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## **Budget** berated by Tyndall

Revised spending plan for Berlin earns mayor's veto

By Greg Ellison Staff Writer

(June 3, 2021) Responding to a FY22 budget amendment introduced last Monday by Berlin Councilman Jay Knerr, Mayor Zack Tyndall on Friday vetoed the budget change and issued a multi-point explanation for his decision.

Tyndall said one of his concerns was the 1.5 percent salary increases in Knerr's amendment.

Tyndall claimed boosting pay rates during FY22 could jeopardize the town's finances, noting the 1.5 percent increase would total more than

Tyndall said of that sum, about \$69,000 would be drawn from the town's general fund contingency, depleting that account to about to three days of operating expenses.

Conversely, Tyndall said a number of capital projects, including roadwork, were delayed for the FY22 budget to assure a sufficient contingency fund balance was maintained.

Another problem Tyndall noted with increasing salaries related to the town's Sewer Fund, which is not anticipated to sell sufficient equivalentdwelling units (EDUs) to account for

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## Ocean Pines GM succession plan ready when time comes

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(June 3, 2021) Although the Ocean Pines general manager position remains filled until at least next June, the Board of Directors last week approved succession-planning documents that outlined a lengthy list of qualifications.

Director Frank Daly, who chaired the workgroup that developed the list of qualifications, said the planning criteria would prove useful at an undetermined date in the future. Serving on the group with him were board members Dr. Colette Horn and Camilla Rogers.

"There is no immediate need for this, but that stuff is good to have updated and waiting on the shelf," he said.

General Manager John Viola's contract runs until June 2022 and includes an extension option.

"That's not a hard stop date," Daly said.

Among the qualifications the board wants to see in its general manager applicants are a bachelor's degree, ideally in public business administration, while a master's de-



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## Tyndall outlines reasons for vetoing budget

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Tyndall said the Sewer Fund had been projected to close FY22 with a roughly \$66,000 negative balance, with the proposed salary adjustments potentially pushing that number to more than \$79,000.

In contrast to the proposed salary boost, Tyndall recommended increasing funding for healthcare to keep employees costs consistent.

Tyndall also questioned removing \$27,500 earmarked for a feasibility study for a new community center facility on Flower Street.

Tyndall noted the current multipurpose building located on Flower Street has been neglected, while talks about building a new facility have continued for the last two decades.

Tyndall took exception with the continued conclusion that the building initiative could be delayed another year.

An updated feasibility study would strengthen Berlin's position to win future grants from state and other sources, Tyndall argued.

The allotted \$27,500 would be offset by advancing funds from the community center reserve fund.

Tyndall said the expenditure would not affect Berlin's financial footing, but would function to leverage potential funding sources.

Tyndall also questioned the removal of \$16,500 to finance development of a long-term strategic plan.

For almost four years Berlin has lacked financial and capital strategic plans, with the town's fund balance shrinking from roughly \$8 million in 2012 to about \$16,000 when Tyndall was elected last October.



Zack Tyndall

"It has never been more vital for our town to have a strategic plan to serve as a guiding document as we rebuild our town's fund balance and determine the priority of capital investment," Tyndall wrote.

The strategic plan endeavor would enable town staff and elected officials to plot present and pending expenditures.

To address aging infrastructure, Tyndall included purchasing a GIS locator, or mapping tool, in the FY22 budget.

In addition to assisting Berlin's trio of water resources utility funds, the GIS locator would also be used for the electric utility fund, Tyndall said.

"Our town lacks an accurate understanding of its existing infrastructure," Tyndall wrote.

Knerr's proposal to cut \$5,000 from the \$20,000 set aside in the electric utility fund to finance costs for tree trimming also troubled Tyndall.

The landscaping work seeks to trim back limbs that have grown precariously close to Berlin's main power line.

"Understanding the vulnerabilities of our area with hurricanes, nor'easters, and high winds, I knew this project was in critical need of funding," Tyndall wrote.

Other points of contention Tyndall raised with the budget amendment included cell phone reimbursements, technology needs for the mayors' office, along with vehicle replacements and allowances.

Tyndall concluded the response letter by noting elected officials agree on the vast majority of the 700-odd line items in the FY22 budget.

"I am confident that over the next couple of weeks, we can continue to have constructive dialogue about ways we can pass a financially responsible FY22 budget together," he wrote.

While professing to assess budget matters analytically, Tyndall took exception to not being given a preview of Knerr's budget amendment before the council meeting on May 24.

"For a body that has been so vocal

about the need for increased communication, I would have appreciated the same respect you are requesting from me," Tyndall wrote.

# GM qualification criteria aim high and hope for best

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gree is listed as highly desirable.

The criteria also include 10 years of experience managing a comparable sized community association, business, nonprofit or municipality.

Daly said residents have expressed doubts about finding candidates who meet those marks.

"When you're searching for a position that's this high up, you try to get everything possible," he said. "You shoot for the moon."

Critical skills for candidates would be evaluated accordingly.

"You write the highest qualifications, and you, in fact, know the chances of you getting somebody that meets every one of those is very slim," he said.

Regardless, Daly said a few key es-See PINES Page 3





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## Pines GMs face unique situation

Continued from Page 2 sentials are crucial.

"The most important criteria will be what experience do they have that closely resembles and approximates what Ocean Pines is in terms of how it's managed, how big of a community it is, what the job responsibilities are and what they've done?" he said.



Frank Daly

Daly said an ideal candidate would be someone operating a business that involves working with the public.

"As John Viola has shown, the best general manager might not be in an home-

owners' association," he said. "They might be in private industry in a company that has a strong customer orientation."

Daly also stressed that running the Ocean Pines Association has its own set of challenges.

"Ocean Pines is operational, financial and political," he said. "Private industry and government agencies are operational and financial."

The general manager also must deal with a revolving board membership and a community of approximately 12,000 residents.

"You have to be able to deal with that in a professional manner and not get derailed," he said.

Daly also noted the current board would not select who takes the reins from Viola when he steps down.

"If John Viola wants to extend his contract we would be, quite frankly, stupid not to do it because the association is being run so well," he said. "John could change that date and extend it and so could we."

With the general manager succession plan completed, the next task involves drafting comparable documents for level one and level two employees.

"John is continuing to develop his staff, both his direct reports and their direct reports, so we have a strong bench strength," he said.

Last week, Daly reported to Viola that morale among association employees was at an all-time high.

"We have 100 fulltime-equivalent employees," he said. "Last year our retention rate for employees was 96 percent."

Daly said the Society of Human Resource Management considers retention rates of at least 90 percent good, while also highlighting the importance of developing staff.

"You develop people and they learn more about the organization," he said. "As changes happen, there will be people trained to replace them at level one and two."

Daly said when it comes time to select the general manager, "we will again look at the internal staff, and probably again look on the outside."



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## Environment cmte. works on pending efforts

#### By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(June 3, 2021) The following topics were discussed during the Ocean Pines Environmental & Natural Assets Committee meeting on May 26:

#### Route 90 pond

Committee Chairman Ken Wolf said members are consulting with Maryland Coastal Bays Program officials to find ways to enhance a scarcely used pond tucked away in the woods behind the Ocean Pines Library.

'We had asked the Maryland Coastal Bays to come down and take a look at the Route 90 pond," he said.

Located just south of Route 90, the Off Shore Lake is roughly half the size of the adjacent South Gate Pond.

"It would be great if we could enhance and expand that little bit of wilderness," he said.



Ken Wolf

Committee members, who preempted an inspection of the wilderness pond by Coastal Bays staff, reported favorable impressions after surveying the site.

"It's totally tree-cov-

ered and it's got a nice meandering path around the pond," he said.

Wolf said what improvements might be advisable has yet to be determined.

"It's got a tremendous fish population," he said.

Despite the ample stock, an abundance of submerged vegetation typically frustrates anglers during summer, Wolf

"It's got turtles out there sunning themselves," he said.

An initial suggestion is working with

Coastal Bays to install basking platforms to provide prime sunning areas for turtles or other wildlife. Wolf said committee members plan to visit the area with Coastal Bay officials to further assess the possibilities.

#### Waterway pollution

The committee is developing a fresh means of outreach to residents to help reduce adding pollutants to waterways.

"We also responded to a letter the association received from a resident claiming to witness people shooting grass clippings into the canal," he said.

Wolf said members vetted a draft version of an advisory letter intended for an upcoming Ocean Pines newsletter.

We're hoping to also remind people that fertilizing [lawns] within 10 feet of the water is not good," he said.

Highlighting the importance of properly disposing of canine waste is another

Wolf, who stressed that proper treatment of canal waters is vital, has witnessed troubling abuses in the past.

"I had somebody across for my canal that had dogs and they just threw it right in the canal," he said.

#### No feed signs

Progress is continuing on developing better signs to discourage people from feeding the flock of resident Canada geese at the South Gate Pond.

"We are closing on the geese signs," he said. "We've got a basic proof of the script."

The language recommended by the Environmental Committee asks to "help conserve wildlife in their natural habitat."

The text also states, "feeding geese, ducks and wild animals can cause the following harmful effects: overcrowding, poor nutrition, spread of disease, unnatural behavior, pollution, delayed migration, safety concerns and dependency on humans.

Canada geese, nests and eggs, are protected under federal law by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which prohibits capturing or killing except during legal hunting seasons.

Wolf said while there are basic "no feed" signs at the South Gate Pond, nothing exists at two smaller ponds at the North Gate.

"We wanted to put more script in it so people would understand you're not doing the geese good, you're doing them harm," he said.

Wolf said the advisory committee is hoping the OPA will concur with the suggestion to develop language to show the importance of not altering the eating habits of wildlife.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources attributes the increase of nonmigratory Canada geese in the region to the release of decoy flocks and stocking programs conducted during the 1930s.

The goal is to install highly visible educational plaques.

"We want the people that are feeding the geese to realize they are doing them

Wolf said raising community awareness could "motivate a little peer pres-





## **OP Exec Council examines strategic planning**

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(June 3, 2021) Creating planning strategies dominated discussions during the Ocean Pines Association Executive Council last Wednesday.

Bernie McGorry, who co-chairs the Strategic Planning Committee with Moe Delcher, reviewed the groups' progress and asked for the thoughts of the executive council, which is comprised of advisory committee chairs.

McGorry said his committee was reconstituted earlier this year to fill the void after not having a strategic plan in place for Ocean Pines in recent times.

"Whoever created this community had a great vision and a great plan," he said.

