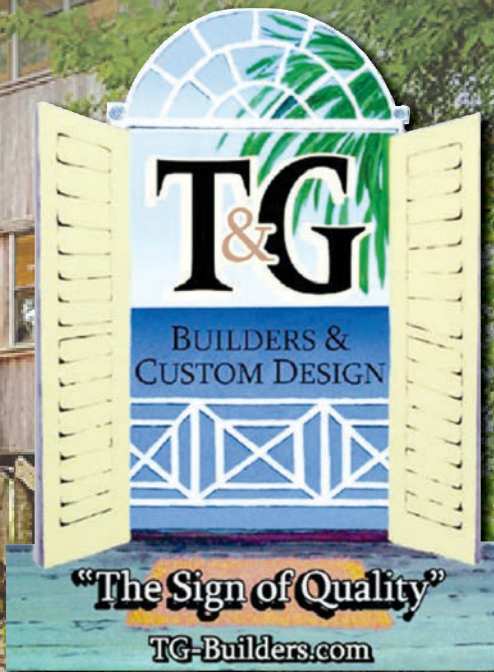
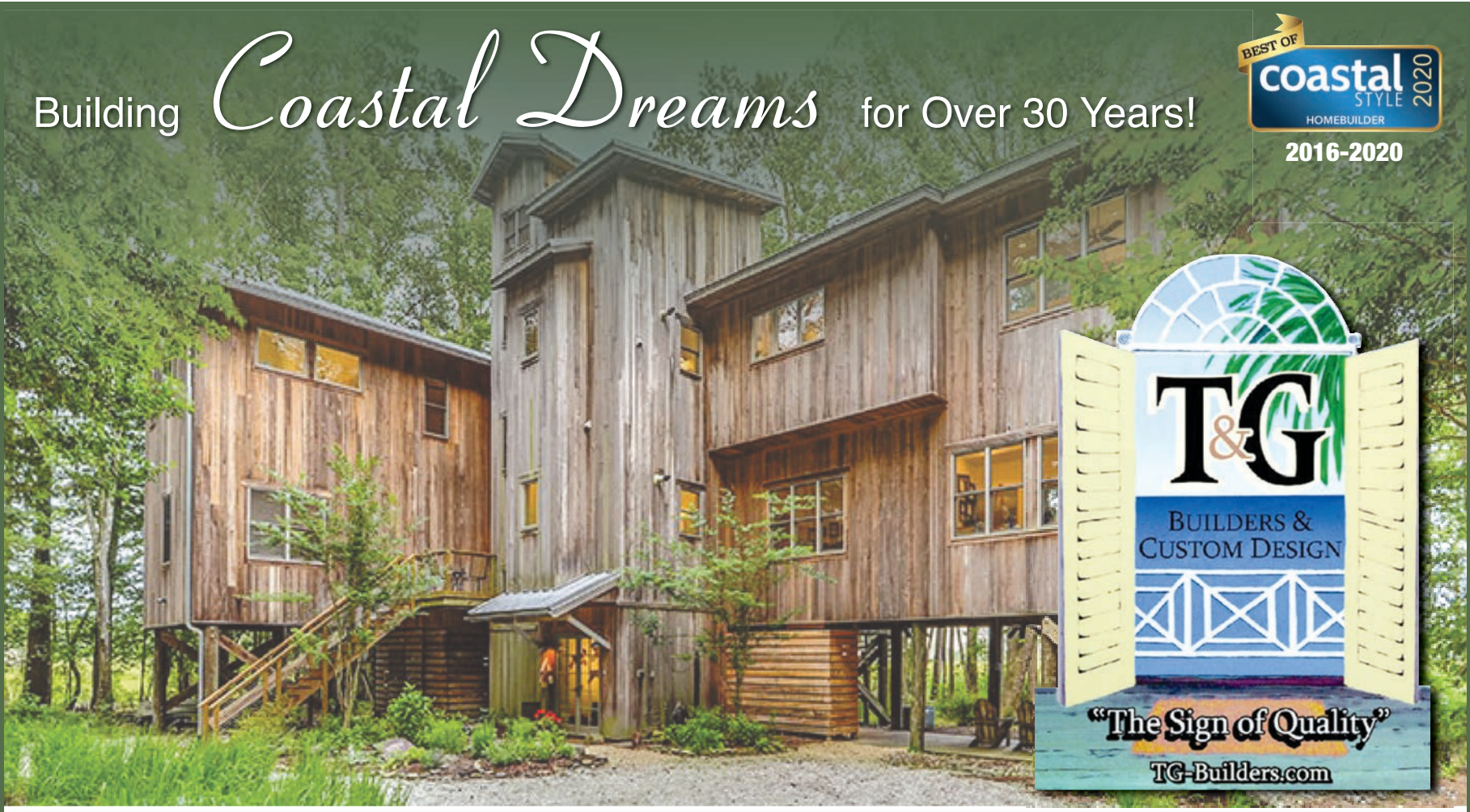


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Contractors break OP water main

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) Water service in Ocean Pines took a momentary lapse on Monday after contractors installing Comcast service lines inadvertently stuck a 10-inch main, with Worcester County Public Works crews able to remedy the emergency in a matter of hours.

Assistant Public Works Director John Ross said on Tuesday the temporary loss of service lasted from roughly 3-7 p.m.

"One of their contractors drilled through a 10-inch water line yesterday," he said. "That caused us lots of problems because they picked one of the largest water mains in Ocean Pines."

Ross said the contractors followed procedure by contacting Miss Utility prior to digging.

"If they install anything below ground they have to call and we have to go out and mark where our water and sewer lines are," he said. "It was marked where it was suppose to be and they thought it was deeper than what it actually was."

Ross said the ongoing Comcast installation in Ocean Pines involves an extensive amount of underground installation that can be problematic.

"Occasionally they're going to hit something but I just really wish they



John Ross

wouldn't have hit something like that," he said. "It was carelessness on the part of the contractor there's no two ways about it."

The situation this week mirrors what was a larger issue several months ago.

"Two or three months ago we were really having major problems and they were hitting our lines all over the place," he said. "We called them in and had a come to Jesus meeting."

The number of miscues improved significantly after that point, Ross said.

"Since then they have been doing a lot better," he said. "We've really had a big improvement but then this happened yesterday."

What made the incident on Monday more challenging was the location of the breach.

"Previously we were up in the north part of Ocean Pines, which is pretty much where all the water supply is and the wells are located," he said. "Most of the south side wasn't disturbed when that happened because we were able to cut it off and leave it on the north side."

As work has progressed southward the challenges are different.

"They hit water lines occasionally but it's usually not as big of a problem

and we get them repaired," he said. "Being a 10-inch water line caused a lot of problems."

The volume of water involved made repair work take longer than usual.

"We had a struggle cutting the water off because some of these valves are old," he said. "The bottom line is they shouldn't have hit it in the first place."

Ross said after putting yesterday's mishap in the rear view mirror, the hope is that further mistakes are avoided.

"I don't want to hop back where we were three months ago because that was horrible and it was two or three times a week," he said. "Now they weren't 10 inch lines, they might have been 8, 6 or 4-inches, but they were far more frequent than they should have been."

Ross said after being alerted to the water main break about 3 p.m. county crews had the matter resolved by roughly 7 p.m.

"They drilled a nice round hole in it, which was good because they could have cracked the entire pipe," he said.

Addressing the fumble was less complicated due to the nature of the damage.

"It was easy for us to out clamp overtop of it and seal it up," he said.

Prior to that step the real challenge

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Manuel Scott gives inspiring keynote speech

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Jackson. He said the lyrics describe his narrative and the efforts of Worcester County teachers.

“I know you’re tired. I know some of you are discouraged,” he said.

The purpose of his speech was to give educators one reason to not give up in the face of unimaginable challenges.

According to Scott’s website, he missed 60 to 90 days of school annually from fourth to ninth grade and dropped out of school at age 14.

By the age of 16, Scott said he lived in 26 places, which equates to two or three different schools each year.

In every school he attended, Scott realized he was different than his peers.

“Why does everybody seem so happy, and I don’t smile anymore?” was the question he asked himself at the time. “What’s so funny? I want to laugh.”

