



ALLY LANASA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Colby Phillips resigns over board dispute

No specifics, but long-time employee says it's related

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2021) Ocean Pines Director of Amenities and Operational Logistics Colby Phillips resigned on Thursday in the wake of recent closed-door meetings tied to an ethics and conduct complaint against a member of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors.



Colby Phillips

"My resignation is in conjunction with recent events," Phillips said.

The directors convened close meetings on Jan. 26, Jan. 29 and Feb. 4, presumably to discuss a complaint filed by an employee who alleged that a current board member violated the association's resolution regarding Director and Officer Ethics and Conduct.

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Berlin Auto Zone plan goes back for design tweaks

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2021) A site plan for an Auto Zone store that would replace the former McDonald's building on Route 50 in Berlin was tabled by the Berlin Planning Commission last Wednesday to give the developer more time to improve his project's appearance.

Applicant Kevin Murphy told the commission Auto Zone was planning to demolish the existing structure on the site and build a new store as well as new sidewalks and paving.

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PRESIDENTS' DAY CELEBRATION

Shawnda D'Arcy, from Columbia, Maryland, answers presidential trivia at Beach Memories at 106 N. Main St. in Berlin to win money from Uncle Sam, also known as Deputy Director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce Steve Frene, last Saturday afternoon during the Hearts for Heroes weekend.

State OKs \$482K for pond project

Effort to reduce flooding, clean up watershed should get underway this spring

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2021) The Maryland Board of Public Works approved a \$482,337 grant last week through the Department of Natural Resources to retrofit Bainbridge Pond in Ocean Pines to reduce flooding and improve water quality.

The Board of Public Works authorized the award on Feb. 10, following the Worcester County Commissioners' decision on Feb. 2 to accept it.

The Bainbridge project, which was in development throughout 2020, had been sidelined last August after the commissioners voted to table acceptance of the state grant because of unanticipated land easement costs.



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Work is set to begin soon for the Bainbridge Pond drainage project in Ocean Pines after the Maryland Board of Public Works issued final approval last week for more than \$480,000 in grant funding through the Department of Natural Resources.

Commissioners Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting led a unanimous vote on Aug. 18 to pause receipt of the grant for the Bainbridge Pond drainage project.

Since the Ocean Pines Association is not a municipality, the county commissioners agreed to function as a pass-through agent to request state

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Auto Zone developer told to spruce up plan

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The State Highway Administration informed Auto Zone that the entrance to the store would have to be relocated because it does not meet the current distance requirement.

“We already have engineered plans submitted to them for approval,” Murphy said.

The town’s Planning Director Dave Engelhart added that the entrance shifted east about 30 feet for deceleration time from the light on Route 50 and Seahawk Road.

Matthew Stoehr, who was elected to serve as vice chairman that evening, asked if the site plan will address flooding at the property. Engelhart replied that EA Engineering reviewed and approved stormwater and water quality management at the site.

Commission members asked developers to soften the design of the store.

“It doesn’t have to look like a Frankenstein to attract your business,” Commission member Pete Cosby said. “I just think that us bending over to corporate logos and corporate designs is not good practice for Berlin. We’ve got something special going on and we want to keep it that way.”

The proposed design looks like the majority of Auto Zone locations.

“That is our prototype look. In search of the [town] codes, there are no architectural requirements that we have to enhance anything,” Murphy said.

Cosby countered that the proposed design does not reflect the town’s character.

“This is a nightmare as far as what Berlin’s trying to do with its buildings,” he said.

Responding to Chairman Chris Denny, who was re-elected to that position that night, Murphy said the company has no pitched roof prototypes.

“We would incorporate items like that if it is in local ordinances, local codes,” he said, adding that a pitched roof would greatly affect the building budget.

Murphy said some improvements he could make to the store’s appearance could be adding parapets to the building and a decorative cornice to the roof line.

Although Auto Zone primarily uses a gray color scheme, a beige, earth-toned color scheme was also a possibility. In addition, Murphy said he could incorporate faux windows to the bare walls of the building.

Cosby suggested Murphy return with renderings in both color schemes that illustrate the commis-



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The Berlin Planning Commission decided to table a site plan for a proposed Auto Zone store at the former McDonald’s building on Route 50 near Seahawk Road last Wednesday.

sion’s proposed changes.

“We’re not to rubber stamp everything,” he said.

During the Zoom meeting, Murphy showed the commission members a store in Westminster, Maryland that features some of the changes proposed for the Berlin location.

Cosby said although the Westminster store did look better, it still was not ideal. He also addressed the lack of trees in the proposed landscaping on the property.

“These plans are done per town code,” Murphy replied. “If there was interior landscaping that we had to incorporate, we would have incorporated that into the plan. I have no problem adding trees into existing landscaping if that’s what needs to help.”

Denny agreed with Cosby and Stoehr’s suggestion to reconvene in

two weeks to review the improved renderings and landscaping plan.

“I don’t think that’s an unreasonable request,” he said. “This is something we’re going to look at for I believe 25 years potentially.”

Commission member Austin Purnell agreed that changes can be made to enhance the appearance of the store but thanked the developers for their interest in the town.

“I’m happy that it’s going to get re-developed and something new will be there,” he said. “That’ll be refreshing to see. We’ve been staring at that dilapidated building for a long time now, too long.”

The commission voted to table the discussion for a special meeting on Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

“I hate to discourage developers, but we got to hold a line in Berlin if we’re going to keep what we’ve got,” Cosby said.

Phillips resigns from OP post

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On Feb.4, Director Dr. Colette Horn read from a prepared statement during the virtual meeting, which lasted scarcely minutes, stating that an OPA employee had filed a complaint, but that an investigation led the OPA’s counsel to conclude no violation had occurred.

According to reports from Ocean Pines Forum moderator Joe Reynolds, it was Phillips who filed the complaint against OPA President Larry Perrone alleging he created a hostile workplace.

In April 2019, Phillips was appointed to the newly created director of operations role after previously serving as the Ocean Pines aquatics director, which was preceded by more than a quarter century working for the Ocean City Beach Patrol as a surf rescue technician.

While declining to discuss

specifics this week, Phillips said more information would come to light in the near future.

“No comment at this time but I’m excited to share future opportunities that have come my direction since things have happened over the last two months,” she said. “I wasn’t looking for anything, but other opportunities presented themselves ... but my resignation is because of recent events.”

The resolution cited by the complaint, B-08, restricts board members from providing specific direction to association management, employees or vendors without prior authorization. Additionally, B-08 prohibits board members from retaliating against an employee alleging impropriety.

On Tuesday, *Bayside Gazette* reached out to Perrone who declined to comment, while General Manager John Viola was unable to be reached.

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Ocean Pines holds covid virtual town hall with Worcester

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2021) County Health Department Public Affairs Officer Travis Brown gave Ocean Pines residents a progress report last Thursday on the distribution of the first phase of coronavirus vaccines.

Brown's presentation during an Ocean Pines Association virtual town hall overseen by Communications Committee Chairwoman Jenny Cropper Rines, included a question-and-answer session.

Brown said because of the limited number of vaccine doses being sent to Worcester, the county has changed from online registration on MarylandVax.org to a phone-in system for scheduling vaccinations.

"As of last week, we have moved to a single central waiting list that includes all clinics operated by the Worcester County Health Department," he said. "Due to limited supply of vaccine, we do not expect to post ... to MarylandVax.org for the next several weeks."

Brown said the health department waiting list for coronavirus vaccine is about 5,000 deep with anyone covered under Phase 1A-C eligible.

"Due to the state directive, we are prioritizing those that are 65 plus," he said.

Additionally, Maryland has directed regional health departments to allocate one third of vaccine rations for teachers and associated personnel.

The state health department reported that Phase 1C, which began in late January, qualifies about 2 million state residents for vaccinations, including anyone 65 or older.

Also covered under Phase 1C are Marylanders employed in agriculture production, critical manufacturing, mass transit, grocery retailers, veterinary care, clergy and support staff. Also covered are U.S. Postal Service employees or public safety and health care providers not previously included in Phases 1A or 1B.

For those qualified vaccine appointments can be scheduled by calling 667-253-2140 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Brown said the phone line was initially overrun with requests after being launched the week before.