As with other advisory committees, recommendations from the strategic planning group would require board approval.

During the committee's initial planning stages, the group opted to split the chairperson role after recognizing Delcher possessed expertise with implementation and McGorry was strong with process.

"I moved to the area 14 years ago and was vice president of marketing for Purdue Farms," McGorry said. "I'm retired and now teach marketing research."

In March, the committee began developing strategic planning techniques, including preliminary SWOT (strengths,

weaknesses, opportunities and threats)

McGorry said the SWOT process begins with data collection and then analysis

"Then the board creates goals and strategies," he said.

By April, the committee began seeking comments from Ocean Pines department heads and also consulted with General Manager John Viola, Director Dr. Colette Horn and Marketing and Public Relations Director Josh Davis.

Prior to meeting with the executive council, McGorry said Strategic Planning members examined comparable communities in Maryland and Delaware.

"Our committee is benchmarking HOAs right now," he said. "We're looking external and not just internal."

McGorry said the exercise is intended to see how other HOAs go about the planning process.

McGorry said the committee would be drafting a community survey of residents, while trying to avoid some of the mistakes of the past.

"They did a survey a couple of years ago and, I think, that's when the strategic planning process sort of broke down," he said

While an earlier version was deemed too lengthy, the new effort is focused on developing a shorter, more efficient survey.



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Strategic Planning Committee co-chair Bernie McGorry outlines data collection processes and analysis techniques during the Ocean Pines Association Executive Council last week.

SWOT charts would aid in the development of clear strategies, McGorry said.

"Where you have a strength, you want to continue to invest in that strength and make sure it doesn't dissipate," he said.

The four-point chart can be further subdivided.

"Strengths and weaknesses are internal," he said. "Opportunities or threats are external and future possibilities."

McGorry said a threat would be something the association has no control over, such as severe weather, but should be prepared for.

Starting with perceived strengths, McGorry assembled a list based on committee chairperson comments that included, waterfront location, amenities, aesthetics, safety and security.

Architectural Review Chairwoman Ann Shockley highlighted what she considered a stellar association staff and highly engaged residents.

"Our volunteers are a big strength," she said.

Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger agreed that volunteerism has been fundamental to the success of See STRATEGIC Page 6

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## Strategic planning dominates OP meeting

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Ocean Pines but questioned whether that would be the case in the future.

"When you get to the national trends, volunteerism is drying up," he said. "Millennia's are not interested in joining."

Looking at weaknesses, Communication Committee Chairwoman Cheryl Jacobs mentioned aging infrastructure and soliciting input from part-time residents.

"Sometimes, it's difficult to address their needs and get their input," she said.

Habeger responded, "So, we need to assure 500 part-time residents fill out the survey," he said.

Environment & Natural Assets Chairman Ken Wolf said environmental concerns are a slowly diminishing weakness

in Ocean Pines.

"We have been spectators to what's happening with the environment even though we have this huge physical mass," he said. "Only recently have we embraced that."

Wolf also championed the association's working relationship with the Maryland Coastal Bays program.

"We had a great thing going with an employee (former Operations Director Colby Phillips) that was on the board of Maryland Coastal Bays," he said.

To assure the association continues working with Coastal Bays officials to find grant opportunities, Wolf recommended having another OPA staff member join its ranks.

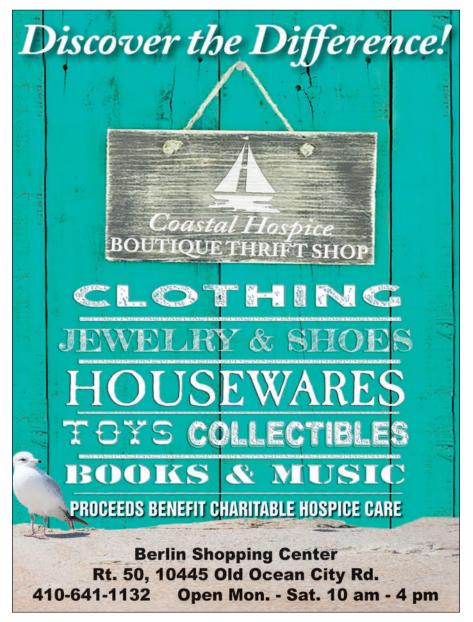
"I know Maryland Coastal Bays would welcome that," he said. "They want that relationship with us and we want the relationship with them." Switching the script to opportunities, McGorry said Ocean Pines could explore means to increase environmental leadership

Jacobs suggested improving methods to engage new residents to welcome them to the community and encourage involvement.

Improving relationships with Worcester County elected officials was another of Jacobs' concerns. As the county's largest community, Ocean Pines should use its size to its advantage, McGorry said in working with the county.

After compiling the comments of executive council members, the committee will present a report to the board next month, McGorry said.

"At the end of the day, it's going to be what the homeowners feel," he said. "But, without all this input, we wouldn't know the right questions to ask."







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(June 3, 2021) The First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League is announcing its 15 annual Frank Conlon Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 10 at the Ocean City Golf Club.

Men, ladies and teams are invited to participate. Cost per player is \$105, which includes greens fees, range balls, beverages, a continental breakfast, and lunch at the afternoon awards ceremony.

The format is a Captains Choice with prizes for three flights: Iwo Jima, Eagle Globe and Anchor and Semper Fi. Prizes include a winner of a hole-in-one car provided by i.g. Burton of Berlin, Closest to the Pin on three par 3 holes, straightest drive, and a putting green contest.

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(June 3, 2021) The second annual youth fishing derby at the new pier at Newtown Park in Pocomoke was postponed due to inclement weather and will now take place, Saturday, June 5.

This free Worcester County Recreation and Parks event is open to youth ages 15 and under. Festivities will begin with a ribbon cutting for the new ADA compliant pier at 9:15 a.m., with the fishing derby slated from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

An awards luncheon will take place at 11:30 a.m. There is no cost to participate in the tournament or the luncheon.

Participants should bring their own fishing rods and bait. A parent or guardian should be present to assist their children with fishing.

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## **OP short-term rental town** hall meeting set for June 12

(June 3, 2021) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors has scheduled a town hall on proposed short-term rental regulations on Saturday, June 12 at 6 p.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Director Frank Daly, in May, introduced new attorney recommendations for a Declaration of Restrictions amendment about short-term rentals in Ocean Pines.

Daly said a short-term rental workgroup worked with parties on both sides of the discussion to provide a balanced approach to regulating short-term rentals in the community.

He said after many discussions over the last two years, that workgroup determined that the best solution is to adopt the existing Worcester County short-term rental regulations into Ocean Pines Declarations of Restrictions, with "enhanced enforcement provisions."

To view the proposed amendment, visit https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/Short+term+re ntal+proposal.pdf.

To send questions or comments in advance of the town hall, email directors@oceanpines.org.

## **OP** announces road closures related to Bainbridge project

(June 3, 2021) The Ocean Pines General Manager's Office announced road closures scheduled during the next several weeks in north Ocean Pines, as part of the ongoing project at Bainbridge Pond.

As work progresses, contractors will close three roads along the drainage ditches coming out of the park. Exposed trenches will be closed each night, but the roads will remain shuttered until work has finished.

Starting June 1, parts of Sandyhook Road will be closed. Parts of Beaconhill Road will be closed starting on June 11, and parts of Pinehurst Road will be closed starting on June 18.

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said residents would still be able to get in and out, despite the closures.

"All the roads that they're closing,

there will be more than one way to get in and out of them," Wells said.

The project at Bainbridge Pond includes replacement of storm drain inflow and outflow pipes, construction of a new forebay, re-grading the perimeter of the pond and installing aquatic benches and building a new weir to control water levels and slow flooding during larger storms.

"This is a positive step in the filtration of water that eventually leads to the bay. In addition, the upgrade of pipes has its benefits under the designated roads and ditches for this project." General Manager John Viola said. "Right now, we're on schedule to finish in June, and we're within budget."

For questions, call 410-641-7717 or email info@oceanpines.org.

## Weidner wins seat on Snow Hill Council by slim margin

(June 3, 2021) The Town of Snow Hill and the Snow Hill Board of Elections have formally declared incumbent Melisa Weidner the winner by two votes in the May 4 general election contest for the Central District Town Council seat.

Only the Central District seat was up for election this year, with Weidner facing Jon Myers.

Myers received 50 votes, and Weidner, received 57 votes and was determined on May 4 to be the unofficial winner. Because 10 absentee ballot applications were mailed to voters and one provisional ballot cast was still waiting to be counted, the

board of elections, per the charter, announced the final count would be held on the last Wednesday in the month of the election, May 26.

After the Snow Hill Board of Elections counted all absentee ballots received that were postmarked by or before May 4, the chairperson of the Snow Hill Board of Elections announced the official results on May 26, with Weidner at 59 votes and Myers at 57 votes.

Weidner will be sworn in for her second term at the Town's June 8 regular meeting.

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## **American Legion posts work** separate flag deals in Berlin

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(June 3, 2021) While the bulk of Memorial Day remembrances occurred on Monday, a week earlier separate efforts by Berlin's two American Legion Posts, Boggs Disharoon #123 and Duncan Showell #231, maintained longstanding traditions of placing American Flags at military veterans' gravesites.

American Legion Post #123 Commander Vincent Holloway Jr. said more than 1,500 flags were put out early last week on the headstones of former military members throughout Worcester County.

"Just about every graveyard there is around here," he said.

American Legion Post #231 historian Gregory Purnell said members placed flags on gravesites of several hundred African-American veterans at a handful of area cemeteries.

Purnell said the two posts — one Black and one White — split tasks at Evergreen Cemetery and St Paul's United Methodist Cemetery.

"It's done on a racial divide and the cemetery is still divided by a hedge," he said. "The veterans on the St. Paul Cemetery side are done by Post #231."

Purnell said Post #231 members also placed flags on veterans' graves at Whaleyville United Methodist Cemetery, Curtis United Methodist Church Cemetery on Campbelltown Rd., New Bethel United Methodist Church on Germantown Rd and the Fooks Family Cemetery on Route 611.

"The post has done that since the 1950s," he said.

Holloway said Legion Post #123's Memorial Day tradition of honoring departed veterans with flags at gravesites goes back at least a half-

"I've been a member for 46 years and we've been doing it ever since I've been here," he said. "It's been on the books for a long time."

American Legion Post #123 Boggs Disharoon was established in 1936 by area physician Dr. Clifford Schott and named after two Worcester County veterans who perished during WWI.