There were times during his childhood when he was so hungry, he would forage in dumpsters, he said.

Scott spoke about growing up in a broken family with an incarcerated father and a stepfather who was addicted to drugs and physically abused his mother.

Without help from his parents, he fell behind in school. Educators identified him as an ESL (English as a second

language) student, although his first and primary language was English.

In high school, Scott’s best friend, Alex, was murdered on his way over to visit.

His best friend’s death greatly affected Scott and led to him dropping out of school. If his intelligent and talented friend could not make it out of the dangerous inner-city life, how could he? Scott said he gave up.

But with the help of loving adults, Scott turned his life around and became an honor roll student.

After high school, Scott graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with degrees in political science and rhetoric. He also graduated from Trinity International University with a Master of Divinity degree.

He is an author, a motivational speaker, a husband and a father to three children. Currently, he is completing his Ph.D. dissertation.

Through his narrative, Scott reminded educators to not enforce their cultural norm as a universal norm and make sure their syllabi are diverse to represent all students.

“Become a student of your students,” Scott said. “Study them.”

He shared an anecdote about his teacher using rappers’ lyrics to educate him and other students about rhythm and meter in poetry as well as figurative language.

Although current educators are not

to blame for the ingrained racism in society and academia, Scott said teachers are responsible for dismantling anything that disadvantages their students.

“You can be the exception in person or online,” Scott said.

Dr. Annette Wallace then introduced a session about managing and maintaining mental health, especially during the pandemic.

“We can’t pour from an empty cup,” she said.

Recognizing the importance of self-care, Lauren Williams, the mental health coordinator of the school system, will lead Self-care Sundays throughout the year.

Jared Rowan, a certified yoga teacher and social worker, led a presentation about recognizing warning signs of waning mental health, managing and prioritizing personal mental health and self-care and learning quick tips, techniques and resources to assist with personal mental health challenges.

He said 40 percent of adults have reported increased struggles with mental health during the pandemic.

According to Rowan, signs of mental health decline are: lack of motivation, mood swings, increased stress or worry, increased eating, drinking or

sleeping, inability to sleep because of worry, increased somatic systems, increased burn-out or lack of passion in work and thoughts of injuring oneself.

He invited educators to participate in an exercise where they wrote down their responsibilities on one side of a sheet of paper and what made them smile on the other side. Then, he asked educators to examine their lists. Did anything overlap? What about work makes them happy?

Rowan advised teachers to find joy in the workplace by being present, having fun, making someone’s day and choosing a positive attitude.

In addition, he encouraged educators to partake in self-care activities like yoga and utilize “go-to” techniques, involving breathing, meditation and the five senses.

For the closing message, a video of administrators in the school system dancing to the theme song of “Friends” reminded educators that they are here for them.

After the #WeAreWorcester Opening Kick-off, teachers spent the afternoon in professional learning sessions.

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Pines water service takes hit

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was reducing the flow of water contained in the pipe.

“There’s just an awful lot of water in a 10-inch line,” he said. “When our guys are in the hole trying to patch it and water is shooting out it’s not a pleasant place to be.”

Ross said the county is also required to contact Miss Utility prior to breaking ground.

“Anytime we have to go out and dig

we call Miss Utility,” he said. “In an emergency hopefully they put us high up on the priority list but we still have to abide by the law as well.”

Ross said Comcast contractors should have been more diligent in their preparation prior to digging.

“There’s a lot more they could have done and technically were required to do,” he said. “I thought we had the problem corrected and now we have to have a refresher course again.”



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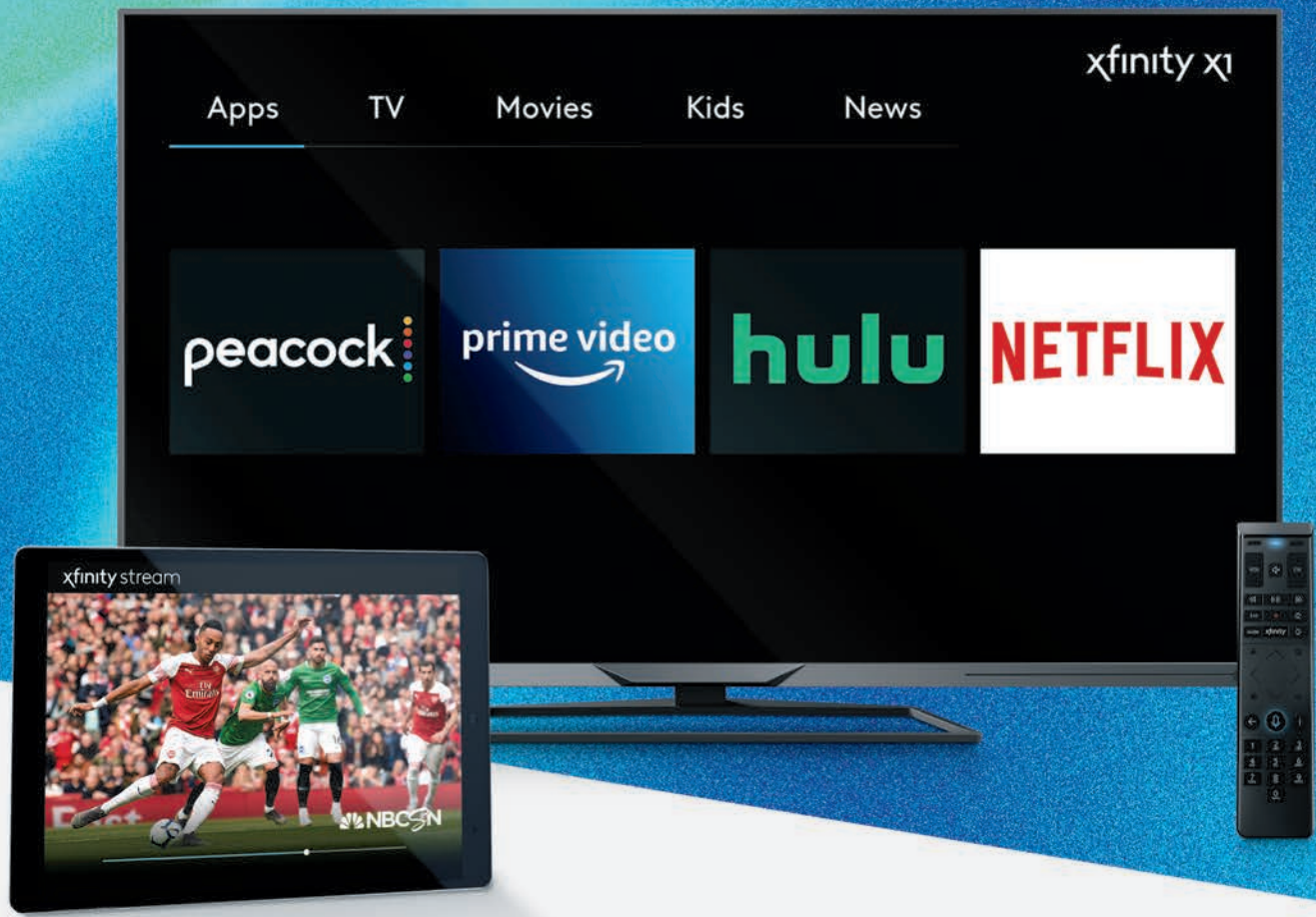
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Maryland schools allowed to open

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) Maryland school systems are allowed to reopen for some level of in-person instruction as a result of improved health metrics, Gov. Larry Hogan announced last Thursday.

The statewide coronavirus positivity rate has decreased to 3.3 percent, Hogan said.

As of Aug. 27, the positivity rate was below the recommended 5 percent to reopen for 63 consecutive days, and under 4 percent for 19 consecutive days.

"In order for us to keep moving forward and to keep making progress, it is absolutely critical that we begin the process of getting our children safely and gradually back into the classrooms," the governor said. "I believe very strongly that every single child in Maryland deserves access to a world-class education, regardless of what neighborhood they happen to grow up in."

To help students most affected by the pandemic, Hogan's administration has committed \$345 million more in educational funding through the federal CARES Act, resources for kindergarten through 12th grade technology, grants to address academic accessibility, targeted tutoring



Governor Hogan

for at-risk students and expanded broadband access.