"One of the first days, we averaged [about] 3,600 calls," he said.

With overall staffing of about 250, the health department was able to ded-



Travis Brown



Wayne Hartman

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OC Art League hosts annual show

Students in middle, high school can enter artwork

(Feb. 18, 2021) The Art League of Ocean City invites students in middle and high school in Worcester County to enter their original artwork and be eligible to win cash prizes.

The Shirley Hall Memorial Youth Art Show will hang in the galleries of the Ocean City Center for the Arts from March 5-27. The show coincides with National Youth Art Month.

Entries will be accepted in-person at the Arts Center, 502 94th Street bayside, from Feb. 21-27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends.

Every year for more than 25 years, the Art League has presented the annual Shirley Hall Memorial Art Show, showcasing the artwork of middle and high school students from public and private schools in Worcester County. The purpose of the event is to

promote creativity and allow local youth to present their artwork in a professional gallery setting.

The art show is named in memory of Shirley Hall, a former Art League board member, who was instrumental in originally developing and presenting the show. The judges of the show are Hall's family, who will award \$250 in cash prizes in memory of Greg Hall.

"With the pandemic and school closures, we felt it was more important than ever to keep our students engaged in the arts," Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said. "That's why we are reaching out to students directly this year rather than going through their teachers. We want all middle and high schoolers to know they are invited to personally enter."

The show is open to all middle and high school students in Worcester County, including public, private and homeschool.

Artwork must be original, and all two-dimensional art is eligible including: paintings, drawings, photographs, mixed media and etchings.

The artwork must have been created in the past year. The art must be matted and framed and ready to hang, with a maximum framed size of 16x20 inches.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts practices CDC guidelines with mask wearing and social distancing.

Questions should be directed to Kacie Neeb, gallery assistant, at the Art League, kacie@artleagueofocancity.org.

The Art League of Ocean City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. Financial support comes primarily through membership dues from individuals and corporate sponsors.

Bainbridge Pond gets state grant

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funding for infrastructure improvements in the area around Bainbridge Park.

The Bainbridge proposal, which had strong backing from Bertino and Bunting, was developed through a partnership between Ocean Pines and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

Coastal Bays Executive Director Kevin Smith said with state funding authorization completed, the improvements can now get underway.

"Once the Board of Public Works approves it, then they can move forward with getting the contracts done and start work," he said.

The board also increased the final funding amount by roughly \$20,000, from an earlier award of \$463,300, to cover reimbursable expenses for project management.

"We tried to get every penny we could," Smith said. "They can put it to good use there."

The state funding is being coupled

with \$328,022 from Ocean Pines for a total project cost of \$810,359.

"One good thing about this project is that Ocean Pines has some skin in the game," Smith said.

The association funding is earmarked for replacing roadway culverts beneath Beaconhill Road, Sandyhook Road and Pinehurst Road, which should help increase flood resiliency within section 3 of Ocean Pines.

"Hopefully the funding agencies are going to look at that positively and be able to put more money to work down here," he said. "There's a lot of opportunities, particularly in the northern portion of the coastal bays."

Retrofits recommended for Bainbridge Pond and associated outfall channels would bring it into compliance with current state regulations and includes installing forebays, wetland benches, a proper outfall structure and improving dam embankments.

When completed, the project is anticipated to remove 80 percent of suspended soils, 63 percent of phosphorus and 40 percent of nitrogen from approximately 40 acres of currently untreated impervious urban runoff.

Additional improvements to existing outfall channels include removing compacted legacy materials and clay soils, which would be replaced with sand and plants to allow for seasonal runoff and improved resiliency during storms.

Once completed, the Bainbridge project is intended to improve water quality for the entire 115-acre developed watershed by reducing storm water runoff in Ocean Pines, which feeds to the Shingle Landing Prong, a tributary to the Isle of Wight Bay.

Smith said the project is slated to begin this spring.

"There are trying to get that going as quickly as possible," he said. "We hope that it's a catalyst to get more work and more monies for Ocean Pines and Worcester County."



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Pines gets covid updates virtually

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icate roughly 75 people to cover phone lines, which resulted in lengthy hold times early on.

“We have every available staff that isn’t already helping with clinics ... helping with the call center,” he said. “Luckily, volume has gone down.”

Brown said the health department would return to scheduling appointments online though Marylandvac.org whenever vaccine rations increase.

“We are hoping and planning to go back to posting clinics there as soon as the vaccine supply allows it,” he said. “We’re averaging about 300 doses of Moderna per week.”

Brown said the department’s waiting list is exclusive to its clinics, with area hospitals, drug stores or grocers operating independently.

“Each entity has its own different waiting list and procedures,” he said. “We are all operating under the same phase system rules.”

Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C) said to this point 16.2 percent of county residents have received a first dose, while about 4 percent have completed a second final dose of vaccine.

“Worcester County is doing an amazing job getting the vaccine out,” he said. “We are second to Kent County but ... our population is almost three times [greater].”

During a weekly covid-19 podcast on worcesterhealth.org from Feb. 12, Brown reported the county has thus far distributed 3,200 first vaccine doses.

“At this point not a single drop has spoiled or not been used effectively,” he said.

Looking ahead, timeframes remain hazy for implementing Phases 2 and 3 for covid-19 vaccines in Maryland.

“We don’t have a timeline yet for when we expect to get to Phase 2,” he

said. Brown said comments from Gov. Larry Hogan indicate the state probably would shift to further phases in unison.

“We have a saying, ‘different day, different way’ where it’s updated constantly,” he said. “We’re just trying to make sure we get the majority of Phase 1 vaccinated before we move there.”

Phase 2 includes adults ages 16 and above at higher risk of severe covid-19 illness because of chronic or long-term health conditions. Phase 2 also includes essential workers not included in Phase 1. Phase 3 covers the general population.

Brown said residents are cautioned to be patient while the vaccine distribution continues ramping up and to continue following prevention recommendations.

Brown said anyone previously diagnosed with covid-19 should get vaccinated between 60 to 90 days after testing asymptomatic.

“We’re not sure how much resistance just being positive at one time will give you,” he said. “If you have had covid, the recommendation ... is still seek vaccination.”

The supply chain should be bolstered with the anticipated arrival of the Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccine, which the Food and Drug Administration is considering for emergency use authorization.

“Johnson & Johnson is a single one so effectively the supply is doubled,” he said. “Ideally, that will help with our supply problem because we do not at this time have enough vaccine to meet the demand that we are seeing.”

Although Johnson & Johnson’s vaccine is reportedly 72 percent effective against covid-19, compared to 94.1 and 95 percent respectively for Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, the last two options

both involve receiving a priming dose followed by a booster shot 28 days later for Moderna and 21 days later for Pfizer.

Brown said a letter was sent last week asking state officials to raise vaccine rations because of the seasonal spikes in population. With a year-round population of 50,000, the county’s total population in the summer swells to roughly a quarter-million people, Brown said.

“The Worcester County Commissioners also have supported reaching out to Maryland for additional supplies of vaccine,” he said.

Brown said Maryland Health officials have directed counties to refrain from enacting residency restrictions since vaccines are obtained through a federal program.

“Our belief is we are getting a lot more than our general population,” he said.


Brown said county officials contend the state basing vaccine allocations on the 50,000-plus year-round population is unreasonable.

“Some counties in Maryland have limited it to fulltime residents or those who work within the county,” he said.


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Steele featured in interview during Black History Month

(Feb. 18, 2021) The Worcester County Library continues to celebrate Black History Month, hosting an interview with Baltimore Ravens’ Senior Vice President of Communications, Chad Steele, on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.



Chad Steele

“This special event is a unique opportunity for Ravens fans and those interested in media communications to learn about the experiences of Mr. Steele and his journey to the Baltimore Ravens,” said Adult Program Manager Elena Coelho.

According to his organizational biography, Steele oversees the Ravens’ public and community relations departments.

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The event will take place on Zoom. Register at WorcesterLibrary.org by clicking on the “Events” tab.

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Berlin childcare centers apply for more state funds

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2021) While restaurants are perhaps the most well-known victims of pandemic-related restrictions and closures, a lesser known service is having its troubles as well, and is why local childcare centers are hailing the opening of the Child Care Relief Fund announced by Gov. Larry Hogan last Friday.