Purnell said American Legion Post #231 was established in 1947 and named after WWII veterans PFC Leon Duncan, who died in Italy, and PFC Daniel Showell, who was killed in North Africa, both in 1944.

Holloway said Post #123 has maintained a running log of Worcester County veterans' final resting spots since the flag tradition began decades ago.

"Anytime we see an article about a veteran that died, we'll write down what graveyard they're being buried at," he said.

Holloway said Post #123 members accomplished its goal in short order by dividing the task.

"We did it all in two days," he said. "We split up and go in groups."

Lending assistance were Post #123 Sons of the American Legion, American Legions Riders and the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion.

We've been lucky the last two or three years," he said. "We've had a lot of people coming to help us."

Holloway said in recent years American Legion Post #166 in Ocean City has helped finance the flags for the project.

"They furnish all the flags that we set on graves and our Legion places them all," he said. "So, actually it's a joint thing between two Legions."

Speaking on Monday, Purnell said Post #231 members visited the various cemetery locations on Memorial Day to perform "Taps," to honor the memory of departed military members.

"I used to be a bugler," he said.

Purnell said while attending high school at Stephen Decatur in the mid-1960s, he played trumpet in the band.

"My grandfather, George Smack, was a charter member of American Legion Post #231," he said. "When he got older, he asked me would I promise to continue to blow taps as long as I could at veterans' graves.'

Purnell played taps on Memorial Day with Post #231 from the mid-1960s until the late-1980s to honor the wishes of his grandfather, who was a WWII veteran.

Prior to 1971, when Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act to mark Memorial Day on the last Monday in May, Purnell said Berlin's twin posts joined forces every May 30 to perform Taps at the War Memorial on Main Street near the Taylor House Museum.

"John Cannon was the music teacher at Stephen Decatur," he said. "He blew for post #123 and I blew for post #231.'

Starting in 1971, the duo performed echoing taps on the Sunday morning prior to Memorial Day.

"John Cannon and I blew those taps together," he said. "That was the one time that the two posts came together to celebrate the veterans.'

Purnell said based on the relatively small area Berlin encompasses it begs the question why separate but equal fraternal groups continue to exist.

"Even in 2021, we still have two American Legion posts," he said. "We were taught that veterans were veterans."



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MALLORY PANLISKA/RAYSIDE GAZETTE

Graduate Ryan Brafman walks back to his seat after accepting a sports award at Worcester Prep's graduation last Friday.



MALLORY PANUSKA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Class President Caroline Anderson walks back to her seat after giving her farewell address at Worcester Prep's graduation last Friday.

## **Worcester Prep Class of '21** overcomes barriers to excel

By Mallory Panuska

Staff Writer

(June 3, 2021) When a graduation speaker is a highly accomplished doctor, it's natural that his commencement speech comes with some medical analogies.

That was the case last week when Dr. Christian Castaneda took the stage at the Worcester Preparatory class of 2021 graduation.

Fitting in the time of covid, the young New York Presbyterian Queens fellow and proud Worcester Prep alum likened the 43 members of the senior class decked out in elegant white dresses and sharp black tuxedos to bright-eved medical interns.

Like the soon-to-be doctors, who rely on their hours of rotations to confidently know what to do in times of medical distress and uncertainty, the teenagers are preparing to rely on the education and training they have received at the Ocean City private school in their next chapters. And unlike many students who matriculated at Worcester Prep in the past, the members of the class of 2021 cleared some unique hurdles.

"Your class had to overcome barriers to education during one of the darkest times in the history of the United States," Castaneda said during his speech, referring to the covid-19 pandemic that swooped in and shook up their path to graduation during their junior year.

'You've had to navigate applying to higher education amidst the pandemic, the likes of which our country has never seen," he continued. "For this you should be commended. Because not only did you navigate these troubled waters, it seems like you've excelled in them."

Diane Brown, the marketing and

public relations associate for Worcester Prep, said via email that the students received more than \$6.6 million in merit scholarship offers and will attend 36 different colleges and universities, which are in 19 states and D.C. Nineteen members of the class, or 44 percent, entered Worcester Prep in either pre-k or kindergarten.

The students also collected numerous awards for academics, service, arts and sports during their commencement ceremony last Friday.

Charles "Buddy" Jenkins, the president of the Board of Trustees, summarized some of accomplishments while addressing the students, which he attributed to the school's adept education system.

"About 70 percent, year over year, are deemed to be gifted and talented students," he said. "You guys weren't born that way were you? No, it's a tribute to the school.'

Class President Caroline Anderson told her peers to look around the rows of chairs set up on the Worcester Prep lawn during the ceremony and remember the moment. While she recognized that high school may not be something everyone would want to revisit, she said she will treasure her time there and hopes her classmates feel the same.

And to give encouragement to face tough situations in the future, Anderson recited "Invictus" a poem by Earnest Hemingway. She said she learned from one of her teachers that Nelson Mandela found inspiration and encouragement from the poem, and she hopes her classmates will as well.

"I want everyone here today to keep this poem in their heads as we enter the next chapter of our life," she said. "In college there will be times when you feel stressed and alone, when all you want to do is give up, but remember this poem and remember everyone here today. This school has prepared you to deal with all the pressure in college and the lifelong friends See GRADUATION Page 13



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(Left) Graduate Waverly Choy smiles after receiving an award at Worcester Prep's graduation last Friday. (Right) Graduate Carson Cebula accepts his diploma from Charles Jenkins Sr., president of the

## Graduation was first held since before covid

Continued from Page 12 you have made are only a phone call away."

Friday's graduation was the first official ceremony the school hosted since 2019. In 2020, officials were forced to get creative with a drive-thru graduation due to covid-19 social dis-

tancing restrictions. Graduates also celebrated with a car parade.

The 43 graduates will attend 36 different colleges and universities in 19 states this fall. Below are highlights from the Class of 2021:

- 43 seniors: 22 girls and 21 boys.
- 19 students (44 percent of the

class) entered in either pre-K or kindergarten, making them Worcester Prep "lifers."

- 106 colleges and universities offered admission to one or more Worcester Prep senior.
- 36 colleges and universities enrolled one or more Worcester Prep

seniors, representing 23 private and 13 public colleges and universities.

- 19 states and the D.C. are represented in the schools the students will attend.
- More than \$6.6 million in merit scholarships were awarded to members of the gradating class.



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## Dockshare online platform fully functional

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(June 3, 2021) Connecting recreational boaters with short-term mooring rentals is the intent of Dockshare, an online platform developed last year by Ocean Pines residents Nate and Gina Young.

"Last Memorial Day was our soft launch, but this feels more like a true launch," Nate Young said.

Despite the covid-19 pandemic largely restricting social interactions during 2020, the altered conditions failed to halt the new initiative's progress, Young said.

"The work-from-home element that was already in place made it really easy to assemble our team and get rolling," he said

Moreover, Young said the global health challenge helped spur interest in activities on the water.

"The boat industry and boat sales are just through the roof," he said. "Boating is the perfect socially distanced pastime."

Young said the concept was envisioned in July 2019, some years after he and his brother bought an Ocean Pines waterfront property.

Dockshare users would have the ability to find vacant dock spaces for short-term uses of an hour, a day, a week or longer.

"Boating isn't something you try and

enjoy and then stop doing," he said. "Once you get hooked, it's for life."

Since last year, Dockshare's developers have been researching the market.

"We interviewed a group of dock owners," he said. "We learned a lot in the process."

Young said roughly half of the dock owners consulted expressed a great interest in using the online platform.

"We felt that was a really good sign if dock owners said this is something I would consider," he said.

Numerous respondents said the concept has been needed for a long time.

"We're marketing to both boaters and dock owners," he said. "We're launching into select markets."

For now, Dockshare subscribers can search marinas and private docks along the East Coast between New Hampshire and Florida.

Appreciating that liability issues could present a friction point for attracting users to the platform, Young said legal clearances are currently under review.

"We hired a firm that specializes in insurance and liability," he said. "We're in the process now of updating our waivers to make sure, to the best of our ability, we're protecting all parties involved."

Young said both boaters and dock owners would be encouraged to carry proper insurance coverage.



PHOTO COURTESY NATE YOUNG

Dockshare app co-founders Nate and Gina Young are joined by their havapoo, Theo, for some down time off the waters.

"The best way is self-policing and building a community," he said.

Dockshare team members are still developing use guidelines with one fundamental message for clients.

"Leave it better than you found it," he said

Young also said boater safety would be a pillar of the Dockshare platform.

For now, the Dockshare marketing plan is to follow demand and concentrate efforts accordingly.

"No matter who my customer, is

they're going to want to see a decent listing amount," he said. "I think spreading myself thin by going big in every market is a mistake."

tually beneficial partnerships with marinas.

"Some private marines have seen

Young is also hoping to develop mu-

"Some private marinas have seen this as a threat to business," he said.

In many instances, marinas have a small number of transient slips, which could be listed on Dockshare to fill open

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### Parsons awarded \$1K scholarship from Mediacom

(June 3, 2021) Mediacom Communications announced the selection of Rafe Parsons, a Stephen Decatur High School senior, as a recipient of the company's World Class Scholarship program.



**Rafe Parsons** 

The award recognizes the Berlin resident for outstanding leadership and academic accomplishments. Mediacom annually selects 60 graduating seniors who each receive \$1,000 scholarships to support

their post-secondary education.

"As a technology company, Mediacom understands how important it is to invest in future leaders like Rafe Parsons," said Group Vice President Doug Frank. "I'm proud that my company supports talented local students with scholarship support, and we congratulate Rafe on his accomplishments."

This year marks the 20th consecutive year Mediacom has funded World Class Scholarships for students who live in areas served by the cable and broadband company.

On average, approximately 1,200 See PARSONS Page 17

## Wor. Tech student gets state award

By Mallory Panuska

Staff Writer

(June 3, 2021) Brennan Morris wanted to help law enforcement officers gain better, faster access to calls they were answering.

In achieving that goal, the 17-yearold Worcester Technical High student not only created a working mapping system to improve officer drive times, but he also gained statewide recognition.

Morris' project, which uses GIS technology to map drive times between police stations and service areas, was the top entry in the Are We Protected? Maryland Mapping Competition, beating every other contestant in the state. Morris was surprised with the award last week and said he had no idea until he was called to the front office.

"When they gave it to me, that entire day, I was shocked," he said.