"There is broad and overwhelming agreement among public health leaders, education experts and parents that finding a way to safely begin children returning to classrooms must be a top priority," Hogan said.

He added that there is no substitution for in-person instruction.

All 24 county boards of education were to submit their final recovery plans to State Superintendent Dr. Karen Salmon and the State Board of Education for review by Aug. 14, but eight boards did not.

"Some of the county school boards have not even attempted to develop any safe reopening plans, which would bring any kids back for any form of in-person instruction," Hogan said. "This is simply not acceptable. It is essential that we all work together on flexible, hybrid plans to safely get some of our kids back into classrooms and into healthy and supportive learning environments."

Sixteen school systems in the state have developed plans to bring students back in the classrooms in some capacity during the fall, Salmon said.

"The State Department of Educa-

tion and the Maryland Department of Health believe that all county school systems are able to begin safely reopening," Hogan said. "Of course, the authority and decision making on those safe reopenings continues to rest with those county boards of education, but their decisions should and must be based on a new set of statewide metrics, guidelines and benchmarks that are being announced today."

Schools should establish safe and phased recovery plans to restore some aspect of normalcy, the governor added.

"Across the state, we are at levels that we believe can allow all schools to move forward with some level of in-person learning," said Dr. Jinlene Chan, the active deputy secretary for public health at the Maryland Department of Health.

The statewide metrics implemented are test positivity rates and the cases per 100,000, or case rates, over a seven-day period.

"What this metric shows is the level of community spread, but it's adjusted for the population size of any particular jurisdiction," Chan said.

Jurisdictions with higher case rates should be able to develop a hybrid model with limited in-person in-

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Army Corps Finalizes Decision Document for the Assateague Island Formerly Used Defense Site

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District has completed the Decision Document for the Assateague Island Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) in Worcester County, MD. The final decision for the property is No Remedial Response Action is necessary.

Assateague Island is a 37-mile-long barrier island along the eastern shore of Maryland and Virginia. From 1944 to 1947, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army Air Corps established two separate rocket ranges on Assateague Island, a Northern Range and a Southern Range, which were used during World War II for target practice by land-based aircraft. No live munitions or explosives of concern have been discovered on either range at the Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland or at the Assateague Island Maryland State Park. And no live munitions are anticipated to be encountered in the future since only munitions debris has ever been uncovered, which does not pose an explosive hazard. In addition, analysis of the munitions constituents showed no risk to human health or the environment.

On 2 May 2019, the Corps of Engineers held a public meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan for the site. The plan was made available for a 30-day public comment period from April 29th, 2019 through June 3rd, 2019. No public comments were received on the planned decision of no remedial response action for the two target ranges.

The Decision Document for Assateague Island is available for viewing at the Worcester County Library – Berlin Branch at 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, MD, and at www.nab.usace.army.mil/Assateague.

If you have any questions, please contact Liza Finley, Corps of Engineers Project Manager, at 410-320-8150 cell/410-962-2683 desk, Liza.Finley@usace.army.mil, or 2 Hopkins Plaza Baltimore, MD 21201.

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Homeowner plans to rebuild structure on Franklin Avenue

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) The homeowner of 205 Franklin Avenue in Berlin, who was notified in August of violating town code for leaving building materials, described as “junk,” outside on the property, has corrected the situation.

Berlin’s town code states that is unlawful to maintain junk, including household-type appliances, paper goods, clothing, furniture or building materials on public or private property.

The homeowner was given 20

days, which was Wednesday, to remove the materials or be issued a civil citation for subsequent violations.

“The property owner came in after receiving our letter and picked up his building permit to rebuild the structure,” said Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart. “So far he has removed all the first-floor subflooring to begin framing. So, he is finally making the progress we sought.”

Engelhart added that the current homeowner plans to complete construction that the previous owner started but was interrupted by a fire.

New health measures enforced

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struction, Chan added.

The CDC and Maryland Department of Health also advise the enforcement of physical distancing of six feet or greater, face coverings at all times in school buildings, on school grounds, on school transportation, staying at home when exhibiting covid-19 symptoms and cleaning and disinfection measures.

“We know the impact of school closures on families and particularly on students’ educational needs and emotional well-being,” Chan said. “But we also recognize it’s imperative to protect kids and school staff to the greatest extent possible from the risk of covid-19 infection while in a school setting.”

Salmon said the State Board of Education will be evaluating the implementation of each school system’s recovery plan in the coming weeks.

“The State Board [of Education] will discuss my recommendation on the minimum number of hours of real time face-to-face instruction that systems must provide to students during this initial period of virtual learning,” Salmon said.

She recommends six hours of work to be completed each school day with at least three and a half hours of synchronous learning.

“Setting this standard is the only way to ensure an equitable education for all children across our state,” Salmon added.

With the state’s approving numbers and new health metrics, Salmon strongly suggests local school systems reevaluate their instruction models by the end of the first quarter of the academic year, “especially if they have indicated that they are maintaining a virtual delivery system until January of 2021,” she said.

The Worcester County public school system has set an example for other school systems by offering limited in-person instruction through summer school for at-risk students.

According to Superintendent Lou Taylor, the goal for the schools is to transition into a hybrid model of instruction by Sept. 28.

“As school systems reconsider their decisions to return to in-person instruction, we will also continue to reassess whether we can increase the capacity in childcare classrooms,” Salmon said. “The governor and I will be traveling to different school sites in Maryland in the coming weeks to observe systems that are bringing small groups of students back into a safe and educationally effective environment.”



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Hogan’s administration seeks thousands of election judges

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) Gov. Larry Hogan’s administration is recruiting thousands of people to serve as election judges this fall to counter a statewide shortage.

In a letter to David Garreis, the president of the Maryland Association of Election Officials, Hogan said last Wednesday that more than 11,000 Marylanders have expressed interest in becoming election judges for the Nov. 3 general election.

“However, there are increasing reports that local boards of election have failed to contact, or even turned away, interested election judges,” Hogan wrote. “This is unacceptable, and it hurts our ability to safely conduct the November election.”

Normally, Worcester County has 220 election judge positions. Currently, there are 200 positions filled. With the shift from 16 polling places to four voting centers, there is less need for election judges within the county.

The following locations have been approved as voting centers by the Maryland State Board of Elections: Pocomoke Community Center, 1410 Market Street in Pocomoke City, Snow Hill Middle School, 522 Coulbourne Lane in Snow Hill, Stephen Decatur Middle School, 9815 Seahawk Road in Berlin, and Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway in Ocean City.

Worcester County voters can vote at any voting center on Nov. 3.

A press release from the Worcester County Board of Elections states, “Specimen ballots will be mailed in October to voters along with a listing

of the early voting center and vote center locations.”

At this time, the local board of elections is still accepting applications for election judges.

“We certainly do not turn anyone away,” said Patti Jackson, the director of the Worcester County Board of Elections.

She added that a list of applicants is saved in a folder and if an election judge drops out or is sick the day of the election, the local board contacts those applicants to fill the absence.

Many of the applicants are state employees because of the incentives, Jackson said.

Hogan’s administration has urged nearly 65,000 state employees to sign up and serve as election judges. The state employees will receive 16 hours of administrative leave for each day of their service.

In addition, 167,000 staff and students at colleges and universities in Maryland have been asked to serve.

“We continue to encourage all of our state agencies to regularly and actively promote the need for election judges on their homepages and social media platforms,” the governor wrote.

He also told Garreis that it is imperative that local boards immediately train election judges to safely and effectively conduct the election amid the coronavirus pandemic.

With the CDC’s recommendation to offer voters a variety of choices, Hogan’s administration strongly encourages voting by mail, early voting, and voting on election day at off-peak times as safe and efficient options.

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Worcester schools opening in one fashion or another

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the health and safety protocols developed in tandem with our local health officials,” Taylor said.

Tier 2 and Tier 3 level students will be brought back first in small groups that comply with each school’s classroom size.

Transportation for students will resume on Sept. 28 as well.

“We have to look at some recommendations by the state about the number of kids that can be on the buses and where they sit and the social distancing there as well,” Taylor said.

He added that all students will be provided transportation, even if that requires multiple runs because of social distancing guidelines.