Through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, Maryland received additional federal funding to support child care for children and families. The Maryland State Department of Education is establishing a \$60 million grant program to support eligible childcare programs statewide.

“Maryland’s childcare providers have made it possible for front line workers to continue their critical work throughout this public health emergency,” Hogan said in a press release. “As we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are grateful to child care providers who have reopened and provided continued support to our children and families.”



PHOTO COURTESY SANDRA BUCKWALTER
Anna Eubanks, school age and virtual school coordinator at Eastern Shore Early Learning on Worcester Highway in Berlin, disinfected the children’s equipment throughout the day.



PHOTO COURTESY SANDRA BUCKWALTER
Calyssa Guns, a 7-year-old student at Ocean City Elementary School, left, and Alexis Anoua, a 6-year-old student at Willards Elementary School, engage in distance learning at Eastern Shore Early Learning on Worcester Highway in Berlin with the protection of face coverings and a desk divider.

The grant program is in addition to previous efforts to assist childcare providers, such as grants to support reopening efforts, sanitization and personal protective equipment as well as the essential personnel childcare program.

Sandra Buckwalter, director and CEO of Eastern Shore Early Learning on Worcester Highway in Berlin, said her center received both rounds of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), \$1,000 for cleaning and a Maryland Small Business Covid-19 Emergency Relief Grant for \$10,000.

Carrie Coots, owner and director of Coastal Early Learning Center on Seahawk Road in Berlin, said she received one round of the PPP loans as well as some financial assistance from the state specifically for child care centers.

“In the face of the pandemic, Maryland’s family and center-based childcare providers have remained vital partners in our early education efforts and have been essential to the State’s overall

recovery efforts,” State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen B. Salmon said in a press release. “These additional grant funds will help support childcare providers manage increased costs, so they can continue to deliver safe, reliable and effective care to our children.”

Buckwalter plans to apply for the relief fund grants after suffering some serious business blows delivered by the pandemic.

“We’re down to half enrollment and the minimum wage goes up,” she said.

If awarded a grant, Buckwalter said she’d use the funds for staff salaries, cleaning supplies and everyday materials for the children.

As for the center’s safety protocols, the public is prohibited entry to the Eastern Shore Early Learning facility at this time.

Buckwalter said the center uses the HiMama app to conduct contactless check-in daily and record temperatures for the children ages six weeks to pre-kindergarten.

“We do it twice a day. We do it once in the morning and then we do it once in the afternoon,” she said.

The older children’s temperatures are manually recorded, Buckwalter added, because HiMama is only for

the younger age group.

“Then, we have masks that I purchased that the children wear ... that they never leave the building except for when I wash them,” she said. “They have two baggies – one baggy is for their dirty ones and one baggy is for their clean ones. They each have four.”

All staff members also wear masks.

Additionally, the younger children are allowed to bring in their bedding, which the staff puts into specific bags Buckwalter bought throughout the week. At the end of the week, the bags go home to be washed.

As for babies, bottles can be brought from home in plastic reusable bags or single-use plastic grocery bags that can be sanitized.

Eastern Shore Early Learning serves children 6 weeks old to 12 years old. Buckwalter added that the school-aged children keep their backpacks outside her office instead of going into the center with them. The center also uses desk dividers for remote learning that Buckwalter’s father built her.

There have been several cases of covid-19 among the children’s families and two related children tested positive but were asymptomatic. During
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OP Election Cmte gets 2021 work underway

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb.18, 2021) Meeting for the first time this year, the Ocean Pines Election Committee held a virtual session last Friday to begin planning the 2021 director's contest, while also highlighting a pending referendum and potential future use of electronic voting.

Board election 2021:
Committee Chairman Steve Habeger welcomed back members who last convened in the fall to finalize the 2020 Board election report.

"This is like the first day of school," he said.

With the candidate-filing deadline for the 2021 Board election on May 10, Habeger said the committee's annual rollercoaster ride is just leaving the gate.

"We're sort of ratcheting up to what's called the first drop and gaining energy," he said. "We don't tip over until early May when we get candidates in ... then we start the election process."

Two board members, Frank Daly and Frank Brown, have terms that expire this year, with OPA Bylaws requiring two more candidates than open seats.

In the event that mark is not reached by the initial May 10 filing deadline, as was the case in 2020, ad-



Ocean Pines Election Committee members, clockwise from left, Carol Ludwig, Board liaison Frank Brown, Bob Windsor, Mary Anne Whitcomb, Mark Heintz and Steve Habeger met virtually on Friday.

ditional time is provided until the third Friday in June to seek further entries.

"We did that last year [and] we didn't get any candidates from the extension," he said. "We had three who filed by the May 10 deadline."

Committee member Carol Ludwig asked what procedures exist to help assure the proper number of candidates

are involved in annual board elections.

Habeger said recruiting election candidates is a board responsibility but the committee should assure the issue remains a top focus.

"I'll take a look at where I can put a reminder to the board, if necessary, for additional candidates," he said.

Habeger said the later June filing

deadline still provides a two-week window to print and mail election materials so they will arrive a minimum of 30 days before the ballot due date in early August.

Turning to new business, the committee unanimously approved a bid contract for 2021 election printing and

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Additional funding to be used for supplies

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the holidays, the Eastern Shore Early Learning building was closed for 14 days and the staff quarantined upon notifying the health department of the positive cases.

During the quarantine over Christmas, Buckwalter said two related staff members tested positive from an outside exposure.

Coastal Early Learning Center, which serves children 6 weeks old to 6 years old, has not had any recent positive cases of covid-19. In July 2020, a staff member and a child contracted the virus.

Coots plans to apply for grant funding to cover the expenses of additional cleaning and sanitization supplies as well as PPE for staff members.

“Just our normal supplies that we’ve always used have doubled, if not tripled, in cost, and then on top of that, we have increased supplies that we now have to use,” she said.

All staff members are required to wear masks throughout the day and children over the age of 5 are encouraged to wear masks as well.

“We do have a temperature check every morning when the children come in the building,” Coots said. “We have limited parents inside the building. We have the covid-19 questionnaire that each parent fills out every

morning.”

Children are still allowed to bring their comforting items from home.

“They’re still children. We’re trying to do what we can do to keep the normalcy there for the kids and to keep them safe as well. It’s definitely a fine balance,” she said.

What has not changed during the pandemic is that staff members are urged to wash and sanitize their hands frequently as well as disinfect all equipment throughout the day, she added.

Coots also said she has experienced an influx of calls and emails to obtain information about the Coastal Early Learning Center.

“We have actually seen an increase in interest in enrollment, I think, due to the pandemic, especially with the older, kindergarten-aged children,” she said. “We had several kindergarteners stay this year, this [past] September. They stayed with us for their kindergarten year because of the pandemic with working parents not being able to stay home with their child and do the virtual schooling with them, so we actually had more kids stay with us this year.”

In addition, she said a lot of people are moving to the area because they can work remotely now.

The grant program began accepting

applications on Tuesday. The online application for currently operating childcare facilities is due by March 3. Providers must explain how they plan to use the funds and submit required data, including enrollment data, losses incurred and how funds will be used.

For more information, visit early-childhood.marylandpublicschools.org/.

On Tuesday, Hogan submitted a \$1.59 billion supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2022 to the state legisla-

ture as an amendment, including \$931 million for local school systems to assist with the safe reopening of public schools; \$434 million for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Pandemic EBT program; \$128 million to support the state’s Child Care Scholarship program, including almost \$60 million to help support licensed child care providers recover from the impact of the pandemic.

Ocean Pines set to launch spending limit referendum

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mailing services.

Habeger, whose second Election Committee term ends this September, said he would not seek reappointment as chair.

Spending referendum:

Board liaison Frank Brown asked about voting system options regarding an upcoming referendum question.

“This year the association is going to be doing a referendum relating to the spending limit,” he said. “I believe within 90 days.”

Habeger said OPA balloting systems were redesigned last year to abandon increasingly outdated Scantrol technology used previously.

“The plan would be that a referendum would be printed on an 8.5 x 11 paper and the bottom would be perforated with a yes or no,” he said.

Habeger said the revamped election systems would provide a second alternative for referendum questions.