A junior at Stephen Decatur High School with dual enrollment in GIS and criminal justice at Worcester Technical, Morris said he wanted to use both his study areas when generating ideas for his project.

"I wanted to look at things I could do in GIS," he said. "I saw the drive times and decided to do that with mapping the police stations."

He created the system in ArcGIS Online, a program he has used for the



PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Worcester Technical School student Brennan Morris, center, poses with Cathy Cooper and Ryan Mellow from the Maryland Mapping competition last week after receiving a statewide award for a project he created with GIS software.

last two years in his studies.

"It took me about three weeks to do everything," he said.

With an interest in criminal justice, Morris said he was focused on something that would help the officers who are bothon the frontlines and behind the scenes in public safety. But he also wanted to create something that would help the community

"It helps the police drive times because they are able to put more people out there and ... they can get there faster rather than leaving from the police station and taking more than 30 minutes to get there," he said. "I just want to be able to help people and solve the problems in the community to just keep up with everything."

As a junior, Morris said he has not thought extensively about his next steps but right now he is interested most in criminal justice. He said he is leaning toward pursuing a job as a police officer, or a position as a crime analyst.

# Boaters needing limited moorings have online option

Continued from Page 14 time slots.

"We're hoping that we can build partnerships with marinas and not have them look at us as a threat," he said. "It's more of just expanding boating overall."

Young said Dockshare is a safe and secure mobile-friendly platform available for varying types of watercraft.

"We're hoping new boaters in 2021 don't know the boating world without Dockshare," he said. "Once you get exposed to the water you never turn back."

Young also hopes to work with nonprofit agencies to expose inner city youth to recreational watersports.

"That's what we're about, is making boating accessible to all," he said. "We're trying to appeal to the millennial generation."

As the summer continues, Young said the 10-member Dockshare team would continue to chart progress and be prepared to pivot quickly as demand dictates.

"That's been kind of fun just trying to prepare for what's next," he said. "It's a bit of an adventure."

To learn more about Dockshare visit https://dockshare.app.



**Mary Christine Strobel** 

Local Author Goes Nationwide

Berlin res- grandchildren, and her family for

Berlin resident records her tumultuous memoir.

Mary Christine Strobel (Benton), known as Christine, was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1962. She re-

located to the small town of McDaniel, Maryland in 1975 where she lived on the watershed of the Chesapeake Bay. As an adult, Christine moved to Roxana, Delaware. It was during that time she began to document her life's experiences, as a therapeutic way of overcoming many trials and tribulations she had experienced that lasted decades; challenges that few, if any, could withstand.

After several years of nudging from her husband, Michael Strobel, Christine began the long tedious process to turn her timeline into a book. Her motivation was also to share her story with her children, grandchildren, and her family for generations to come and to possibly help others who find themselves in the throes of life changing hardships.

Christine presented her manuscript to long time editor, Bill Cecil, M. Ed. and technical writing professor at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore Campus for review and editing. After reading Christine's manuscript, Bill encouraged her to persevere through the challenges of completing her memoir, Stuffing Cotton. There has been a lot of interest in Christine's story thus far. Those who have read Stuffing Cotton have attested to its impact as being one of the most powerful books they have read to date. Stuffing Cotton has also been reviewed by Hollywood Producers for a possible screenplay.

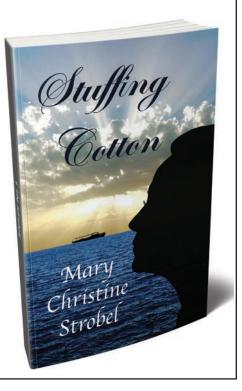
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## Inn Berlin owners look to compliment town

Proprietors surprised after neighbor raises concerns over noise ordinance issues

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(June 3, 2021) The Inn Berlin operators, Maya and Marco Tomasello, are troubled that neighbors are objecting to private onsite events at the 15 Harrison Avenue site potentially disturbing adjacent properties.

Maya said the 18th Century Victorian mansion functions as a bed and breakfast for up to 10 guests, with plans to offer private dining for up to 30 attendees.

On April 14, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 3-1 to approve a variance request for the property owners, Pino and Karen Tomasello, to stage private outdoor tented events on the 1.5-acre property for a maximum of 60 attendees.

"We got approved to do outdoor tented events which is very exciting for us," Maya said. "We plan to have weddings and intimate celebrations in the future."

During the Berlin mayor and Town Council meeting on May 24, however, neighbor Joe Hill proposed reviewing conditional use zoning codes for possible revisions.

Hill questioned the April 14 zoning

ruling that granted the Tomasellos a conditional use to permit outdoortented events.

"It's sad that we're getting this kind of push back from neighbors, especially considering that we've been open a month now and haven't heard a peep about any negativity," Maya said. "We've actually had a few people that have come by and voiced their support for what we're doing."

Tomasello also stressed that the couple live at the location.

"This is our home but it's also our business," she said. "We're trying to be good neighbors and not have a disturbance."

While yet to set up any outdoor tents since launching the venture in recent months, the Inn Berlin has done steady business.

"We've been super respectful of the neighbors and haven't gotten any noise complaints," she said. "Our guests are here to relax and enjoy the town."

Maya took exception to the assertion by Hill that the Inn Berlin, and other R-2 zoned businesses, would negatively affect the bottom lines for Main Street entities.

"That really bothered me because we're bringing business to the town," she said. "We're bringing tourists here to stay at the inn, to shop on Main Street and to dine at Main



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZET

The Inn Berlin proprietor Maya Tomasello said the bed and breakfast has yet to hold any outdoor tented events.

Street restaurants."

Maya said the lodging establishment's social media marketing has been used to promote the larger area.

"The first blog post that I wrote for our website was things to do in Berlin," she said. "We're giving our guests recommendations where to go."

She also pointed out that even

though the couple launched their business this year, the property has been zoned as a bed and breakfast since 2011, and that Hill supported the previous owner, Mark Kauffman, when he sought that designation for his business, the Waystead Inn.

"It's interesting, the change of tune for us versus the previous owner," she

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## **Worcester GOLD announces** golf tournament for June 16

(June 3, 2021) Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) announces the return of GOLD on the Green Charity Golf Tournament, scheduled for June 16 on the Newport Bay Course at Ocean City Golf

"We can't wait to get out there and see everyone," said Executive Director Nicholas Cranford. "We've got some really exciting things planned for this year, including use of the course's newly designed outdoor space for the awards dinner."

Proceeds benefit GOLD, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides emergency assistance for urgent needs like housing, utilities, and basic needs for children and vulnerable

GOLD is seeking teams of golfers, sponsors and donors to make this fundraiser a success. Call 410-474visit www.WorcesterGOLD.org to access additional information or submit the registration form.

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In addition to emergency services, GOLD offers special programs like summer activities for at-risk youth, school supplies for students, Thanksgiving turkey meals, and Helping Hands for the Holidays.

For more information, contact Nicholas Cranford, executive director, at Nicholas.Cranford@maryland.gov, 410-474-3414, or visit www.WorcesterGOLD.org, WorcesterCountyGOLD@gmail.com, or call 410-677-6830. Check out Worcester Gold Facebook www.facebook.com/worcestergold,and Instagram, www.instagram.com/worcestercountygold.

## **Outdoor events at Harrison** Ave. property raises worries

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"My husband, Marco, is from Berlin and went to Stephen Decatur High School. He's a local guy.

Before opening the new bed and breakfast concept this year, the Tomasellos added landscaping to boost the property's curb appeal.

"It makes me sad that people ... would intimate that we're nasty neighbors without so much as going to talk to us personally," she said. "It's just not friendly and this is a friendly town."

To this point the Inn Berlin has yet to book any outdoor events, but potential clients have visited the site to investigate wedding locations.

"We do have a couple events

planned for the future," she said.

In June 2012, Kauffman was granted a conditional use to host dinner parties for a maximum of 30 people including overnight guests, which was expanded in April to permit tented events on the grounds.

Maya said the inn plans to adhere to all zoning restrictions.

'We plan to follow it to the letter because we understand it's a special permission and it could be taken away if we don't play by the rules," she said.

"People come here to relax and enjoy the serenity of the surroundings," she said. "The property backs to green space owned by Worcester County, which lends to the ambience."

### Parsons awarded scholarship

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students apply for the scholarships each year. Recipients must attend an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or technical school within the United States.

Mediacom plans to continue fund-

ing its World Class Scholarships in all areas where it provides digital cable and broadband services. High school administrators will be notified in the fall of 2021 when scholarship applications become available online for students in the Class of 2022.

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Artisan Gift Shop, run by the Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines, on May 22 also served as an unofficial celebration of the shop's one-year anniversary.

## Ocean Pines Craft Club holds ribbon cutting

(June 3, 2021) An official ribboncutting ceremony for the new Artisan Gift Shop on Saturday, May 22, also served as an unofficial celebration of the shop's one-year anniversary.

The store, run by the Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines, opened in February 2020. However, as with many things in the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic forced several delays.

Attendees on Saturday included Maryland Sen. Mary Beth Carozza and Del. Wayne Hartman, Ocean

are a problem (EXCEPT LAWNS)

Pines Association President Larry Perrone, General Manager John Viola, Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue, and Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kerrie Bunting.

Craft Club President Sharon Puser said she had planned three grand openings since the new building opened.

"We are so pleased today that we could finally have a ribbon cutting, and we have a perfect day for it," she said.

Puser said the old shop, now part of the expanded parking area of Ocean Pines' community center, administration building and White Horse Park, closed in January 2020. The new location opened a few weeks later, on Feb. 8.

"We didn't have a grand opening right away, because we thought ... we'll wait and we'll have a great grand opening in March," she said. "Well, that didn't happen." Puser said the shop was only open for a few weeks before the pandemic halted operations for nearly three months.

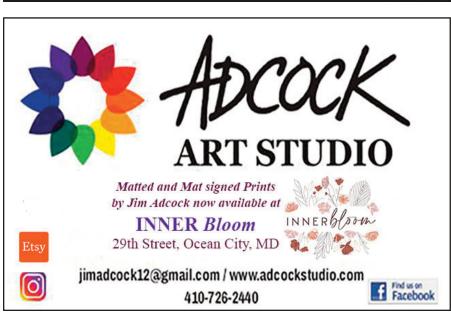
"We didn't open again until Memorial Day weekend, so this celebration ... [is] kind of our reopening and kind of [the anniversary] of a year of being open to the public," she said.