“Our plan from there is every two weeks reevaluate where we are and if everything stays like it is today ... we’ll aggressively start bringing more kids back every two weeks,” Taylor said.

With in-person instruction, students, faculty and staff will be required to wear face coverings. In addition, there will be frequent breaks for hand-washing and social distancing of at least six feet will be enforced, he said.

“We will continue to clean and sanitize at the end of each school day [and] during the school day whenever possible,” Taylor added.

Families will be given the option to keep their children in virtual learning when the schools transition to in-person instruction.

Public school students are expected to finish the school year on June 15, with June 16-18 designated as inclement weather makeup days.

However, with virtual learning as an option for when school is closed for any reason, it is unclear whether makeup days are necessary.

“It is an option now, and as we move deeper into virtually learning over the years, we’ll be able to do that ... So, as of right now, we’d probably make them up,” said Taylor, who is a 1978 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School. “Like everything else, it’s different times, and we’ll cross that

bridge when that bridge is handed to us.”

Taylor served as the principal of Stephen Decatur High School from 1995 to 2012. Now, he is entering his fifth year as superintendent of the county school system.

“It is paramount that our schools stay safe and clean for our kids and all our employees as well,” he said.

The county school system has nearly 1,200 employees, about 58 percent of whom are teachers. School officials said there are 696 educators, including 37 newly hired teachers.

Educators returned for four days of preparation and in-service activities on Monday.

“Teachers are having to work extremely hard to prepare for those virtually and in-house or in classroom learning,” Taylor said. “So, it kind of doubles what they have to do, but we’re all in this business because we want to help ... we want to do what is best for our kids, our families and our community.”

Teachers take extensive measures to meet the services needed by the students to enhance the learning process.

“Learning only takes place at a maximum level when you show that you care,” Taylor said.

He added that the Board of Education and the Worcester County Commissioners, whose budget funds the school system, have developed a strong partnership with school officials that has helped with the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic.

“We have to embrace the change,” Taylor said.

For more information about Worcester County Public Schools, call 410-632-5000 or visit worcesterk12.org.

Private schools in the county will also begin classes on Tuesday but with in-person instruction.

At Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin, all grade levels will return to campus for a full day on Tuesday. Students began this week with a staggered

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Berlin Fire Co. sirens raise discussions about purpose

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) Berlin residents have been discussing the pros and cons of the Berlin Fire Company sirens that have been a fixture in town for generations.

Author and professor Joan Maloof sought opinions on the loud sirens in the “We Love Berlin” Facebook group and expressed curiosity about implementing different technology such as mass text messages or calls to the volunteers’ cell phones.

“This has been a discussion that has already been hashed out with the town and a compromise reached, said resident Cate Carrick Nellans. “I’ve lived here my entire life and am raising children close to the sirens and have never had a problem – I would be very glad for it, if I am in an emergency situation.”

Other parents commented that it bothers them when they are trying to put children to bed.

In contrast, some residents said they find the sirens a charming aspect of the town.

“When my children were little, I didn’t like it because the dog would howl and ruin their nap, but on the whole, I like it. It’s quaint and part of our town,” wrote resident Debi Thompson. “It reminds me to say a prayer for whatever has happened. We always had a tradition at Buckingham Presbyterian if the siren went off on Sunday morning, we would stop what we were doing and take a moment to pray. It connects us, and so I like the siren. It’s part of our little town.”

For visitors who are unfamiliar with the series of wails, the sirens can be startling.

“I have customers frightened by it a lot, but when I explain that it’s our fire alarm, they go on with their business,” Emily Cook Vocke, owner of Heart of Gold Kids on Main Street, responded on Facebook. “I find it kind of charming as well. We tell our kids it’s the Berlin bedtime alarm

when it works in our favor.”

The three fire siren poles in town are located at the Berlin Fire Company, on the water tower between Franklin Avenue and Bryan Avenue and behind the town hall offices between William and Pitts Street.

“The purpose of the sirens in the county, including the Berlin Fire Company, are for emergency alerting, for what they call emergency management or weather functions,” said David Fitzgerald, president of the Berlin Fire Company. “They alert the public that they need to go tune into media ... because there is some sort of imminent danger.”

With the prediction that the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs through Nov. 30, will be an “above-average” season, the sirens could be a vital means of warning residents to take safety measures during tropical storms, such as the recent Tropical Storm Isaias.

“The emergency services siren is a steady, approximately 90 seconds to two minutes solid tone,” Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald added that the sirens also serve to alert the Berlin Fire Company members about emergency response calls.

The sirens are activated for fire company emergency responses countywide, not for ambulance calls.

The sirens play an important factor in alerting the volunteers to report to the Berlin Fire Company on North Main Street for duty.

“It’s a supplementary system,” Fitzgerald said. “It’s part of a multiple alert system. It’s a critical portion so we ensure that volunteer members are alerted.”

Fitzgerald said the sirens are a complement to other technology, such as pagers or mass text messages, since volunteers might not have their cell phones on hand, or if a storm affects communications.

“The siren, out of all the years, the siren is actually the most depend-

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WPS, Most Blessed Sacrament going live

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schedule: high school students returned on Tuesday, middle school students returned on Wednesday and the lower school students returned on Thursday.

Nearly 440 students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade are enrolled in Worcester Preparatory School for the 2020-21 academic year, said new Head of School Dr. John McDonald.

McDonald moved to Berlin with his family from Ticonderoga, New York, where he most recently served as Superintendent of Schools in the Ticonderoga Central School District.

"I started my career in independent schools in South Alabama, and I spent 25 years in public schools (19 as superintendent)," he said. "To be frank, I was getting very frustrated with the direction that public education policy was headed. There were blanket decisions being made without consideration to the local needs that each community has, which are different across different-sized communities, in New York state especially."

McDonald holds an undergraduate degree from Washington & Lee University, a master's degree from Northeastern University, and a doctorate from Columbia University's Teachers College in Educational Leadership.

McDonald said the Mallard Strong

Task Force has been meeting weekly since the spring "to develop protocols that we have published and sent out to all our families in terms of maintaining social distancing and wearing facial coverings."

According to a recent press release from the school, "The Task Force carefully formulated policies and procedures revolving around safety, including protocols for scheduling, physical distancing, health screening, daily cleaning/sanitizing, protective equipment, transportation and the appropriate use of common areas."

Throughout the year, the Task Force will continue to coordinate with national and regional independent school associations while reviewing information and recommendations from the Governor's Office, Worcester County Health Department and CDC, the release said.

The release also stated that following successful pre-season workouts, all fall athletics—cross country, field hockey, golf, soccer, and volleyball—will begin and compete on a modified basis in the Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference (ESIAC).

"Our Mallard Strong Task Force has worked tirelessly for months to create a safe environment for our Worcester Prep families," McDonald said. "The energy in our hallways was palpable as teachers returned to setup their new

physically-distanced classrooms. I, too, am excited to welcome everyone back to campus in order to provide an exceptional educational experience with as much normalcy as possible."

Diane Brown, the marketing and public relations associate at Worcester Preparatory School, said the school did not have any personnel changes of administration or faculty to report at this time.

"However, it is always our goal to maintain our 10:1 student/teacher ratio," Brown said.

The year will end on June 9 for the lower school, and the middle and upper schools will finish on June 11.

For more information about Worcester Preparatory School, call 410-641-3575 or visit worcestereprep.org.

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, a private institution at 11242 Racetrack Road in Berlin, has slightly more than 200 students returning to campus on Tuesday with accommodations.

"Because our population is on the smaller side, we are able to socially distance everybody," said Amanda Evans, the director of admissions and advancement for the school. "They will, of course, be wearing masks when they're inside the building. We're going to be doing a lot more fun stuff outside."

Evans said there are about 25 full-time educators, including teacher's assistants. She added that there have been no new hires for the 2020-21 academic year at this time.

A family has donated plastic shields for all of the teachers and administrators to wear in addition to their masks. The shields will allow teachers to display more facial expressions—while practicing social distancing—to help the younger students who are learning to read and developing speech.

As for administrative changes, Kathleen Manns was hired as the principal around the middle of April after substituting for the former principal, Evans said.