“What we bought was a subscription to a survey website that can handle huge servings,” he said. “That is available for the association to use anytime anyway they see fit.”

Electronic voting:

Reviving discussions from last year’s ballot system redesign work, prior to the committee meeting last week Habeger had asked Brown to gauge the board’s sentiments about

employing electronic voting in future elections.

Brown said the board does not favor deploying electronic voting at the moment.

“They wanted to try the new system for a while and see how that works, since we evidently have paid a lot of money,” he said.

Still, Brown said the issue is far from decided.

“There’s no definite yes or no right now,” he said. “They did say the Election Committee should form a subcommittee that would do a thorough report on how electronic voting would work.”

Brown said the board intends to use the report to reach a final conclusion on the matter.

Committee member Bob Windsor said the group had examined related costs for mail-in versus electronic voting systems several years ago and found no compelling difference.

“It’s basically a wash from our perspective,” he said. “The cost that the website people would charge is almost the same as we pay for the business reply envelopes.”

Committee member Mary Anne Whitcomb, as well as Ludwig and Windsor, agreed to form a subgroup to conduct a study about the potential for future elections to be conducted online.



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Berlin staff seeks new Public Works Dept. superintendent

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2021) An offer has been made to an applicant for the Berlin Public Works Department superintendent's job that will become vacant on April 1, with the retirement of Dave Wheaton.

In announcing the offer this week, Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood said the application process for Wheaton's replacement opened at the beginning of January and is now closed.

Wheaton was hired by the town in June 2004. He has served Berlin as an equipment operator and assistant superintendent of the Public Works Department before becoming superintendent.

Administrative Manager Kelsey Jensen told the Town Council during its meeting on Feb. 8 that four candi-

dates were interviewed that day for the position and that the town staff narrowed the field to two candidates.

Town staff hope the new superintendent can train with Wheaton before he retires.

According to the town's website, the Public Works Department consists of the Streets and Sanitation divisions. The Streets Division maintains town-owned streets and roadways and sidewalks, while the Sanitation Division conducts trash and recycling collections. The department is also responsible for the maintenance of Berlin's four municipal parks – Heron Park on Old Ocean City Boulevard, Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street, Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street and John Howard Burbage Park on William Street – as well as other town-owned properties.

Apps for OP Women's Club scholarships due in March

(Feb. 18, 2021) The Women's Club of Ocean Pines will be awarding scholarships in June to students who are full-time residents of Ocean Pines.

These students must graduate from high school in good standing with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and plan to attend an accredited institution for further education.

These awards may be used by the recipient to help defray post-high school expenses at any approved degree, certificate-granting college or university, technical or vocational school.

The Women's Club of Ocean Pines Scholarship committee will consider

the applicant's needs, goals, scholarship, citizenship, community service, extra-curricular activities and motivation. The club believes in non-discrimination on the basis of race, gender, national origin or family status, in both principle and practice.

Applications for these scholarships may be found on the Naviance website, www.naviance.com. All applications must be returned to a senior counselor at Stephen Decatur High School by March 22.

Qualifying applicants who do not attend Stephen Decatur High School are asked to call 410-641-8046 for information and/or an application.

Ocean Pines Association reaches case settlement

(Feb. 18, 2021) Ocean Pines Association President Larry Perrone, on behalf of the Board of Directors, announced Tuesday that the association and former board member Slobodan Trendic have reached a settlement on the Slobodan Trendic v Ocean Pines Association case that Trendic filed after the board rejected his petition calling for a referendum on spending.

"The terms of the settlement re-

quire OPA to conduct a referendum on Mr. Trendic's 2019 petition in compliance with the court's order and the procedures set forth in Section 4.08 of the OPA By-Laws and to reimburse Mr. Trendic his court costs of \$196.65," Perrone said.

"OPA is moving forward with the referendum process. Notice of the public hearing will be forthcoming soon."



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The second-place team for Worcester Technical High School's welding competition on March 5, 2020, and instructors from left, are Rick Stephens, welding instructor; Samuel Paulk, a 2020 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School; Tammy Hearne, welding assistant; Kevin Rodriguez and Joseph Serpe, current seniors at Stephen Decatur; and Denise Coston, welding assistant.

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Welding students receive scholarships to ATI

Winning contestants of SkillsUSA awarded funds totaling \$30K for program

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2021) Eleven students in the Worcester Technical High School welding program competed in the 2020 SkillsUSA welding contest on March 5, 2020, at the high school and received a total of \$30,000 in scholarships to the Advanced Technology Institute in Virginia Beach.

“We are just really proud of what our students are doing, said welding instructor Rick Stephens. “They see

their future developing right in front of them with each welding skill they learn. It is so awesome to see students so excited to be in school learning a trade.”

Hunter Powell, Trevor Hudson and Ezekiel Dennis won first place as a team in the 2020 Welding Fabrication Contest and were each awarded \$3,000.

Kevin Rodriguez, Samuel Paulk and Joseph Serpe placed second as a team in the 2020 Welding Fabrication Contest and were each awarded a prize of \$2,000.

Rodriguez, a senior at Stephen Decatur High School, said the competition on March 5 was “super fun.”

Devin Pilarski, Daniel Ridenour and Ascher King placed third as a team in the contest and received \$1,000 each.

For the 2020 Welding Sculpture Contest, Devin Pilarski was awarded \$3,000 for first place, Trent Ortega was awarded \$2,000 for second place and Kylie Boston was awarded \$1,000 for third place.

Daniel Ridenour placed first in the 2020 Welding Contest for a \$3,000 prize, followed by Samuel Paulk in second place for a \$2,000 prize. Kevin Rodriguez grabbed third place for a \$1,000 award.

Stephen Decatur High School students Joseph Serpe, Kylie Boston, Trent Ortega and Devin Palarski and Snow Hill High School student Ezekiel Dennis have applied to attend the Advanced Technology Institute’s welding program in the fall.

According to the Advanced Technology Institute’s website, the welding program is approximately 18

months, including breaks and holidays.

The program curriculum requires 1,500 clock hours and 60 credit hours. Upon completion of the program, students will receive an Associate of Occupational Science in Trades Leadership with Specialization in Maritime Welding Technology.

Stephens added that two more Stephen Decatur High School students, Kevin Rodriguez and Ross Quilter, are attending a welding program at Universal Technical Institute in Houston, Texas.

According to the Universal Technical Institute, the welding technology training program is 36 weeks and involves training of four techniques.

Students will take 12 hands-on welding courses.

OP Kiwanis Club maps new ground as '21 gets rolling

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2021) The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, which adapted its fundraising efforts to abide by coronavirus safety protocols last spring, looks to carry on its charity campaigns and continue building membership during 2021.

Kiwanis Press Relations Chairman Dave Landis said after holding one in-person fundraising event in early 2020, the group spent the remainder of last year reimagining its approach.

“We had a pancake breakfast in February and that was the end of our fundraisers,” he said. “Everything else had to be cancelled.”

Landis said pandemic health safety restrictions led the group to focus on month-long weekly drive-up charity endeavors, with Kiwanis members at the Ocean Pines Community Center parking lot to collect food, clothing and holiday gift donations at various times in 2020.

“We did a lot of community projects,” he said.

In May, the group held a weekly food drive to help stock the shelves at the Diakonia Emergency Food Pantry and repeated that effort in December.

During November, Kiwanis members held a combined toy and coat drive that set new marks for both ends.

“We had 300-plus coats this year,” he said. “The community absolutely stepped up to help us.”

The Kiwanis annual winter coat drive, co-chaired by Susan Wineke and Kitty Wrench, which had been slated for October, ended up with a

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Dave Landis

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Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club presented the Optimist of the Year award to Christina Dolomount Brown. She is pictured with President Bill Hickey.



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HELPING OTHERS

Seven-year-old McKenna Birkhead-Thompson is active in her community and enjoys helping others. She is a Junior American Legion member, rings the bell for the Salvation Army during the holidays, raises money for Relay for Life and collects soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. She also provided 11 bags of canned goods for her school, Woodbridge Elementary's food drive.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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Saxophonist Danny Dolan serenades Valentine's Day revelers at the Ocean Pines Clubhouse Bar and Grille on Sunday.



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LIVE MUSIC

George and Patricia Bilenki, of the Bilenki Duo, play a blend of Americana, pop, classic rock, folk and country music for diners at Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery on Super Bowl Sunday.