Puser thanked the Ocean Pines Board, who approved the new structure in June of 2019. A groundbreak-See OP Page 21



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## Lower Shore nonprofits receive \$75K grants

Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore presents funding to 20 organizations

(June 3, 2021) A total of \$75,000 has been granted by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore to 20 local nonprofits.

Twice a year, nonprofits serving Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset counties apply for Community Needs grants to help fund programs designed to address a variety of needs on the Lower Shore.

As a result of the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, nonprofits are more in need than ever for funding to stay afloat and continue their vital operations in the community.

"Grant funding is critical to the survival of many nonprofits right now," said Erica Joseph, Community Foundation president. "Our Community Needs Grant program allows us the flexibility of supporting community efforts when and where funding is needed the most."

Recipients span a broad range of services and impact areas including youth, human services, environmental and historical preservation, and animal welfare, among others.

Applicants must be 501c3 non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations providing non-sectarian programs, or eligible programs within government agencies serving citizens on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. The next grant cycle will begin in June, with a \$5,000 maximum award per nonprofit.

The following nonprofits received funding for programs and operations:

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Beach to Bay Heritage Area promotes, preserves and protects the cultural heritage, historical and natural assets of Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore.

Berlin Heritage Foundation, Inc. educates with an emphasis on preserving the cultural history and historic integrity of Berlin and the surrounding area.

Christian Shelter Inc. is an emergency shelter providing safe housing and meals and for local men, women and children who are homeless.

Community Cats Coalition saves the lives of homeless cats by providing access to low cost spay/neuter surgery in a safe and humane environment.

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Epoch Dream Center mentors, nurtures, encourages and equips children in the areas of academics, character development, behavior, and emotional wellness.

Fruitland Community Center, Inc. promotes all aspects of education, arts and citizenship for underprivileged students in the area, while providing healthy meals and a focus on STEM programming.

He Himself Ministries produces emergent leaders prepared to leave their footprint and legacy for the next generation in the evolving career paths of Aviation, Aeronautics and Aerospace Technology.

Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore, Inc. inspires and prepares young people to succeed through financial literacy and critical life skills education programs.

Main Street Princess Anne, Inc. fosters growth and improves the quality of life in downtown Princess Anne through revitalization of the historic business district, promotion of retail and tourist activities, and aesthetic restoration.

Salisbury Arts & Entertainment District Inc. fosters the economic vitality of Downtown Salisbury by building developing and promoting diverse artistic, entertainment and cultural endeavors that preserve a sense of place and build community pride.

Salisbury Zoo Commission assists the City of Salisbury in the operation, management, and promotion of the Salisbury Zoo as a wildlife conservation facility for the enjoyment and education of local citizens and visitors.

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#### THUMBS UP

Morrie Semiatin, who celebrated his 95th birthday this week, is pictured recently at Waterman's Seafood Co. in West Ocean City. Wearing his Purple Heart, Semiatin was 5th Marine Division Iwo Jima.

Six students were inducted to the Worcester Preparatory School chapter of the International Thespian Society on April 1. The International Thespian Society is the Educational Theatre Association's student honorary organization to recognize high school student achievement in theatre. Pictured, from left, are Assistant Head of School and Head of Upper School Mike Grosso, Drama/Dance Director Paulette DeRosa-Matrona, Grace Baeurle, Sydney Lamson-Reich, T.J. Bescak, Anders Taylor, Nick Hearne, Brooke Phillips, and Middle/Upper School Music Director Christopher Buzby.



Following the Worcester Preparatory School National Art Honor Society ceremony on April 8, art

teacher George Zaiser presented NAHS President senior Hannah Perdue with a plaque from the

Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club for winning Best in Show for her portrait "Cuddle Puddle."

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Quilters by the Sea Quilt Guild members held a Volunteer Day on May 5, at Ocean Pines Community Center to exchange finished quilts and pick up kits prepared by Volunteer Chair Stephanie Dilworth, right, and Jo Anne Donnelly. Last year, unable to meet in person, members worked on quilts to donate to the many area charities, including Believe in Tomorrow, The Cricket Center, Diakonia, The Grace Center, Coastal Hospice and Berlin Nursing Home.





Quilters by the Sea Quilt Guild of Ocean Pines, Past President Jenni Compston sells tickets for the club's "Serenity" quilt raffle at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market. The group will be selling tickets on the first and third Saturdays of the month at the market through October. Tickets cost \$1 each, or get six for \$5. Drawing Dec. 8. Part of the proceeds will be used for charitable and educational purposes. For more information about the quilters guild, visit www.QBSOPemail.com.



#### SECOND FRIDAY

Anchor Wood Creations owner Gary Moore educates consumers about creative uses for reclaimed materials during Berlin's 2nd Friday earlier this month.

## OP Craft Club celebrates Artisan Gift Shop

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ing ceremony was held a month later, and Ocean Tower Construction built the shop based on a design by engineering firm MAD Design Group.

"They [the Board members] all understood what our mission was," she said. "And they supported us all along

Perrone said many volunteers in the community support the Craft Club, including his wife, Kim, who is a co-manager of the shop.

"What other people may not know, is the money that is made here by the Pine'eer crafters gets contributed back to the community," he said. "They've contributed over \$170,000 back to the community, and that goes to the Police Department, Fire Department [and] all the operations."

Perrone said it took some work to decide where the new building would fit on the association's asset register. He and Viola eventually learned the shop was once a general store, and was a fully depreciated asset.

"While this building, now, is properly on our asset register and is an asset of Ocean Pines, the real asset here are the members of the Pine'eer Craft Club who do all the hard work, make their products that get sold in here, and the money comes back into the community," Perrone said.

'On behalf of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors, I want to thank the Pine'eer crafters for all the money that does come back to the Association, and congratulate you on this beautiful building."

Puser also applauded Viola, who she said worked closely with the club to bring the building from design to fruition.

Viola, in turn, thanked the Craft Club for supporting the community.

"I just wanted to say thank you to the Craft Club," Viola said. "They do make a lot of donations ... to police, rec and parks and other amenities.

Viola said a lot of work goes on behind the scenes for any new building. He highlighted Joe Costello, a former Ocean Pines Public Works employee, who made most of the shop's interi-

"I've seen Joe's work ... throughout Ocean Pines," Viola said. "He's done a great job."

"There are no words that can express the gratitude that we have for Joe Costello ... All along the way, he was there for us and helped us," Puser

Puser said Costello built a custom counter and storage cabinets in the shop, and he and the public works team "did [all] the painting and putting up slatwall and trimming.'

"He was there every step of the way, and we are so grateful," Puser said.

She said another public works employee, Josh Vickers, designed the new shop signs.

"Josh made our beautiful signs ... and we want to thank him as well," she said.

Puser also thanked the other architects, builders and electricians who put the shop together.

"It was so exciting watching this building go up and become a reality. We had hoped for a new building ... for a long time, but this is an answer to a prayer," she said. "We especially want to thank [Public Works Director] Eddie Wells and his crew that was so helpful, so accommodating and so generous.'

Puser also recognized local carpet and hardwood shop Sea Floor and its owner Don Robertston for donating the flooring.

She called Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue a tireless advocate for the club. Puser said Donahue was even at the shop a day earlier and suggested new mulch for the ribbon cutting. Not long after, the new mulch appeared.

"Debbie was our liaison with John and the construction team during the project, and she has been our champion from start to finish," Puser said. We thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.'

She praised the Public Relations and Marketing team of Director Josh Davis and Marketing Coordinator Julie Malinowski for their support.

"Josh is always there for us," she said. "He's taken pictures of the contract signing, the groundbreaking, the re-signing, the official opening, and here he is today taking pictures again."

Lastly, Puser thanked Craft Club members, especially Carol Quinto. She said Quinto led a small group that helped design the building's layout, and she served as a liaison between the club and Ocean Pines.

"I also want to thank our current shop managers, Diane Denk and Kim Perrone, for keeping the shop running smoothly and finding new crafters and new merchandise," she said. "You never know what you're going to find in our shop, because as we get new members, we also get new items.

"Our customers love the new store [and] we get positive comments from them all the time," Puser continued. "The mission of the Pine'eer Craft Club has been, since we started in 1974, to craft high-quality items that we can sell in the shop and donate the profits ... back to the community. We're so happy to do that, and that's our goal, always."



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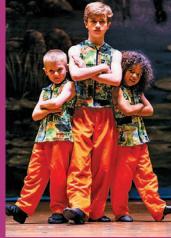


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# Worcester Youth & Family volunteer programs in gear

(June 3, 2021) Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services, Inc. and its volunteer programs, Worcester Connects Mentoring and CASA, are gearing up for the summer.

The organization is looking for volunteers to work with children who need a positive influence in their live. Join Debbie Smullen, Worcester Connects Mentoring director, and Jerrona Smith, CASA Director, for an interest meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, June 9 at 6 p.m. Those unable to make the Zoom meeting, but would still like to learn more about volunteers, contact Worcester Youth at 410-641-4598.

For the mentoring program, there are youth in grades 1-12 who are in need of caring adults who can offer extra support and guidance.

To students, mentorship means having someone they can talk to, spend quality time with, and have fun with. To mentors, it means helping a student with communication, self-confidence, and making healthy choices.

For both parties, it is a positive lifetime experience that will never be forgotten.

For the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, the organization is looking for volunteers to work with children in foster care system who need a caring adult who can advocate for them.

In an overburdened social welfare system, Worcester Youth does not want abused and neglected children to slip through the cracks.

CASA volunteers become a constant person to advocate for them amidst the countless list of strangers, who work to find a safe and permanent home.



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Atlantic General Hospital announced the recipients of its Teen Volunteer of the Year awards for 2020 and 2021 are Rina Dirickson and Myra Cropper. Pictured, from left, are Jane Wolnik, AGH volunteer, Dirickson and Cropper; and AGH volunteers Jackie Shockley and Charleen Kuhblank.

## **AGH Teen Volunteer of Year awards**

(June 3, 2021) Atlantic General Hospital recently announced the recipients of its Teen Volunteer of the Year awards for 2020 and 2021 are Rina Dirickson and Myra Cropper for their outstanding service.

Cindy Rowan, auxiliary president, presented awards to the duo.

Dirickson, 2020 Teen Volunteer of the Year recipient, volunteered at the registration/information department, but moved her efforts to the AGH Thrift Shop during the covid-19 pandemic.

She plans to continue volunteering throughout the summer.

Dirickson has volunteered with Atlantic General Hospital for two years, and has completed 161 hours as an Auxiliary teen volunteer.