Prior to her new role, Manns was a retired assistant principal from Wilmington, Delaware.

"We're excited to start the school year, and we're taking every precaution," Evans said. "We've worked so hard to make sure that everything is done properly to ensure the safety of the students and the teachers and staff. We're getting excited to see our students in person."

Students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade are expected to finish the school year on June 18 as part of a 180-day school year.

For more information, call 410-208-1600 or visit mostblessedsacramentschool.com.

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Pines golf course boosted by rush of new players

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“We’ve been fortunate and have been fairly busy,” he said.

Malinowski said discussions with counterparts at other area courses indicates that demand for tee times have grown.

“It’s one of the few [sports] people can do outdoors with covid restrictions,” he said.

Apparently that fact is registering with novices.

“I’ve never seen so many people that have never played golf before come out and try it,” he said. “It shows promise in several ways.”

Malinowski said the new interest provides evidence that the Ocean Pines Golf Course is a quality offering. He also observed that more people are seeing golf as a release during the covid-19 pandemic.

“For the game of golf, what more could you ask for?” he said. “Obviously, we want people to be healthy and going back to work ... but in this downtime, they’re starting to take up a new sport that is something they can play for the rest of their lives.”

Malinowski said after roughly a quarter century as golf pro, he has never witnessed the level of new players hitting the links.

“We’ve had foursomes come out where we’re putting four sets of rental clubs out because they haven’t played before and they want to play golf,” he said.

Malinowski said despite recurring

Berlin hopefuls have one day left to file candidacy

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Orris, who is running for the District 2 seat, and Dan Packey, who is running for the District 3 council seat, are unopposed thus far.

The Board of Supervisors of Elections for the town will verify the certification of the candidates on Tuesday.

The Dispatch is hosting two extensive question-and-answer sessions with the candidates via Zoom, scheduled for Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. and Sept. 22 at 6 p.m.

Residents can submit questions to Editor Steve Green at editor@md-coastdispatch.com by Sept. 11 for the mayoral town hall and Sept. 18 for the council forum.

The deadline for write-in candidates is Sept. 29 at 5 p.m., but those candidates will not appear on the ballot.

For more information, contact Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or by email mbohlen@berlinmd.gov.



Link lovers soak up rays while diligently working on nailing chip shots and lining up puts at the Ocean Pines Golf Course on Sunday. GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

news coverage indicating golf is a pastime in decline, the recent uptick proves the sport remains viable.

“For so long, all you’ve heard is golf is a dying sport. Well, I can tell you it’s not a dying sport,” he said.

In fact, what has happened over recent decades has been an expansion and subsequent retraction in the number of courses.

“What you’re seeing is in the 1990s all these golf courses popped up because real estate builders were building [them] to sell homes,” he said. “There’s no doubt that it was overbuilt.”

Over the past three decades, the

number of courses in or around Worcester County has jumped from a handful to nearly two dozen in recent years.

“For a long time, at least for the past 20 years in our area, the total number of golfers has remained the same. It’s just the number of golf courses has either grown or diminished,” he said.

The glut of facilities has thinned out the relatively stable number of players.

“Everybody’s piece of the pie is smaller but as the golf courses start to shrink, everybody’s piece of the pie grows,” he said. “It’s exciting news.”

Malinowski said the consensus

among other area golf pros is the sport has experienced an uptick this year.

“Nationwide, it’s definitely going up and it’s growing,” he said.

The pandemic also has highlighted the suitability of golf as a pastime that can be pursued with friends while maintaining social distancing.

“It’s unfortunate times for a lot of people but ... that’s where things grow sometimes,” he said. “It was never expected I can tell you that.”

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PPP payroll should be kept as expense

As if things weren't hard enough for small businesses, news comes from the National Newspaper Association that the Trump administration plans to claw back a chunk of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds businesses have used as a lifeline to keep their employees on the payroll.

When Congress passed PPP, the legislation made it clear that these loans would ultimately be forgiven if businesses used them for approved purposes, mostly payroll. And, the law ensured — in writing — that any forgiven amounts would not be taxable, meaning that businesses could use all those funds to keep folks employed.

Thousands of businesses in Maryland, including many in the resort area, signed up in good faith, secure in the knowledge that if they used those funds as Congress intended, they would be forgiven and not taxed. This program saved hundreds of jobs along the coast.

Well, Congress may have said one thing, but President Trump's Treasury Secretary, Steve Mnuchin, has other ideas. According to the Treasury Department, forgiven funds may not be taxable, but the payroll businesses paid with those funds can no longer be considered a business expense. No matter how you look at it, disallowing businesses from claiming that payroll as an expense is the same thing as taxing the forgiven loan.

Now some members of the U.S. Senate weren't amused by this bait and switch. Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and John Cornyn (R-Texas) have led a fight in the Senate to tell the Treasury Department that they meant what they said: the forgiven loans should not be taxable, including through the back door. Other senators are worried about the "optics" of standing up for small businesses, if you can imagine.

Treasury cannot be allowed to override Congress' promise to our small business community. Business operators need to make that clear to its representatives in Congress.



Delmarva Chorus practices virtually

Group holds weekly meetings online for members to tune up

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) Looking to maintain their musical edge as covid-19 health restrictions limit social interactions, the Delmarva Chorus has adapted to a virtual format for weekly practice sessions.

Delmarva Chorus Director Carol Ludwig said the 20-some member volunteer ensemble has been holding Zoom meetings since April.

"We had a retreat with a vocal coach scheduled on March 13 and that was the day everything got shut down," she said.

Since that time, the chorus received guidance from Sweet Adelines International, a nonprofit that sponsors women's choruses around the world.

"Our international organization stepped up and we got all kinds of instructions on how to use Zoom," she said. "It was unbelievable how the professional music educators ... made YouTube

videos and sent us links."

Ludwig said the switch to online sessions involved a learning curve for some members.

"It probably took us three sessions before everybody could get on," she said. "I had to do one-on-ones with some people to teach them."

Ludwig, who was instrumental in founding the Delmarva Chorus in 2003, said the initial challenge with conducting online meetings was assuring no one spoke out of turn.

"On Zoom you can only have one voice at a time," she said. "The loudest one is the one who wins."

In short order, Ludwig discovered, "The best thing for a host of a bunch of talented social-type women is the 'mute all' button."

Ludwig said online practice sessions typically open and close with a social element.

"At the beginning and the end, I leave it open for everybody," she said. "If somebody wants to tell a story, I mute myself so they can have their time."

In addition to convening

online, chorus members have been given home assignments.

"When you sing a cappella, every voice has to work with the other voices," she said.

In that vein, vocal baking tracks have been provided to individual members.

"There has to be one in each part so you have a minimum of four people in order to make barbershop music," she said. "That's why these tracks are so helpful to us, because it gives them somebody to sing along with."

Regardless of the altered approach, the Delmarva Chorus has maintained close contact.

"We're a very social group," she said. "You have to like being around people in order to survive in an a cappella chorus."

Ludwig said the prolonged holding pattern the chorus has endured has not dampened members' enthusiasm.

"I sweat every week because you're working your butt off trying to get everybody involved," she said. "They really enjoy it and it's good for me too."

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Windmill Creek Victory Gardens wind down

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) After kicking off the spring with more than more than five dozen 10-by-20 foot plots, the Windmill Creek Victory Gardens has provided a wealth of farm-to-table produce for an array of participants.

Windmill Creek Vineyard & Winery proprietors Barry and Jeannie Mariner began the project to provide free community garden plots earlier this year in reaction to the covid-19 pandemic.

In short order, the concept evolved into the Windmill Creek Victory Gardens with an associated Facebook page that currently has 165 members.

Harkening back to World War I, the "Victory Garden" movement took root in March 1917, when Charles Lathrop Pack established the National War Garden Commission just weeks before U.S. involvement.

Mariner said although harvest season is upon us, garden foot traffic has persisted.

"There's still a lot of people that come out," he said. "There are probably 20-30 people that come regularly and attend their plots."

The Mariner family is the latest generation to till the 12.5-acre farm that, until 2010, was a 164-acre agricultural parcel along Worcester Highway in Berlin originally purchased by Edwin and Susan Mariner in 1924.