OFFICERS INSTALLED

The Worcester County Garden Club's 2021-2023 officers were recently installed during a virtual meeting. Newly installed club officers are: President Deb Young, First Vice Presidents Joan LaHayne and Alison Schweiger, Second Vice Presidents Cristie Ammann and Karen Trigger, Recording Secretary Sandy Buchanan, Corresponding Secretary Susan Fletcher, Treasurer Kelly Brinkley, Assistant Treasurer Suzy Young, and Membership Martha Bennett.

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Kiwanis Club grew membership during 2020

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record number of donations despite the revised dates

The bulk of the cold weather gear was distributed to the Joseph House in Salisbury, with a smaller donation going to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City.

"We also donated some coats to Diakonia that went to their actual clients, not the thrift store," he said.

Landis said toy donations were collected to support the holiday gift campaign operated by Worcester GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity).

Challenged to continue past fundraising efforts during 2020, which in large part help support annual scholarships for Stephen Decatur High School graduates, the Kiwanis Club launched a new pick-three lottery campaign in August.

Through the end of last year, club members sold 2021 "Lottery Raffle" tickets, which are tied to Maryland's daily evening straight pick-3, at the Ocean Pines Artisans and Farmers Market, with 1,000 tickets numbered from 000-999 available for \$20 each.

"There's a winner every day, because we sold every ticket," he said. "It's worked out well for us and we've decided to make it an annual thing at this point."

Landis said the lottery campaign, which blossomed into the groups' top fundraising endeavor of 2020, is set to launch again later this year after a gaming license is obtained from Worcester County.

"You have to be authorized, you just can't do it on your own," he said.

In a push to boost membership, Kiwanis International late last year

unveiled a free yearly membership offer through the end of December.

"We actually picked up nine members that were all inducted," he said. "It was done for all the clubs throughout the organization."

Landis said the latest round of scholarship applications from graduating Worcester County high school seniors are under review, with Immediate Past President Roy Foreman overseeing the process.

"They've been getting in the applications and ... we're still going to award scholarships," he said. "We're not sure of the dollar amount but that's why we're raising the funds we are with the lottery raffle."

Landis said the hope is to get close to the roughly \$15,000 amount collected in prior years.

To add a bit more to the tally, Kiwanis President Steve Cohen is raising funds through a themed-facemask sale.

The handcrafted masks are produced locally and cost \$10 each or \$25 for three, with adult and children sizes available.

Contact Steve Cohen at 301-667-3099 or email stevecohenjd@gmail.com to purchase or learn more information.

Looking ahead, Landis said the group is finalizing plans for a new

"Karwanis" event to forge regional partnerships.

"We're going to have a car show in Ocean Pines down by the Veterans' Memorial on Sat. May 29," he said.

Landis said the Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City chapter is part of Kiwanis Division 5 of the Capital District, with the "Karwanis" event started by the district Lt. Governor Christine Johnson, who is also president of the Accomack club.

"The first one they ever had was late last year in Pocomoke and some of our club members helped," he said.

The inaugural "Karwanis" event raised more than \$3,000 and also helped gain exposure for the organization.

"We all try to help each other on this and promote Kiwanis," he said.

Landis said a preliminary meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday to finalize details for the car show.

"We're hoping that covid doesn't knock us down," he said. "If it does, we'll have to cancel everything in May."

Further information is available online at kiwanisofopoc.org or by visiting the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City Facebook page.

To inquire about membership email Landis at djlandissr@gmail.com or call 410-641-7330.

Obituary

BARBARA COSTER VALLE
Ocean Pines

Barbara Coster Valle, of Ocean Pines, Maryland, 81 years of age, left this world early in the morning of Feb. 15, 2021, after a long illness.

Born in Baltimore on Sept. 1, 1939, to Leonard J. Coster and Thelma Hasselbarth Coster, she raised her family in Towson, Maryland, and relocated to Maryland's Eastern Shore after retiring from the Baltimore County Public Schools System, where she worked as a special education teacher for over 20 years.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Gabriel Raymond Valle; her son, Raymond Lewis Valle, his wife, Deborah, and their two children, Samantha and Elijah, from Chandler, Arizona; her son, Gavin Edward Valle, his wife, Lea, and their sons, Benjamin and Nathaniel, from Dripping Springs, Texas; her brother, Leonard Coster and his wife, Ann, from Walnut Creek, California; her sister, Marcy Coster Schulz and her husband, Richard, from Columbia, South Carolina; and her sister, Judy Coster and her husband, Kenneth Klompus, from Baltimore, Maryland.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held in mid-year, 2021, in Ocean City, Maryland.

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Bald eagle recovering after windshield crash

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Feb. 18, 2021) A bald eagle is resting comfortably in serious, but stable condition, after flying through the windshield of a truck on Route 113 near Langmaid Road in Newark last Friday afternoon.

Tractor-trailer driver Wayne Hamilton, 63, of Delaware, said the bird was apparently swooping down after prey when it crashed through his windshield and landed in his lap.

Maryland State Police, who handed the case over to the Department of Natural Resources, said Hamilton refused medical care, while DNR Police spokesperson Lauren Moses said the eagle was taken to Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research in Newark, Delaware.

As of Monday, Lisa Smith, executive director of Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, said the eagle is in stable condition and eating on its own. However, it still has internal injuries and is easily stressed when handled or when staff members enter the enclosure. The prognosis is guarded at this point, she said.

The bald eagle is receiving medica-

tions to reduce pain and inflammation at this time. Based on its fully white head and tail, this bald eagle has reached adulthood, Smith said, which means it is over 5 years old. Currently, the clinic is not certain of the bird's gender.

"I am not sure we have seen a case like this before, where the bird went through the windshield and survived to be brought to us for care," Smith said. "We have had cases in the past of birds stuck in car or truck grills and survived and were released."

It hasn't been that many years since bald eagles were an endangered species and rarely, if ever, were seen in Worcester County. Their near-demise was attributed in large part to the use of the pesticide DDT, which also nearly killed off the much smaller osprey.

Scientists said the DDT was ingested by the birds through the fish they ate, and that its presence left the shells of their eggs so thin and brittle they would break during the incubation period.

The ban on DDT, along with other legislation, allowed eagles and ospreys to return and flourish. Al-



PHOTO COURTESY TRI-STATE BIRD RESCUE AND RESEARCH
A bald eagle was taken to Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research in Newark, Delaware, for rehabilitation after flying through the windshield of a truck on Route 113 near Langmaid Road in Newark last Friday afternoon.

though the precise number of nesting eagle pairs in Worcester County isn't known, the Maryland Bird Conserva-

tion Partnership lists 14 active nests in the county, most of them on the ocean side.

County Arts Council to award scholarships

(Feb. 18, 2021) The Worcester County Arts Council's Student Arts Scholarship award program is underway.

The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$2,000 for qualifying high school seniors who are Worcester County residents interested in majoring in the arts.

Scholarships are also available to college art majors wishing to continue their education in the arts.

In 2020, a total of \$10,000, including the John Sisson family's contribution, was awarded to five students pursuing an education in the arts.

The Worcester County Arts Council's Student Arts Scholarship program is designed to identify, recognize and encourage students who demonstrate excellence in creative writing, culinary arts, dance, music, theater, or visual arts.

This is a merit scholarship and award decisions are based on evaluation of talent, dedication, and potential – not financial need.

The number and amount of the award are based on the funds' availability. Funds are provided for tuition costs and fees and are paid directly to the applicant's school.

Application and scholarship guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcestercountyariscouncil.org/artsscholarship. All applications must be received by Monday, May 3.

For further information, contact Anna Mullis, executive director, at anna@worcestercountyariscouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council welcomes donations to support the arts scholarship fund.

To make a tax-deductible contribution, visit www.worcestercountyariscouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council

is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support, promote and encourage visual, performing, and literary arts in Worcester County.

As designated by the Maryland State Arts Council County arts agency, the Worcester County Arts Council is committed to fostering the excellence, diversity, and vitality of arts, artists, and arts organizations and increasing access to the arts for all members of our community.

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Codify what looks good

Going before a planning commission is seldom enjoyable, but it's less so when someone goes in believing he or she understands the rules only to discover that commission members have ideas of their own that aren't in the code.