Cropper volunteers at the AGH Thrift Shop and has volunteered with Atlantic General Hospital for one year.

Over the course of a year, she has

volunteered 173 hours, earning her the Teen Volunteer of the Year award for 2021. Cropper also plans to continue her efforts throughout the summer

The recognition of the teen volunteers took place during National Volunteer Week celebrations, where Atlantic General Hospital honored its auxiliary members for their continuous support and dedication to serving the community.

## Wor. County gov't seeks volunteers

(June 3, 2021) Worcester County Government encourages those interested in becoming more involved in the community to volunteer on a board or commission.

Members are appointed by the County Commissioners to fill two

types of vacancies: seats that represent each of the seven election districts, and open seats that may be filled by residents throughout Worcester County.

Current district seats are available on the following boards and commis-

sions:

- District Four (Western District)

   one seat is available on the Tourism

  Advisory Committee
- District Five (Ocean Pines District) seats are available on the Social Services Advisory Board, and Water & Sewer Advisory Council for Ocean Pines
- District Seven (Ocean City) one seat is available on the Social Services Advisory Board

Current open seats that may be filled by residents countywide include the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council (3) and Local Development Council for Ocean Downs Casino (1).

In the event that WCG receives more individuals interested in volunteering for a particular committee than there are available seats, the commissioners will maintain an interest list to help fill future vacancies.

For more information about WCG boards and commissions, contact Karen Hammer at 410-632-1194. To volunteer to serve, send a letter of interest, along with a resume or cover letter outlining any pertinent experience,

khammer@co.worcester.md.us or Worcester County Administration at One West Market Street, Room 1103, Snow Hill, Maryland 21863.



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## **OP community aids family displaced by fire**

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(June 3, 2021) A raging house fire that erupted just after 10 p.m. Tuesday at 299 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines drew multiple fire companies to the scene and left home's occupants, the Harmon family, homeless.

Ocean Pines Fire Chief Steve Grunewald said the department received numerous calls about the blaze at the two-story waterfront property, and that when firefighters arrived they found the home engulfed in flames.

"When we arrived, heavy fire was showing on all four sides of the house," he said.

Three adults and five children made it out of the structure without

Grunewald said one firefighter suffered minor injuries and was taken to Atlantic General Hospital before being released.

The Worcester County Fire Marshall's Office is investigating the inci-

Grunewald said fire companies from Berlin, Showell, Bishopville and Ocean City assisted the Ocean Pines department, whose firefighters arrived shortly after receiving the alarm to find the wooden-sided house fully engulfed in flames.

We actually had Ocean City's fire boat assisting with fighting fire on the back of the house," he said.

"The amount of fire that was already in the house was just incredible," he said. "It had plenty of fuel to get it going.

Grunewald said crews took the better part of two hours to contain the fire.

Fire officials caution residents to conform their home is equipped with functional smoke detectors.

The Harmon family was taken to the Ocean Pines South Fire Station and assisted by the American Red

By the following day, Ocean Pines neighbors began soliciting clothing donations and funding to support the

Donations can be dropped off at the Sports Core Pool, Ocean Pines Public Works.

Additionally, a Facebook fundraising page was started by Lisa Layfield with a benchmark of \$10,000.

To learn more or lend support visit www.facebook.com/donate/1712072 04945854/





Multiple fire units responded to a house engulfed in flames Tuesday night in Ocean Pines from which all residents escaped unharmed. PHOTO COURTESY

## OC Power Squadron course June 8

(June 3, 2021) The Ocean City Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will present a comprehensive safe boating course beginning on June 8 at the Ocean Pines Library.

This 10-hour course will be given on four nights starting on Tuesday, June 8 and continuing on June 10, 15 and 17. This includes a review and exam on the last night.

There is a \$20 fee for the course material. Middle and high school students can take the course, including material, for free.

Registration information can be obtained by e-mailing ocpsabc@gmail.com or on the first night at 5:45 p.m. The course will run from 6-8:30 p.m. each night.

Anyone born after July 1, 1972, is required to satisfactorily complete a safe boating class to operate a recreational vessel or personal watercraft in Maryland. (Jan. 1, 1978 in Delaware). Successfully completing this class also satisfies state requirements nationwide.

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

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

Visit the Ocean City Power Squadron at ocusps.org.

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# Opinion

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## Separate budgets not route to compromise

The Town of Berlin's tale of two budgets and the conflict between the two should never have happened, and wouldn't have if the mayor and council had been working on the same spreadsheet from the beginning.

But no, Mayor Zack Tyndall dropped his version on the council as a fait accompli, and the council, feeling like it just took a thumb in the eye, replied by taking next year's financial package in a different direction.

Regardless of Tyndall's detailed justification for vetoing the council plan, he should have drawn the council closer to the campfire at the outset, as he mapped out his plan for the year. If he had, he might have avoided some of the disagreement over how Berlin's limited financial resources should be directed.

Although Tyndall is the CEO of the town, the council is the board of directors. In that regard, the mayor is not just answerable to the residents, he also answers to the board in many respects.

That can be a difficult position, which, at times, requires a little fence straddling. On the one hand, Tyndall's political aspirations, which include the possibility that he'll run for Worcester County Commissioner in the next election, require that he keep the promises he made as a mayoral candidate.

At the same time, however, he has to recognize the need to maintain the backing of a council majority to get things done. Otherwise, he and the council will exchange more punches than ideas, with the two sides' ability to find compromises suffering as a result.

Both budgets contain good ideas from the political and financial perspectives, and some that might be less so. That slightest of bumps in pay for town employees is one worth keeping, as is the continued pursuit of the long-promised community center.

Surely, there's room for compromise in this package to allow these things to happen. Deciding how that might be accomplished will require more give and take, and less one side telling the other what it's going to do.



"She is the newest addition to our restaurant staff. She's trained to sniff out bad tippers."

### **Letters**

## Bathtub Races spectator concerns

Editor

The Berlin Bathtub Races are scheduled for Sunday, June 11, and many other events will be happening in downtown Berlin now that the pandemic restrictions are lifting. Restrictions or not, we believe spectators at these events need to practice a little common courtesy. Many people stand along the sidewalks and would like to have full views of the events.

Out of respect and courtesy, we wish our fellow spectators would remain in one place once events begin. It is very hard to see if other spectators are constantly walking in front of you rather than staying in one place. Once you decide where to stand, please stay there so others behind you can see the events. Thank you.

> Bob and Joan Faszczewski Berlin

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## OC Film Festival returning March 3-6

(June 3, 2021) The sixth annual Ocean City Film Festival will return to the resort March 3-6, and is now accepting entries from filmmakers.

Hosted by the Art League of Ocean City, the festival was founded in 2017 and has become a recognized annual event that attracts international, national and regional artists working in film.

In 2021, the festival was named a member of the Sundance Industry Office, a testament to its rapid growth and reach. The festival creates both community engagement and networking opportunities for filmmakers at all levels in their careers.

Complete rules and entry forms are posted at

https://filmfreeway.com/Oce anCityFilmFestival.

The festival offers eight submission categories: feature films, youth short films, animation, horror/sci-fi, short documentary, funny shorts, dramatic shorts, environmental/aquatic films, and short films feel-good films. Submissions will be judged by a panel of experts, and filmmakers will be notified of acceptance into the festival by Jan. 3, 2022.

Submission costs vary according to deadline, category of film, student work, or memberships, and final costs are posted online. The early bird deadline is June 30, 2021; the regular deadline is Sept. 30; and the late deadline

is Nov. 30.

Festival organizers are offering discount submission codes to filmmakers of diverse or historically resilient backgrounds as well as filmmakers financially affected by covid-10.

More information about the film festival is available at OCMDfilmfestival.com.

The Town of Ocean City, the Maryland Film Office, and private individuals and companies have provided grants for the event.

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.



#### SMOOTH LANDING

Feathered fowl team up to survey for potential pond life, while club action occurs at the Ocean Pines Golf Course last month. GREG ELLISON/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## **UMD, UMES offer '4-H Wonders of Summer'**

(June 3, 2021) University of Maryland and University of Maryland Eastern Shore Extension are teaming up to offer "The 4-H Wonders of Summer," six one-day programs beginning June 22 and ending July 7.

These fun, experiential learning sessions for youth age 8-13 will be held at various locations in Wicomico and Worcester counties from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of each daily program is \$20.

Participants are to pack a lunch,

beverage, and sun protection, as appropriate. These programs will follow the current Maryland 4-H guidelines for in-person programming.

Programs include:

• "The 4-H Wonders of Water - the Sinepuxent Bay" will be held at the Paul S. Sarbanes Coastal Ecology Center on Assateague Island, June 22. Participants will try seining, discover pollinators and explore nature's bounty as they learn about the water-

- "The 4-H Wonders of Nature and History of Pemberton Park" will take place on June 23 in Salisbury, and include exploring trails, fishing, making minnow traps, going on an insect hunt, and playing old-fashioned games while discovering the history of the park.
- "The 4-H Wonders of STEAM" is a creative adventure at Christ United Methodist Church in Salisbury on June 29, where participants will learn about the science of art and color

through different painting techniques.

- "The 4-H Wonders of the Pocomoke River State Park at Shad Landing," will focus on fishing techniques on June 30. There will be a treasure hunt and participants will make and take home an unusual gift that can be entered in county fairs.
- "The 4-H Wonders of Historical Crafting at the Adkins Historical Complex" in Mardela Springs will See SUMMER Page 26



## **OPEN HOUSES**JUNE 3 - JUNE 10



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# Summer program to begin June 22 in Wicomico, Wor.

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take place on July 6. Spend the day at the one-room school house to learn how people lived in the 19th century. Learn the basics of leather crafting and how to use natural dyes.

• "The Wonders of Nature's Filters in the Sinepuxent Bay," will take place on July 7 at Sarbanes Center on Assateague Island. Learn about the oyster, dissect a squid and expand creative abilities by making art from nature.

Register for each session at https://the4hwondersofsummer.eve ntbrite.com. For more information or if reasonable accommodations are needed to participate, contact any of these 4-H program staff and faculty or call 410-632-1972: Barb Barga (bbarga@umd.edu), Cindy Morris (cmorris1@umd.edu), or Lisa Murphy (lbmurphy@umes.edu).

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#### **GO FASTER**

Children get a quick spin while adults giggle at the White Horse Park playground in Ocean Pines on May 1.