OPA Board member Steve Tuttle is among the gardeners still reaping rewards as the growing season winds down.

"Today I picked a good bunch of green beans, chard, cucumbers, jalapeno peppers, bell peppers and banana peppers," he said. "I picked all that today and this is the end of the season."

Tuttle acknowledged a learning curve exists after the initial year of plantings.

"We've gotten I don't know how many pounds of tomatoes," he said. "We overdid it as we planted eight tomato plants, and that was about four too many."

Sirens serve to alert volunteers

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able," Fitzgerald said.

Furthermore, the sirens warn the public to be aware of emergency vehicles on the road and yield as necessary.

The fire company siren has an up and down pattern that sounds three or four times, Fitzgerald added.

He also noted that the sirens are tested once a month to ensure they are functioning properly and provide the public with a brief example of the difference in the siren sounds.



Barry Mariner

"We've made tomato paste and frozen it," he said. "We've given away tomatoes."

Tuttle said his family's garden yielded a bumper crop of produce with the overabundance shared with the Mariner's daughter, Brittany.

"I brought home about 10 carrots that I pulled out of the garden today," he said. "I just had some of those for lunch."

Tuttle said the time spent working the land provided a family bonding experience.

"There's a lot of benefits to gardening that I think people don't realize," he said. "It was a very positive experience and my wife, and I did it together."

Gardening also proved appealing to Tuttle's extended family.

"I had my grandkids over there a couple times when they were in town," he said. "My grandson loves tomatoes, so he was so delighted to be able to pick tomatoes."

Tuttle said the labor-intensive un-

dertaking was made easier with the assistance of a 55-gallon drum placed in his pickup truck bed.

"I put a tap and hose on it and would just fill it up at home and then run up and down the rows and water away," he said. "It's a fair bit of work because in the summertime you have to water everything."

Mariner said at this point plot holders are clearing out their spaces with fall on the horizon.

"They used up what they had and it's just kind of grown up now," he said. "Basically it's over with and everything's pretty much used up."

Tuttle said the Mariners did a stellar job of assisting community gardeners, many of whom were novices.

"They had the soil all tilled [and] provided plastic to put down to help keep the weeds down," he said.



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Tomatoes ripen on the vine at the Windmill Creek Victory Gardens in Berlin as the fall season inches closer.

"They made it easy for people to come in," he said. "There were definitely people there who hadn't gardened before, so it was a learning experience for some folks."

For more information, search Windmill Creek Victory Gardens on Facebook or call 410-251-6122.



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Diary offers insight to Civil War

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) The Berlin branch of the Worcester County Public Library is hosting an introduction to Emily Ann Powell Warrington’s annotated diary via Facebook on Friday at 2 p.m.

The diary features handwritten pages in three separate volumes containing newspaper and magazine clippings, letters and photographs that capture Warrington’s early life and the culture of her hometown, Berlin, from the 1840s to 1878.

“At a time when historical documentation was written by white men, having a view of the area and the time from a woman’s perspective is phenomenal,” said Alice Paterra, the Berlin branch manager.

Rather than daily entries, Warrington wrote about important events in her life and offers a female point of view of life before and during the Civil War. She recounts participating in days of fasting and prayer to end the “National Crisis.”

She also includes details about now-historical landmarks, such as the Merry Sherwood Plantation in Worcester County, which she visited in the spring of 1860 when it was being built by Henry Johnson and Lizzie Henry.

With annotations added later, such as the birth and death dates of relatives and friends, the diary covers 100 years of history.

“On July 20, 2012, the Berlin Library received a phone call from Marta Jones of the St. Petersburg Florida Museum of History,” Paterra said. “Someone had donated some old artifacts to the museum, and in the box was an old daybook or ledger. After looking at the book, [Jones] was able to connect the author, Emily Powell Warrington, with Berlin, Maryland, and looked us up.”

Kim Brown, then-assistant manager at the Berlin Library, accepted the donation.

Maryland Digital Cultural Heritage Center, now Digital Maryland, located at the State Library Resource Center at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, offered in 2013 to digitize the diary for free so it could be used as a resource.

As written in her diary, Warrington’s parents, Littleton Powell and Elizabeth Jarvis, were married on Oct. 28, 1828.

Born on March 3, 1842, she was the sixth of their seven children.

Warrington grew up in the Powell house in Berlin, which was built in 1830.

“From a quick glance at census records, I can see that Emily and her family lived here in Berlin for several generations,” Paterra said.

According to the diary, Warrington married William Warrington Sr. on Jan. 29, 1862.

During the 1860s, she opened a school in Berlin to help her husband pay off debts.

Her husband was the manager of the Atlantic Hotel in Ocean City and also ran the Colonial Hotel. In addition, he owned and managed the Atlantic Casino with his two sons.

He died on Sept. 8, 1897 of ‘paralysis of the heart’ brought on by a slight sunstroke. His funeral was held at the Presbyterian chapel in Ocean City, and he was buried in Buckingham Cemetery in Berlin.

Warrington and her husband had four children, Albert P. Warrington, William Warrington Jr. and Mary (or May) Warrington Burwell and Virgalyn (or Virgie) Warrington.

Her diary is owned by the Berlin Library and digitized on DigitalMaryland.org.



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Emily Ann Powell Warrington, who grew up in Berlin during the 19th century, offers a female perspective about the Civil War in her annotated diary that is housed at the Berlin Library on Harrison Avenue and is accessible for free online.

For more information about the library event, visit www.facebook.com/worcestercountymarylandlibrary.

NOW PLAYING



ON THE EDGE

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Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 4-6; Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 10-12, 4-9 p.m.

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410-289-7192 / www.captainstableoc.com
Every Friday & Saturday:
Phil Perdue on piano, 5-9 p.m.

COCONUTS BEACH BAR & GRILL

In the Castle in the Sand Hotel
37th Street Oceanfront, Ocean City
410-289-6846 / www.castleinthesand.com
Sept. 4: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.;
Monkee Paw, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 5: Top Shelf Duo, noon to 4 p.m.;
Lime Green Band, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 6: The Time Police, noon to 4 p.m.;

Zion Reggae Band, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 7: Keith White Duo, noon to 4 p.m.;
Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 9: Ask Mama, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 10: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.

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In the Horizons Restaurant, in the Clarion
Fontainebleau Hotel
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Sept. 4-6: Stephen Anthony, noon to 4 p.m.;
On the Edge, 5-10 p.m.
Sept. 7: On the Edge, 5-10 p.m.
Sept. 8-9: DJ Dusty, 4-9 p.m.
Sept. 10-12: On the Edge, 4-9 p.m.



TRANZFUSION

Ocean Pines Yacht Club: Friday, Sept. 4, 6-10 p.m.

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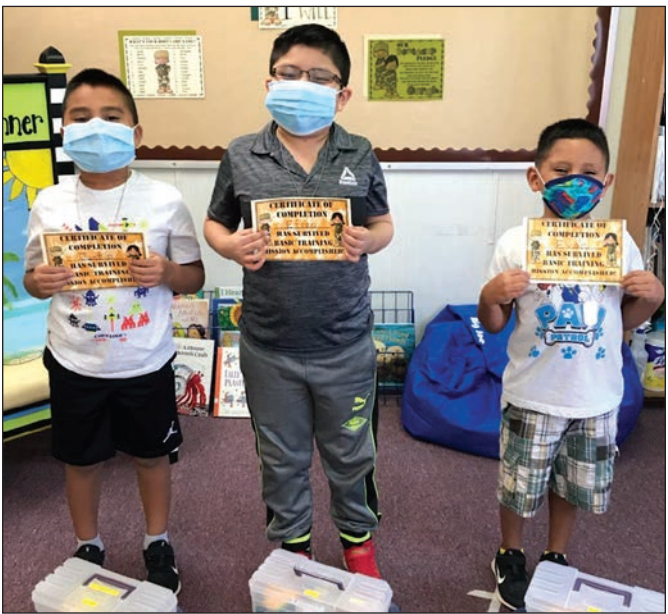
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410-641-7501 / www.opyachtclub.org
Sept. 4: Tranzfusion, 6-10 p.m.
Sept. 5: Overtime, 6-10 p.m.
Sept. 6: Great Train Robbery, 6-10 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City

410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com
Sept. 4: John McNutt Duo, 4-8 p.m.;
Shake Shake Shake Duo, 8-11:30 p.m.
Sept. 5: Steal the Sky Duo, 4-8 p.m.;
Nowhere Slow Duo, 8-11:30 p.m.
Sept. 6: Full Circle Duo, 4-8 p.m.;
Cherry Crush Duo, 8-11:30 p.m.
Sept. 7: Full Circle, 4-8 p.m.