That's where the developer of an Auto Zone store on the site of the former McDonald's property on Route 50 finds himself, after the Berlin Planning Commission told him to return with building plans that are more compatible with the overall look of the town.

Understandably, commission members don't want a flat-topped, architecturally blunt structure greeting visitors at this gateway to town. Yet the zoning code does not give the commission the authority to require properties outside certain specified districts to abide by their subjective judgments of what looks good and what does not.

This is not a situation exclusive to the Berlin commission either. Land use attorneys won't say it for fear of running afoul of these commissions, but planning boards throughout the county have, at one time or the other, strongly recommended that builders incorporate members' personal preferences in their designs if they want their plans approved.

Often, they are right, as is they are in Berlin, but it remains that what is good for the community is not always contained in the laws they are authorized to enforce. This isn't fair to applicants who have no idea what they must do to earn a commission's recommendation until after they have presented their plans.

Although planning commissions are empowered to protect the quality of life and the public welfare of the communities they serve, the scope of that authority isn't unlimited, especially when the code contains nothing to back it up.

Right now, applicants are willing to go along with these demands, because time is money and they don't want the approval process to take any longer than necessary. But to be fair, these commissions must find ways to codify what they want, so applicants can know what to expect, and local governments don't find themselves in court some day defending policies that aren't in writing.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Colby Phillips resigns from OP

Editor,

Ocean Pines Community,
I wanted to share that effective March 2, I will be leaving my position as the Ocean Pines Amenities and Operational Logistics Director.

This community is absolutely amazing! I have been so honored to be able to work for you all and I pray and hope that my impact on you was as re-

warding as yours has been on me.

To the Ocean Pines team who have been the wind beneath my wings when I needed the extra push, I THANK YOU. You know who you are and you all are amazing, OP is so lucky to have you.

I will still be involved with several of the areas I have been volunteering with outside of my role in OP, to include Maryland Coastal Bays Board, Worcester County Local Help For You, At-

lantic General Hospital, [and] Santa.

I'm looking forward to the future opportunities that the good Lord has placed before me.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! My life is fuller from the opportunity I was able to have here because of so many of you.

Colby Phillips

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying good bye so hard."

— Winnie The Pooh

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Pine'eer Craft Club presents \$3,500

(Feb. 18, 2021) The Pine'eer Craft Club recently announced its year-end donations to the community.

The club had to cancel two major fundraisers this year due to covid-19 and had to close its shop 43 selling days less than the previous year.

In spite of these challenges, the club gave a total of \$3,500 to the Ocean Pines Police Department, Ocean Pines Fire Department, Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial and Ocean Pines Public Works.

"Giving back to the com-

munity is the major focus of our club," said President Sharon Puser. "We were pleased that we were still able to donate again this year."

Checks were mailed to the recipients as the Installation and Holiday Luncheon in December was canceled.

Besides hosting two major craft fairs each year, the club also runs a gift shop in White Horse Park next to the Farmer's Market in Ocean Pines.

Open every weekend, the Artisan Gift Shop is filled with hand-crafted items from its members, sold at reasonable prices. Profits from the shop and from

fundraisers are donated back to the community. Since its inception in 1974, the club has donated over \$169,000.

Currently the club is working on its summer Arts & Crafts Festival, scheduled for Aug. 7.

"We need to start planning now to make it successful. Hopefully by August, we will be able to hold this event this year" Puser said.

For more information about the fair, contact Barbara O'Connor, first vice president and event chair, at boc2638@yahoo.com or Jane Wolnik, reservation chair, at j.wolnik63@gmail.com.

Community Briefs

Elected

The Rt. Rev. Richard W. Lipka of Salisbury has been elected Bishop Ordinary of The Missionary Diocese of All Saints.



Rt. Rev. R. Lipka

Lipka grew up in Wilmington, Delaware and attended Seminary in Rome, Italy, where he was ordained as a priest at the altar of St. Peter 54 years ago. He has served from Annapolis to Salisbury to Baltimore and to Hawaii.

In August of 1995, he was consecrated as a Bishop.

The MDAS is a non-geographical diocese of the Anglican Church in North America extending from Maine to California. The Office of the Bishop is located at Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway in Berlin.

Bishop Lipka has appointed three Vicar Generals to help minister to the parishes within the Missionary Diocese of All Saints. The Eastern Convocation is headed up by Fr. Alan Andraeas; the Central Convocation by Fr. Terry Moore and the Western Convocation by The Rt. Rev. Michael Penfield.

Sunday in-person, socially distanced services are at 10 a.m at Holy Trinity. For more information, contact Holy Trinity Cathedral, 410-641-4882 or Sara Lewis, 443-235-5675.

Applications

Berlin Rotary Club is accepting applications from seniors at Stephen Decatur High School and Worcester Technical High School, who are planning to attend college or trade school in the fall of 2021.

Deadline for submitting an application is April 1. Students should contact their guidance counselor for an application.

For more information, contact Nancy Bradford at nbradford@bankofoceancity.com.

Officers

Worcester NAACP recently announced its officers for 2021.

Berlin Council member Shaneka N. Nichols swore in the officers through a Zoom meeting held on Jan. 20.

Branch officers are: President Ivory Smith, Secretary Linda Hilliard and Treasurer Christine Clark.

Executive directors are: Rev. Jay Jones; Religious Affairs, Dr. Roxie Dennis Acholonu; Political Action, Catherine Freeman; Press & Publicity, Judy Harris-Davis; and Environmental & Climate Justice, Larry Ryan.

Worcester County NAACP meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Call 410-213-1956 for information.

Dean's List

Several Worcester County residents

were among the 2,329 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina, named to the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list students must have a grade point average between 3.5-3.99 for the fall semester.

Among the students earning recognition are: Christopher Leitgeb, Communication major from Ocean City; Patrick Miller, a management major, from Ocean City; and Katherine Mitchell a Marine Science major from Berlin.

Elsa Quillin from Berlin, was recently named to the dean's list at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, for the fall 2020 semester.

In order to achieve dean's list status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 quality point average during the semester.

Edward McDermott of Ocean City, a junior majoring in biology and government, has been named to the dean's list at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, for the 2020 fall semester.

To earn a spot on the list, a student must have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an average of 3.5 or above.

Alexander Canakis of Bishopville and Caleb Mindte of Ocean Pines have been named to the University of Delaware dean's list for the fall 2020 semester.

To meet eligibility requirements for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

Max Bisaha of Berlin, majoring in Political Science, and Molly McCormick of Berlin, a Psychology major, earn spots on the dean's list at the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

To qualify for dean's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

President's List

Eric Gwin of Berlin, was named to the fall 2020 president's list at Hudson Valley Community College.

Gwin is studying in the Non-matriculated program at the Troy, New York college.

Each fall and spring term, the college's president's list names those full-time students and part-time students registered for at least six college credits who have a term average of between 3.5 and 4.0 for that term. Students must have completed at least 12 college credits successfully.

Rachael Weidman and Maya Ziashakeri, both of Berlin, have been named to the president's list at College of Charleston in South Carolina.

Weidman is majoring in Psychology and Ziashakeri in Exercise Science.

To qualify for president's list, students must earn a GPA of 3.8 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

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Puzzles

TODDLER TALK

BY KATIE HALE AND CHRISTINA IVERSON / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Katie Hale, of London, and Christina Iverson, of Ames, Iowa, are stay-at-home moms. Katie is also co-founder of a community organization that recycles children's books. They connected online after Katie read about Christina's first Times puzzle and reached out for mentoring. This is Christina's seventh crossword for the paper. It is Katie's debut. — W.S.

ACROSS
1 Unloading point
5 Trait for a ballerina
10 "Wanna hear a secret?" preceder
14 Not much
18 The "O" of OWN
20 Portrayer of Captain Davies in "Roots"
21 Bind with rope
22 Abacus column
23 Helpful
24 Accept payment from Batman?
27 Eponymous Irish city
29 ___ pickle
30 Counterparts of faunas
31 Cause for celebration at a pachyderm sanctuary?
36 ___ lecithin (chocolate additive)
37 What most pens can't do
38 Jane portrayer in 1981's "Tarzan, the Ape Man"
41 Worry about, informally
45 Flip (out)
46 Rock band that you might think would always be an opening act, with "the"?
48 Ex-Giants QB Manning
49 Finish scooping out a big stir-fry?