GREG ELLISON/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## **Heron Park recycling axed June 28**

(June 3, 2021) The two large Republic Recycling dumpsters located near the entrance of Heron Park are scheduled for removal the week of June 28, Berlin officials announced this week. The cardboard-only dumpster will remain.

"The two large recycling dumpsters cost the town approximately \$50,000 a year, on top of the cost to the town to provide curbside recycling pickup to our residents and qualifying businesses," Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood said. "Non-recyclables are frequently placed in the dumpsters

and items are often left by non-residents. Therefore, we made the difficult decision to remove the dumpsters."

Fleetwood reminded town trash customers that free, curbside collection of recycling is provided once per week, along with free yard and bulk waste collections twice a year. Recycling only needs to be separated by type.

Worcester County also offers free recycling drop off stations at a number of locations throughout the county, including the two nearest Berlin at 9636 Mill Haven Road off of Flower Street, and in front of Wal-Mart off Route 50.

Neither of these locations require a landfill permit and the Wal-Mart location is accessible 24 hours, seven days a week. For more information about Worcester County's recycling program, please visit www.co.worcester.md.us.

For more information about Berlin's curbside recycling, including how to prepare items for pickup, visit www.berlinmd.gov and go to the Public Works page under "Departments" or call 410-641-2770.

FIRST CLASS Ocean Club: Friday-Saturday, June 4-5, 7 p.m. to midnight

#### **NOW PLAYING**



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#### **COCONUTS BEACH BAR & GRILL**

In the Castle in the Sand Hotel 37th Street Oceanfront, Ocean City 410-289-6846 / www.castleinthesand.com June 4: Darin Engh, noon to 3 p.m.; The Dunehounds, 4-7 p.m. June 5: The Chest Pains, noon to 4 p.m. June 6: Shortcut Sunny, noon to 3 p.m.; Rick & Regina, 4-8 p.m. June 7: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m. June 8: Aaron Howell Solo, noon to 3 p.m.; Full Circle, 4-8 p.m. June 9: Heather Vidal Solo, noon to 3 p.m.; Smooth Rhythm, 4-8 p.m. June 10: Jack Bannon, noon to 3 p.m.; Marcella Peters Duo, 4-8 p.m.

#### COINS

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410-289-3100 / www.coinspub.com Every Saturday: Jim Long Live, 2-6 p.m. Every Sunday: DJ Wax, 10 a.m. Every Wednesday: DJ Wax, 9p.m.

#### **OCEAN CLUB**

101st Street, Ocean City Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 410-524-3535 / www.clarionoc.com **Ocean Club** 

June 4-5: First Class, 7 p.m. to midnight **Lenny's Beach Bar** 

June 4-5: Stephen Anthony, noon-4 p.m.; On The Edge, 4-9 p.m.

June 6: On The Edge, 4-9 p.m. June 7-13: First Class, 4-9 p.m.

#### **OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB**

1 Mumfords Landing Road, Ocean Pines 410-641-7501 / www.opyachtclub.org June 4: Janglebacks, 6-10 p.m.



June 5: Bob Lougheed & The Memphis Mafia, 6-10 p.m. June 6: Radio Bravo, 6-10 p.m.

#### **SEACRETS**

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com
June 4: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.;
Anthem, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.;
DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
Lime Bean Riot, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 5: Bobby O' on De Bay, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
APS, 5-9 p.m.; Anthem, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.;
DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
Anthem, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
Evolution X, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 6: Triple Rail Turn, 5-9 p.m.;
Anthem, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.;
DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

June 7: Full Circle, 5-9pm;
I&I Riddim Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 8: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.;
I & I Riddim Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 9: Full Circle Duo, 2-6 p.m.;
Nick Norman, 6-9 p.m.;
Zion Reggae Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 10: John McNutt Band, 5-9 p.m.;
DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
Go Go Gadjet, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

#### THE VIEW AT THE CAMBRIA HOTEL

13 St. Louis Ave., Ocean City 443-856-4158 / https://www.choicehotels.com/maryland/oceancity/cambria-hotels/md310 Every Tuesday: Karaoke, 7-11 p.m.

# Calendar

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### Thurs., June 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 Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

### MERRY MAKERS - REPURPOSE A PICTURE FRAME INTO A TRIVET

Meeting via Zoom, 10:30 AM. Maker's June program uses frames and wine corks to craft a trivet. Everything is provided except for the frame. If you need a small frame, call the Ocean Pines branch. Kits available by calling 410-208-4014. Register: worcesterlibrary.org under events.

#### **FAMILY BEACH GAMES**

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 6:30 PM. Free interactive fun for the whole family. Games include sand castle contests, tugof-war, relays and more. Parents are asked to stay with their children. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be cancelled. http://www.ococean.com

### Fri., June 4

#### FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTIONS

Held at the Ocean City Center for the Arts (94th Street), Coffee Beanery (94th Street) and Princess Royale Oceanfront (91st Street), 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. See new exhibits by a variety of local artists plus complimentary refreshments. Open to the public, free of charge.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO**

Fridays - Columbus Hall, behind St. Luke's Church, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required while moving around inside. 410-524-7994

### Sat., June 5

#### **OCBP PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING**

Ocean City Beach at Dorchester Street. There are no pre-certification requirements and experience in ocean rescue is not necessary to apply.

Registration/check-in will begin at 9 a.m. on the Boardwalk at Dorchester Street. Prepare for a full day of testing. Candidates are strongly encouraged to pre-register at www.ococean.com/ocbp. Applicants must be 17 years old or older by June 28.

#### **BATTLE AT THE BEACH & BOARDWALK II**

Youth Basketball Tournament takes place at the Ocean City convention center and Northside Park. Teams attended

from 11 different states as well as teams from Canada. 631-926-5942, https://premier1events.com

#### **CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**

Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

#### **NAACP YARD SALE**

Stephen Decatur Middle School parking lot, 9815 Seahawk Road, 7:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Vendors space cost is \$20 and doesn't include a table. Call 443-513-1745 or 443-944-6701 to reserve a spot. The Worcester County Health Department will hold a Vaccine Clinic at the yard sale. No appointment is needed. Both Johnson & Johnson and Modern available.

#### **SAFE SITTER CLASS**

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Registered participants, in grades 6th through 8th, will learn how to be safe home along, watching younger siblings or babysitting. The group will practice rescue skills, like choking rescue and CPR and well as learning safety, first aid, life, business and child care skills. Cost is \$50. Trudy Gebhardt, tgebhardt@marylandcoast.org, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2514

#### 2ND ANNUAL YOUTH FISHING DERBY

Newtown Park, 2001 Groton Road, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Open to youth ages 15 and under. Festivities will begin with a ribbon cutting for the new pier at 9:15 a.m. An awards luncheon will take place at 11:30 a.m. There is no cost to participate in the tournament or the luncheon. Participants should bring their own fishing rods and bait. Allen Swiger, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2520

#### **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., June 6

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#### **BERLIN FARMERS MARKET**

Sundays through September - Downtown Berlin, 9:00 AM - 1:00 pm. This is a producers market only featuring produce, flowers, baked goods, art and homemade products.

https://www.berlinmainstreet.com/far mersmarket/

### Mon., June 7

#### **STORY TIME - 'DRAGONS'**

Meeting via Facebook, 10:30 AM. Miss Susan shares some entertaining stories and poems about dragons. For ages 2-5 years. No registration required.

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Meeting in-person and via conference call. Reservations required for inperson: Rose Campion, 443-880-8884. For call-in option, 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.

#### **AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

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

### Tues., June 8

#### **OCEAN CITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Walk-in are welcome, appointments are preferred. Make appointments using code OCCC: smarturl.it/BBD\_FBEvent. Blood donor are to wear a face covering and temperatures will be taken before the start of registration. Refreshments available.

#### **FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP**

Meeting via video call, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Join the Faith Partnership: A cooperative effort for local Worship Centers and Atlantic General Hospital & Description (Advance) Health System to increase health awareness, education and healthy living incentives. Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

#### SAFE BOATING COURSE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, June 8, 10, 15 and 17, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Register: ocpsabc@gmail.com. Successfully completing this class satisfies state requirements nationwide. Cost is \$20. Middle and high school students can take the course for free. http://ocusps.org

### ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

American Legion Berlin Post #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., 7:30 PM. This month's guest speaker will be Paul Daisey who will be speaking about fishing on the Jack Spot. Guests are welcome. Ron Smith, smitty3894@aol.com, http://https:acsportfishing.org

#### **DELMARVA HAND DANCE**

Tuesdays - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Dance to the sounds of the '50s and '60s music. A \$5 donation to benefit Veterans and local charities. Members and guests welcome. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 443-783-4872, https://delmarvahanddancing.com

### Wed., June 9

#### PLANT CLINIC WITH GINNY ROSENKRANZ

Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM. Ginny Rosenkranz will discuss all aspects of potted vegetables and flowers as well as give a demonstration. Register: worcesterlibrary.org under events.

#### TEEN CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH HONOR MCELROY

Meeting via Zoom, 3:30 PM. Bring your poetry, song lyrics, drawings woven with words, stories or anything that defies categories. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events.

#### **MENTOR INTEREST MEETING**

Meeting via Zoom, 6:00 PM. Obtain information on becoming a mentor or volunteer CASA and what this support means to the youth. Debbie Smullen, dsmullen@gowoyo.org, 410-641-4598

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#### **MOVIE ON THE BEACH**

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Highway, 8:30 PM. Featuring "Despicable Me." There will also be music and entertainment with family friendly yard games like corn hole, ladder ball, spike ball, large connect four and more. In the event of inclement weather, all activities will be cancelled. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, http://www.oceancitymd.gov

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

### 15TH ANNUAL FRANK CONLON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Held on June 10 at the Ocean City Golf Club. Cost per player is \$105 and includes grens fees, range balls, beverages, a continental breakfast and lunch. The format is a Captains Choice with prizes. Proceeds benefit the "Semper Fi & America's Fund." Register by text 410-430-7181, visit www.firststatemarines.org or email websergeant@firststatemarines.org.

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## Cuisine

## Ceviche served with pickled red onions

Yes indeed, it is a wonderful morning as I look out my office window. The pool is getting prepared for open-



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

head to toe from the work I did on the front gardens yesterday and I can smell summer in the air. I am lagging on the unpleasant task of cleaning the tiki bar. With all of my running

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around, it is still caked with the pollen from the beginning of last month.