Snapshots



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SCHOOL BOOTCAMP

Buckingham Elementary School, Worcester County Board of Education and Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services in Berlin partnered for the first Bucky Bear's EL Back to School Bootcamp. Karen Conner, EL teacher, assisted by Deborah Smullen (WYFC), provided daily lessons and activities in life skills and academics. (Left) Pictured are first graders Genesis Funes Menedez, Emanuel Hernandez Morales, Elizabeth Mendoza Moreno and Sarai Portillo-Aguilar. (Right) Pictured are second graders Efen Hernandez Morales, Evan Mendoza Moreno and Justin Aguilar Orona.



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NEW OFFICERS

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution installed new officers during a recent meeting at Sturgis Memorial Park in Snow Hill. Chaplain Barbara Rusko installed the officers. Pictured, from left, are Gail Weldin, regent; Rusko; Pat Arata, recording secretary; Carol Wanzer, treasurer; and Sharon Moak, historian. Not in attendance: Carol Morrison, corresponding secretary and librarian; and Teresa Smith, registrar.



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CRAFTER

The Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines chose Barbara Herzog as the Crafter of the Month for August. Her creations and a number of other artists' wares are available at the Ocean Pines Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park.



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VOTER REGISTRATION

Community members and Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Snow Hill held an outside voter registration drive on Aug. 21, which was coordinated by Worcester County NAACP President Ivory Smith. Pictured, from left, are Snow Hill Councilwoman Regina Blake, Catherine Freeman, Joanne and Greg Grason, and Nancy and Steve Tuttle.



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SWIMMERS HONORED

Ocean Pines Swim Team members, Richard Poist and Kiley Hamby, both Stephen Decatur High School graduates, missed what was to be their last season of summer swimming, which was canceled because of safety concerns surrounding covid-19. The Ocean Pines Swim Team hosted a Senior Send-off to recognize the swimmers.

Brown Box Theatre cancels 2020 production

William Shakespeare’s play ‘Much Ado About Nothing’ to be performed next year

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Sept. 3, 2020) The annual outdoor production of William Shakespeare’s work in downtown Berlin has been canceled for Sept. 5 because of coronavirus concerns. “To have even a one-day, one-night only event in downtown Berlin, everyone at Brown Box works for almost an entire calendar year to prepare that production, rehearse that production, develop it and tour it,” said Kyler Taustin, the executive artistic director at Brown Box Theatre. Although the CDC has provided guidelines for outdoor events during

the pandemic, the Brown Box Theatre was restricted during the development process earlier this summer for indoor rehearsal venues. “The limitations on the number of people allowed to assemble where we typically develop our work were still in place, and we could not actually rehearse the play,” Taustin said. The total cast and crew members needed to create, produce and market the production ranges from 30-45 people, he added. Roughly 20 of those members tour. “We also had to take into account having that large sum of people in dorm-style living when we are traveling from one place to the next in close proximity in cars ... and while we could have quarantined together in some facet, again that couldn’t happen in the development process,”

Taustin said. Additionally, the tour was scheduled to stop at almost 45 venues in four states. “We were also being very cognizant to the fact that we wanted to make sure that we’re protecting the communities that we were entering into,” Taustin said. “With the variance in rules from state to state and sometimes even county to county, we had to be thoughtful about whether it was practical for us to be bringing in 15 to 20 people to a different place every other day.” This summer’s production was supposed to be “Much Ado About Nothing.” “It was selected sometime in the late fall of last year and was cast in February, so we had the entire cast and crew hired and ready to go in the early winter months, and then we built the set in its entirety down in Maryland in March,” Taustin said. Taustin said last year’s production brought between 300 to 400 viewers, filling up Pitts Street. “It was one of our [largest] crowds

we’ve ever had,” he added. “That also would have had to be very thoughtfully organized to make sure that social distancing could be maintained.” The shows scheduled in Maryland for 2020 have been postponed to 2021. “We will be back in Worcester County in May of next year,” Taustin said. “We’ve already booked our date with downtown Berlin and are excited to be there again.” Brown Box Theatre will also perform “Much Ado About Nothing” in Pocomoke, Snow Hill and Ocean City next year. “We, as theater artists, are excited and ready to share our work, and we know it is important and critical for society and for community to have events like this,” Taustin said. “We are here to stay and excited to be back with everybody we serve, especially in my hometown of Berlin, as soon as possible.” For more information about the Brown Box Theatre, visit the company’s website at brownboxtheatre.org.





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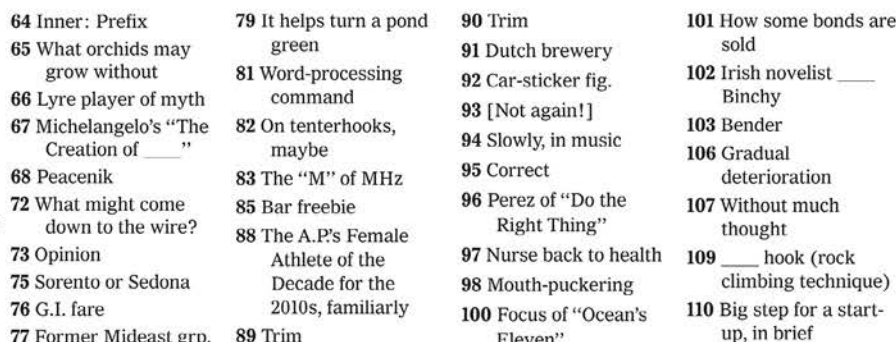
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Cuisine

Be kind and above all else, eat cheese

In the age of pandemic, what have we come to learn?

One thing for sure is that we have learned a new manner in which to communicate our differences.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

The channels through which we can immediately spew our disdain on anyone who disagrees with us have become a demise of sorts,

at least to me.

And that is a shame. Who would have ever thought that a civil war could be fought with a keyboard and the misguided notion that we are at once doctors, nurses, epidemiologists and then [fill in your actual profession here].

Alas, the time is here as we enter Phase 3 to start reconnecting with our loved ones, albeit with an elbow bump and a glass of cheap wine. At this point, it will just be nice to see our friends again.

As we exit summer (thank goodness, as it represented so much loss and business turmoil for so many around us), we find ourselves thrustured into the season of parties, get-togethers and frivolity.

Ah, frivolity and frolicking. Truly two of life's greatest states of emotion and being.

This is our season. As we prepare our houses for guests, in anticipation of this dreaded beast turning tail and running, we still need to take a precaution or two.

I mean, why not be safe and practical in the moment?

When the time comes for a holiday party, make sure you have good cheeses, and, no, they do not have those in grocery stores. You have to search them out.

But when you have them, you can build a cheese tray as well as anyone out there. With a simple combination of something aged, blue, goat and new (but not American cheese ... I mean, that's as new as you can get), you can set the stage for any kind of evening.

But, if you end up having a fair amount of people, stay away from them serving themselves. Offer them small plates, or serve them yourselves.

I think that we would all be better if we sat back and served our friends once in a while. Maybe I'm wrong, but I do believe this.

So frolic, be kind and above all



else, eat cheese. And good cheese at that. And the more you build these trays, the more you will come to understand how they change at every iteration. They are a wondrous thing.

Cheese Tray, COVID-Style

serves 10

- 30 oz. High-quality cheese, assorted (see above)
- 1 c. Candied nuts (recipe follows)
- 1/2 c. Pickled red onions (recipe follows)
- 1/4 c. Pickled mustard seeds (recipe follows)
- Pickled vegetables, as needed
- Sweet assorted jams & preserves, as needed
- Roasted Marcona almonds, as needed
- Toast points and crackers, as needed
- Assorted fruit, as needed
- Olives and Peppedews (optional)

When you are building a cheese tray, just keep in mind that certain cheeses have certain nuances that must be complemented and contrasted. For example, a sour, sharp cheese such as Roquefort does well with sweet-poached pear or fruit. A sweet preserve is also a nice contrast.