DOWN
1 Childbirth assistant
2 Choose to participate
3 Concern for Superman
4 Superman's birth name
5 Like many a teenage boy's facial hair
6 First Asian tennis player to be ranked No. 1 in singles
7 Press
8 Bishop's jurisdiction
9 Long period
10 Like some evidence and bulbs
11 Doctor's order
12 I.R.S. ID
13 Live broadcast no-no
14 In

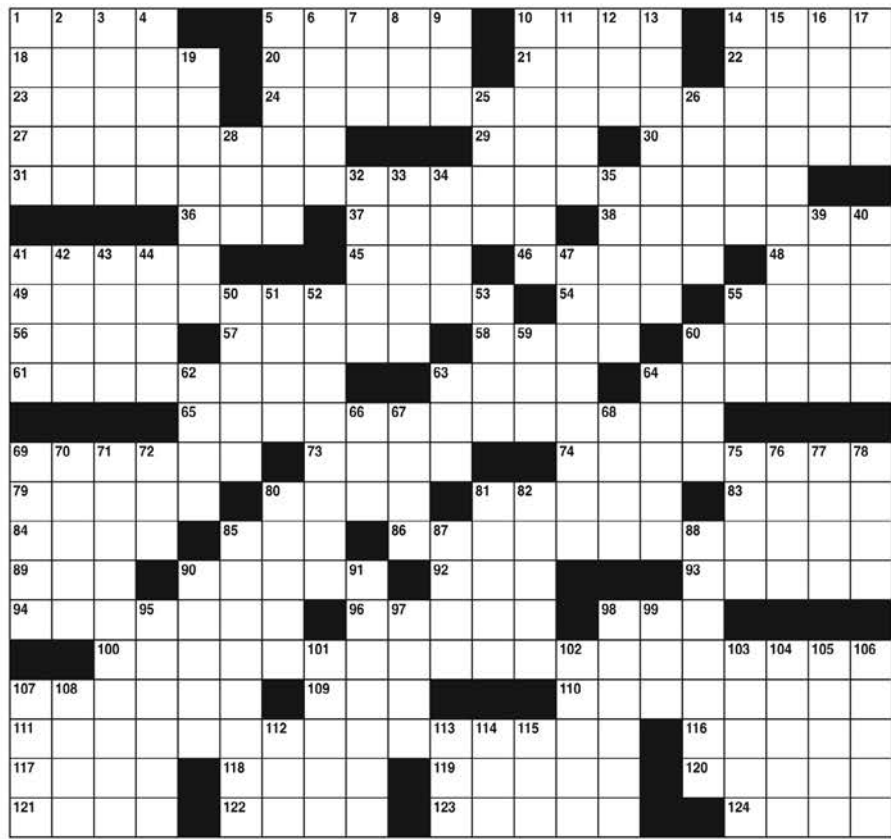
ACROSS
54 Signal approval
55 Inexplicably missing, say
56 Brontë who wrote "Agnes Grey"
57 Target of permethrin cream
58 Not very convincing
60 Highly skilled
61 Rare race outcome
63 Unimaginative birthday gift
64 Is stertorous
65 Puritan's goal in 17th-century Salem?
69 Changes topics in a debate, perhaps
73 Scrapes (out)
74 The Rose Bowl, e.g.
79 Czar who co-ruled with Peter I
80 Goes head to head
81 Indiana athlete
83 Sunburn soother
84 Specialist publication, for short
85 Monopolize
86 Something a Parmesan vendor might offer?
89 Unflappable state of mind
90 Baron Cohen of film
92 One of all fours?
93 Container words
94 2019 film whose title means "to the stars"
96 A dance and a dip
98 Cartoonism's Olive
100 What a stoner actor smoked during rehearsal?

DOWN
107 Beginning and end of "America"
109 "Ha-ha!"
110 Noise heard during the London Blitz
111 Domain for Jameson and Maker's Mark?
116 Curl target, informally
117 Manual alternative
118 Soul singer Bridges
119 Bank investment?
120 Spanish dagger or Adam's needle is a variety of it
121 New York football team, informally
122 Apt rhyme for "crude" and "rude"
123 It may need to be broken to move
124 Lucretia ___, abolitionist and women's rights advocate

ACROSS
15 One creating draft after draft?
16 Andean empire member
17 Some clicks of the tongue
19 Slice of toast?
25 Comes out ahead
26 Dolts
28 Market launch, for short
32 Amphibians that may have toxic skin
33 Clichéd
34 Shakespeare villain with more lines than the title character
35 Kindle download
39 Skip the big ceremony, say
40 They're found around Scots
41 Bony fish with prized eggs
42 "Bottled poetry," according to Robert Louis Stevenson
43 Active Sicilian volcano
44 Filled with wonder
47 Without concrete evidence
50 "Ad Parnassum" and "Fish Magic," for two
51 Metaphor for a shared experience
52 Be more important than
53 Exaggerated kiss sound
55 Fuss
59 Legal title: Abbr.
60 He wrote lyrics to "My Way" for Sinatra

DOWN
62 Channel with a lot of house renovation shows
63 Keeps in the loop, in a way
64 Give a start
66 Prez with a rhyming campaign slogan
67 Lab work
68 Cause of some brain freeze
69 It comes in California and New York styles
70 Covered in vines
71 Celebrity who holds the Guinness world record for "Most Frequent Clapper"
72 Half and half?
75 Gallivants
76 On the safe side
77 Ancient kingdom in modern-day Jordan
78 Elusive, in a way
80 Words to learn, briefly
81 In itself: Lat.
82 "Oh, come on!"
85 Aggressive pitch
87 Physically fit
88 Rock song?
90 Big cut of tuna
91 Fill with wonder
95 Attaches, as a button
97 Some shop tools
98 "Now it makes sense!"
99 "___ So Bad" (Tom Petty song)
101 Flying ___ drop (pro wrestling move)
102 Shocks, in a way
103 Hip bone
104 Classic brand of wafers
105 Upright
106 The Apostle of Ireland, familiarly
107 It might come in a branded tote bag
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112 "___-haw!"
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115 Perón of politics

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Answers to last week's puzzles

1	9	8	5	2	7	4	6	3
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4	6	3	1	7	8	2	9	5
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Cuisine

Recipe for barbecued sichuan spare ribs

When I was much younger, I raced mountain bikes throughout the East Coast in the Sport and Expert classes.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

It was an exciting time, fraught with self-imposed poverty and long training rides throughout Baltimore, state parks, reservoirs and midnight sprints through North Avenue after getting off work.

From a food standpoint, it was a fairly carefree time of Ramen, “2 for \$2.22” Big Macs, 2-liter bottles of Coca-Cola, copious amounts of spaghetti and as much sugar (cheap foods) that I could put into my body to stay fueled.

I was broke, so I could not eat out, except for the incredibly calorie-packing cheap deals at fast food restaurants, and I did not cook at home, as it would mean stockpiling the pantry with ingredients. Meat was a luxury that was seldom eaten. Adored, but not eaten.

Not owning a car for quite a few years that I lived downtown, my bike was my primary mode of transportation. As such, I got pretty fast. And carb-loading was the name of the game back then. If I had a big race in New York or Georgia (which would naturally lead to significantly more travel time), I would carb-load for two days, and then I would keep glucose packets in my jersey as I raced to keep myself from bonking.

There is nothing worse than practically passing out in the saddle on a steep descent, I can assure you.

And then, after the race, I would feast on a standard that my racing buddy Jay still laughs about.

I can still see the faces of other riders, standing in astonishment as I, at a skeletal 149 pounds at 6 feet, 2 inches, would slowly and purposefully eat through an entire box of Twinkies, finishing it off with a 20-ounce bottle of Coke.

Sure, I would have my Cytomax during the race, and some sort of pre-race goo, but this was my go-to after big races. And then I would crash for a couple hours. Honestly, I don’t know how I’m not dead yet.

My diet wasn’t much different than when I first got out of the military in San Diego in 1992. Young and single, it was pretty much a diet of



aforementioned Ramen, pasta, cereal and beer.