Candied Nuts

makes about 1 quart

- 3 1/2 c. Pecans
- 1/3 c. Melted margarine

1/4 c. Granulated sugar

1/2 c. Brown sugar

Soak the nuts in cool water for about 15 minutes and then drain.

Mix the remaining ingredients and toss it together with the nuts.

Spread the nuts onto a silpat (silicone non-stick baking mat), a well-sprayed pan (that's what I do) or a pan lined with parchment paper.

Bake at 375-ish depending on the oven

Turn with a spatula every few minutes to ensure that the outer nuts do not burn.

They will feel soft, so go by the color. When they have a nice, dark color (think brittle), pull them and let them cool. If they are crunchy, they're good. If not, they need another go in the oven. Just don't forget about them.

Pickled Red Onions

makes 1 cup

- 1 medium red onion, julienne
- 1 c. Red wine vinegar
- 1 c. Granulated sugar

Rinse onions in cold water 2 or 3 times to rid them of any pesky gases. Bring sugar and vinegar to a boil, pour over onions, and immediately place them in refrigerator.

Allow to cool and serve. They will keep in there beyond the nuclear holocaust. I think. Don't quote me on that.

Pickled Mustard Seeds

Makes about 1 cup

- 1 c. Yellow mustard seeds
- 1 c. Champagne vinegar
- 1 c. Granulated sugar

Pay attention! Do not go to step 2, yet!

OK, now you're at step 2, and that's fine. This trick works with making garlic puree as well, but that is for another day. Cover the mustard seeds with cold water in a sauce pan.

Bring to a high simmer.

Immediately strain and return to pan, covering it back up with cold water. It must be cold.

DO this about 6-8 times so as to remove the tannins or whatever that nasty, bitter compound is. Just do it.

If you can bite into one and it starts to give that caviar "pop" and there is no trace of bitter, strain and this time cover with vinegar and sugar.

Bring to a high simmer and refrigerate immediately.

Store in an airtight container, and reference step 3 above if you are curious as to how long these will last in the icebox.

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

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., Sept. 3

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

MERRY MAKERS (ADULT)
Karen Earp will demonstrate the basics of knitting for those who are just beginning, 10:00 AM. Viewers will need US No. 8 needles (recommended) and yarn to knit along. Register: <https://worcestertlibrary.libcal.com/event/6940076>.

NEA BIG READ BOOK OF THE MONTH (ADULT)
Featuring “In the Heart of the Se’a by Nathaniel Philbrick, 2:00 PM. Copies are available at your local branch, or on Libby. Register: <https://worcestertlibrary.libcal.com/event/6934227>.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
Meeting in-person outside, weather permitting at 1320 Belmont Ave., Suite 402, Salisbury, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK
Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., 7:00 PM. Music provided by “Mercy for the Mockingbird,” featuring alternative rock. Pack a picnic, bring lawn chairs and practice safe social distancing. The CDC requires a list of attendees. Email your name and phone number to karah@pocomokemd.gov if you plan to attend. 410-957-1333, Ext. 111, <http://DowntownPocomoke.com>

THURSDAY’S DOWNTOWN BEACH FIREWORKS
Talbot Street Beach, 10:30 PM. Partakers must adhere to State guidelines in practicing physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800, <https://ococean.com/events/thursday-s-downtown-beach-fireworks>

Fri., Sept. 4

VOTER’S REGISTRATION SIGN UP
Tyree AME Church, 9004 Trappe Road, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. To be held outdoors on the church premises. Remember that in Maryland, if you have been convicted of a felony and have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, you are eligible to vote, but must re-register. Absentee ballot information will also be available. Ivory Smith, 443-944-6701

FIRST FRIDAY IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. September’s art shows will be a combination of online and in-person exhibits. The art league will premiere an online video with a preview of the gallery shows on their Facebook Live page on at www.ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org. In addition, the physical galleries will be open with extended hours to 7 p.m. There will be limited capacity and attendees must wear masks. Admission is free and open to the public. 410-524-9433

GREEN MARKET
Fridays through Nov. 27 - Trimper Rides under the Ferris Wheel, 600 S. Atlantic Ave., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Local Farmers Market featuring fresh everything and more from our local farmers. The market is agriculture based only. There will be live music and weekly drawings. Sally Kneavel, Sally@TrimperRides.com, 410-289-8617, <http://TrimperRides.com>

Sat., Sept. 5

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE
Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The sale is in the church’s parking lot. Attendees are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing.

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.

Sun., Sept. 6

FLOUNDER POUNDER
Bahia Marina, 2107 Herring Way. This tournament is great for kids. Participants may fish from their own boat or rent a skiff, skimmer or pontoon from the marina. 410-289-7438, <http://www.bahiamarina.com>

ROCK AND RIDE ORIGINAL LIVE MUSIC
Trimper Rides, 700 S. Atlantic Ave. TrimperRides presents ROCK_N RIDE Original Live Music, 7-9 PM every Sunday. Jessica Bauer, Jessica@TrimperRides.com, 410-289-8617, <http://TrimperRides.com>

SUNDAES IN THE PARKS
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7:00 PM. Featuring free music by Panama Rex (The Ultimate Jam Buffet Band) and various free activities and entertainment for children. Prepackaged ice cream will be available for purchase. Take a picnic basket and beach chairs. The night will end with a fireworks display.



ALLY LANASA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

COMMUNITY SUPPORT
The youth group at Buckingham Presbyterian Church on South Main Street in Berlin built a vegetable stand so anyone can take produce from the church’s community garden. The church also has a blessing box filled with nonperishable foods and toiletries.

play at 9 p.m. Participants are asked to practice physical distancing. Attendance is at your own risk. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <https://ococean.com/events>

Mon., Sept. 7

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

LABOR DAY FIREWORKS
Talbot Street Beach, 10:30 PM. 410-289-2800

Tues., Sept. 8

PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP
Now meeting via video call, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Group provides discussions and mutual support, as well as education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Kinnikin, kkinikin@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-4765, <http://www.delmarvaparkinsonsalliance.org>

Wed., Sept. 9

THE WITTY FIBER FRIENDS
Join via Zoom, at 10:00 AM, for a combined group and yards of fun while knitting, crocheting and embroidering. All levels are welcome Register: <https://worcestertlibrary.libcal.com/event/6940299>

SIT ‘N STITCH
Join other adults, via Zoom, for an afternoon of knitting, crocheting and other needle arts, 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM. Register: <https://worcestertlibrary.libcal.com/event/6940097>

WHEN APRIL DOESN’T BLOOM - A WORKSHOP WITH SISTA BIG
Combining both poetry and art, Sista Big takes the group on an inner journey of expression and self-worth, 6:00 PM. For ages 16 and older. Register: <https://worcestertlibrary.libcal.com/event/6940128>

ONGOING EVENTS

PROGRAM TO GO KITS
Featuring crafts and STEM. A new kit each week in September. Pick up your kit at any branch of the Worcester County Library, while supplies last. For youth.

LIBRARY TO GO & PRINTING TO GO
Hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Saturday, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM at all Worcester County branches. www.worcestertlibrary.org, askus@worcestertlibrary.org

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Visitors to all Worcester County libraries will have to call to make an appointment and face coverings will be required. A screening form will also be mandatory. The risk of entering a public facility is your own. <http://www.worcestertlibrary.org/article/library-appointment-ocean-pines-and-pocomoke-branches-beginning-monday-july-27>

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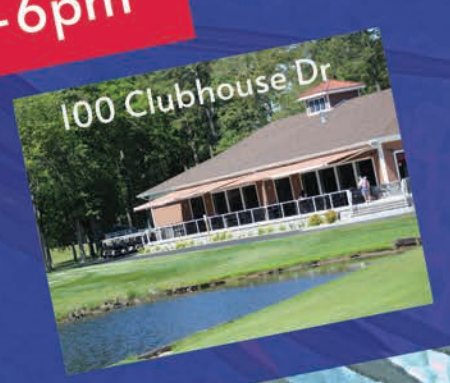
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