I played lacrosse for a season for Orange County before moving back east. After a semester of rowing, I realized my love of mountain biking and transferred to school in Baltimore to be closer to my team.

And all the while, my diet never really changed. Junk food was what I could afford. Junk food was what I was accustomed to. My relationship with food was not exactly the healthiest, and I guess much hasn’t changed, as evidenced a couple days ago online.

I made a stark and very personal observation in seek of fellow sufferers. I cannot stand drinking water. It literally makes my skin crawl.

I knew that it would summon a variety of reactions, and it most certainly did. But, what shocked me the most was how many other people loathe drinking water. And, I mean we are talking a deep hate.

Don’t get me wrong; I still drink water because I know I have to, but it is not something that brings me any joy or relief. I don’t touch artificial sweeteners (what is the point, really?) and as I’m trying to watch my sugars, that means water it must be.

It’s like a cruel joke; like Salieri to

Mozart. Why give me the need to drink water, and then give me this level of disdain? Oh well, some universal mysteries are not ours to understand.

There are some thoughts that could explain the great water mystery, and they are interesting, but I will leave that to you to investigate on your own.

For now, I will just share this amazing and simple meat dish, one that I would have given anything to eat all those years ago.

Barbecued Sichuan Spare Ribs

serves 3
1 rack fresh pork spare ribs
1 tsp. Crushed Sichuan peppercorns
1 tsp. Kosher salt
1 tsp. Ground star anise
1 tsp. Cumin
oil for frying
3 cloves fresh garlic
2 Tbsp. Fresh, crushed ginger
3 pieces charred scallions, whole
1 Tbsp. Hoisin sauce
2 tsp. Oyster sauce
1 Tbsp. Sesame seeds
1 c. Soy sauce
2 Tbsp. Brown sugar
1/4 c. Sliced scallion greens

• If there is a membrane on the curved back of the ribs, peel this off. There is no comparison between ribs with this and ribs without. This is a very important part of the process.

• Cut the spare ribs into individual pieces and season well, rubbing them with a mixture of the pepper, salt, anise and cumin.

• Allow them to sit in the refrigerator for at least two hours, covered.

• Heat a small amount of sesame oil in a wok and quickly cook the garlic, ginger and charred scallions for a minute or so. It is very important that you do not burn the garlic, or you will have to start all over again.

• When the ginger and garlic have a touch of color to them, add the hoisin, oyster sauce, sesame seeds and soy sauce.

• Add the brown sugar and adjust any seasonings.

• Thicken with a small amount of slurry made from either cornstarch or tapioca. You want it to be just thick enough to coat the ribs and stick a little bit.

—Paul Suplee is a Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College and owner of boxcar40. Visit him at www.boxcar40.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., Feb. 18

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 Rohlffing, 410-641-9726.

OPEN SKATE
Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Cost is \$2 per person for all skaters and skate observers. Price includes skate rental, 45 minutes of skate time and reserves your time slot. Time slots available each hour on the hour and are limited to 15 people. Participants must call ahead: 410-632-2144. Allen Swiger, aswiger@maryland-scoast.org, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2520

ZUMBA FOR BEGINNERS
Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM. These classes uplift and improve mood. This is a webinar style program, meaning you can practice your moves without being seen. Register: worcesterlibrary.org.

NAACP BACK HISTORY MONTH MEETING
Meeting via Zoom, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Featuring guest speaker Don Victor Mooney. Mooney was the first human to solo row from the coast of West Africa to Brooklyn, New York and the first African American to row across any ocean. He did this to bring additional attention towards the global AIDS crisis. Mooney is currently the President of H.R. 1242 Resilience Program. For the Zoom link login go to the Worcester County NAACP Facebook page or email ivos4@aol.com.

TEEN DISCORD HANGOUT
Held via Discord, 7:00 PM. The library's Discord server is a moderated, virtual hangout space for teens, ages 13-18 years, to connect and chat with other teens. Register: <https://worcesterlibrary.libguides.com/discord>.

Fri., Feb. 19

'LIFE IN WATERCOLOR' ART SHOW
Salisbury Art Space, 212 W Main St, Suite 101. "Life in Watercolor: The Works of Katherine Wood Da'y is on display, with all works for sale as a fundraiser to Salisbury Art Space and Salisbury A&E District. 410-546-4748, <http://salisburyartspace.org>

BOOK DISCUSSION: "SWING" BY KWAME ALEXANDER WITH MARY RAND HESS
Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM. Facilitated by Cynthia Hanagud and Gail Samis of Salisbury University. Books are available

on Hoopla (hoopladigital.com). Register: worcesterlibrary.org under events.

PULL IN MOVIE
Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 6:30 PM. Watch a movie from the warmth and safety of your own vehicle. Grab bag refreshments available while supplies last. Limited space available. Call 410-957-0878 for more details.

Sat., Feb. 20

VIRTUAL WALK WITH A DOC
Beginning at 9:00 AM. Join the group for a virtual Walk with a Doc on the Atlantic General Hospital Facebook page, where there will be a short presentation by Dr. Brandi Musselman. Participants can then walk wherever they like and share a selfie on social media with the hashtag [walkedwithaghd](https://www.instagram.com/walkedwithaghd).

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER
New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, 11:30 AM. Drive thru pick up only. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, biscuit and dessert. Cost is \$13 for adults. 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251

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'CREATIVE KIDS' FREE ART CLASS
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Lindsey Winters, art teacher at Showell Elementary School, will lead children, ages 6 and older, in a fun art making session using a variety of mixed media. All materials provided. Masks required. Advance registration required: 410-524-9433 or www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org/Classes.

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.

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Mon., Feb. 22

INTERACTIVE STORY TIME - 'SPACE'
Meeting via Zoom, 10:30 AM. Pretend to travel through the atmosphere as participants enjoy stories, songs and rhymes about the solar system, constellations, planets and space. For ages 2-5 years. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Meeting 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

Tues., Feb. 23

RETIREMENT SUCCESS CLASSES
The virtual webinars will take place in three parts, Feb. 16, 23 and March 2, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The second class is titled, "Savvy Social Security." This is a detailed retirement planning seminar designed to educate those who are nearing retirement or who have recently retired. Register: <https://worcesterlibrary.org>.

Wed., Feb. 24

FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING
American Legion Post #166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., 12:00 PM. Any Marines and Navy Corpsman who have served in the Corps, living in Worcester and Sussex counties, are welcome. web-sergeant@firststatemarines.org, 410-430-7181

STEPPING ON FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOPS
Held via Zoom on Wednesday beginning Feb. 24, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The workshop features strength and balance exercises taught along with other strategies to build confidence and prevent falls. To borrow a device and/or register: Nancy Gompers, 410-742-0505, Ext. 131 or ngompers@macinc.org.

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a book from Asian American Voices to read and discuss at the Zoom Meet Up. Reading books and attending the Zoom Meet Up earns participants badges. Each badge gives a chance to win on the two \$500 grand prizes. Register for the Meet Up: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events.

LIBRARY TO HOST CHAD STEELE
Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 PM. The Worcester County Library continues to celebrate Black History Month with an interview with Baltimore Ravens Senior Vice President of Communications Chad Steel. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org, click on events.

ONGOING EVENTS

STOP THE SPREAD KIWANIS FUNDRAISER
The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines is conducting a fundraiser to support vital community projects. The club is selling handcrafted COVID-19 masks for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Adult and child sizes available. here are a variety of themes to choose from including sports teams (Ravens, Steelers, Capitals, Orioles), music groups, nautical and animal motifs. Contact Steve Cohen at 301-667-3099 or stevecohenjd@gmail.com for purchase information.

AARP FREE TAX PREPARATIONS
AARP will be at Northside Park to accept returns on Feb. 20, 27 and March 6. Taxpayers will bring their documents in to be scanned so that the councilors can prepare them remotely. The taxpayer will then return the following week to pick up his/her tax return. Make an appointment by calling 443-373-2667 or visit www.mdwebscheduler.com/.

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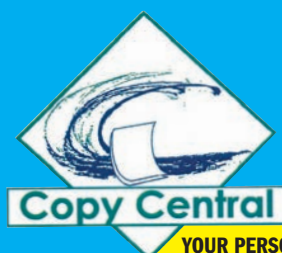
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