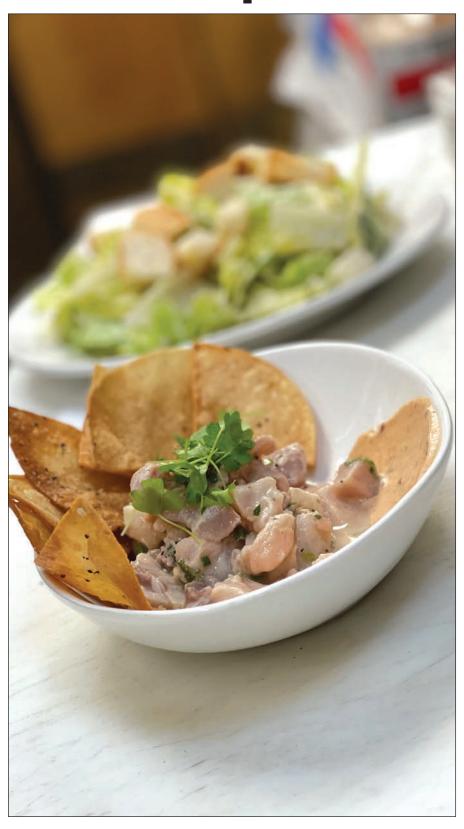
And once I have this under control, it will be time to get things lined up for the season — yes, the fishing season. Summertime means a great many things to those of us who live down here, but in the last three years, my love of bay-fishing has blossomed into offshore fishing, thanks to my girlfriend.

Even though I grew up on the Magothy River outside of Annapolis, I had yet to jump offshore to catch the giants. In my youth, we had the ubiquitous single-person sailboats, smaller powerboats, larger sailboats and, of course, canoes. We fished off the docks, went crabbing and otherwise did what low-knowledge middle-class kids did to hunt and forage for their meals.

When I had a chance to go offshore with my lady friend a few years ago (she is a kind and gentle soul who is also an offshore juggernaut) I knew I was hooked, no pun intended. I spent decades looking at all of those behemoth vessels at the docks, wondering what it was like to venture out to the deep seas in hopes of catching a monster

Perhaps it was Hemingway's mastery of the seas that I had read since I was a small lad that gave me the yearning to give it a shot. Either way, once it happened, I realized that it was going to be a part of my life, if not a very expensive habit. I started saving my money.

One of the most satisfying parts of fishing for me is in the "spoils of war" — the meat. As a cook who is finally getting the hang of this cooking thing, I love portioning and cleaning the filets, vacuum packing and freezing for future use and otherwise knowing that we will be fed for a while to come. And of course, no proper chef would waste an ounce of good meat



(it is completely disrespectful to the animal who unwittingly gave its life).

So, as long as it is good, quality fish, it can be diced and made into stews, soups or my favorite, ceviche. Who doesn't like a good, fresh ceviche? I mean, besides vegetarians, which I completely understand. Regardless, for those of us who love seafood, ceviche is a masterful dish and perfect for a hot summer day on the dock.

I fish with my buddy Kurt and his dad and they frequent other regions

such as Florida, the Bahamas and Costa Rica. I have yet to do that, but the stories are aplenty.

A number of seasons ago, they shared their version of ceviche that they saw in Costa Rica. The fish of choice for this is mahi-mahi, aka dorado or dolphinfish. Using the premium part of the loin, it is simply mahi and cream cheese on a Ritz cracker topped with a touch of wasabi and a splash of soy sauce. Incredibly simple, the flavors abound.

New at the Berlin restaurant is

Chef Christopher, who spent some time in Los Angeles. Of course, a chef can't help but perfect seafood when cooking in LA, and I was thrilled to see a stunning batch of ceviche being served from the scraps from breaking down the fresh filets.

Even he will tell you how simple ceviche is to make, but it is important to use fresh all the way around. Freshly diced fish is perfectly matched with fresh citrus juices. Cilantro can be added, as can avocado. Just think summer, and you can make a ceviche. And just make a ceviche, and you can imagine that summer is finally here.

#### Ceviche

makes about 1 quart 3 c. Diced tender raw seafood 2 ea. Fresh jalapenos, sliced thin

1 c. Fresh orange juice

1 c. Fresh lime juice

Salt & Cracked black pepper Pickled red onions (recipe follows)

- 1. While this dish is a godsend to chefs in that we can utilize fish pieces instead of discarding them, make sure that you are using the premium parts of the filet. If you use pieces with a lot of cartilage, it will be unpleasant and overly tough.
- 2. Combine everything except for the pickled onions and place in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes.
- 3. Serve with freshly fried tortilla chips, pickled onions and a smear of spicy mayonnaise.
- 4. Optionally, you can serve this with avocado, a natural go-to that perfectly meshes with the dish.
- 5. Serve with a good Bahamian or Mexican beer to have the full effect. Trust me, you won't regret it.

#### **Pickled Red Onions**

makes about 1 ½ cups A large red onion, julienne 1 c. Red wine vinegar 1/2 c. Sugar

- 1. Place the onions in a metal bowl after cutting them.
- 2. Bring the vinegar and sugar to a boil, and then immediately pour over the raw onions.
- 3. Place the bowl in the refrigerator to allow them to cool completely.
- 4. That's it. The easiest "pickle" in the world.

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

### **Puzzles**

#### YOU DO THE MATH BY JENNIFER NEBERGALL / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jennifer Nebergall, of Boulder, Colo., is a former finance director at the University of Colorado. She started doing crosswords several years ago over Sunday brunch as a weekly tradition with her husband. Since the birth of their child, though, they have shifted to doing crosswords during naptime. Jennifer writes, "Having spent my career in finance and analytics, this theme appealed to my dual loves of math and wordplay." It is Jennifer's crossword debut. — W.S.

- 1 Supply for an ultimate Frisbee team
- 6 2019 box-office flop described by one critic as "Les Meowsérables"
- 10 Picks the brain of
- 14 Extemporizes 19 "Why should
- 20 Feeling tender
- 21 Apartment, in real
- estate lingo 22 How spring rolls are

cooked

- 23 Oscar-winning actress born Mary Louise
- 24 One side of a 2015 nuclear agreement
- 25 It's irreversible
- 26 University of Florida athlete
- "That was great!" -"No, it stank!"
- 31 Setting for Jo Nesbo's best-selling crime novels 32 They have stems and
- white heads
- 33 Mild, light-colored cigars
- 36 Have because of
- 38 Drive (from) 39 Recurring pain?
- 42 Route 70 in {Route 10, 91 Was fed up Route 95 Route 101
- Route 70, Route 25} 4 5Snitch
- 47 Hit film set aboard the spaceship Nostromo

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- 48 Cereal grain
- 49 Fastener that leaves a flush surface
- 51 Modern partyplanning tool
- 52 Loftv
- 53 Collector's item
- 55 Word after combat or
- cowboy 58 What two Vikings
- have explored
- 59 Royal staff
- 61 Sort represented by the 🐯 emoji
- 64 Fruits often used in sushi
- 66 Cattle in [cattle/pigs] 69 Burrito condiment
- 73 Vodka mixer
- 74 Hopeless
- predicament 79 Birthstone for Hillary Clinton, Kamala Harris and
- Alexandria Ocasio Cortez
- 80 Toffee bar brand 82 What the nose knows
- 84 Major move, for short
- 85 " ... unless you disagree"
- 87 Naturally occurring hexagonal crystals 90 "Dames at \_\_\_ " (Broadway musical)
- 92 Comics character with the dog Daisy
- 95 Bear x tiger
- 98 "Billions" airer, for short
- 99 Et
- 101 Hamilton, to Burr
- 102 Green cards, informally
- 103 Offering to a houseguest

- 105 Hardly any
  - 106 Car in {plane, car, train, horse, car, car, train}
  - 113 Pong company
  - 114 Shakespeare character who inquires, "Are your doors lock'd?"
  - 115 Greet grandly 116 Provide funding for
  - 118 Was accepted
  - mess, English dessert of berries, meringue and 119
  - whipped cream 120 Its merchandise often comes with pictorial instructions
  - "Set Fire to the Rain" singer 121
  - 122 Part of a golf club
  - 123 Mathematician Descartes
  - 124 Credit-application figs.
  - 125 PC platform popular in the 1980s

#### DOWN

- 1 Grow faint
- 2 Coffee-order specification
- 3 Garment whose name sounds like an apology
- 4 Sign of distress
- 5 Like many wildflower seeds
- 6 Boutros Boutros-Ghali's home city
- 7 Nearly 5,000 square yards
- 8 Comparative word
- 9 Matched up
- 10 What has interest in a car?
- 11 Sound of disdain

- 12 Long, loose robe
- 13 Leave momentarily
- 14 Brief evocative account
- 15 Diarist Nin
- 'Hello \_\_\_\_'' (old cellphone ad line) 16 "Hello
- 17 Subatomic particle
- 18 Some nice cameras, for short
- 28 Wife of Albert Einstein
- 29 Wipe out, slangily \_ deal'
- 33 Has a tête-à-tête 34 Pale pinkish purple
- 35 Light-footed
- 36 Muhammad's father-
- 37 Cause of a smudge
- 39 First work read in Columbia's literature humanities course 40 Like some news
- coverage
- 41 Squeeze 43 "Nice going!"
- 44 Crux of the matter
- 46 Rating for risqué
- shows \_\_\_\_-in-the-hole (British dish)
- 53 Whale constellation
- 54 Massive ref. books 56 Have things in
- common 57 Like music that uses conventional keys
- and harmony 60 Org. whose website has a "What Can I Bring?" section
- **62** Summer Olympics host before Tokyo 63 They may come in a
- boxed set 65 Summer hrs. in Iowa

67 Co. captains?

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122

- 68 First line of a Seuss classic 69 Parts of cars and
- stoves
  70 High-profile
  interviewer of Harry
  and Meghan
  71 Style of "Roxanne" in
  "Moulin Rouge!"
- 72 Drawn out
- 75 Easterlies

puzzle.

- 76 Done again
- Chef Waters who pioneered the organic food movement
- 78 Mrs. "Beauty and the Beast" character
- 81 Kind of vaccine used against Covid
- 83 Slippery

123

- 86 Partly
- 88 Two-person meeting
- 89 Certain sots
- 91 Words often replaced when singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game'
- 93 Disney character who says "Some people are worth melting for"
- 94 Less sportsmanlike 96 Where the King lived
- 97 Tennis's Nadal. familiarly
- 100 Make sparkling
- 103 Font flourish 104 Tease

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- 105 Cartographic
- collection 106 In Touch and Out, for two
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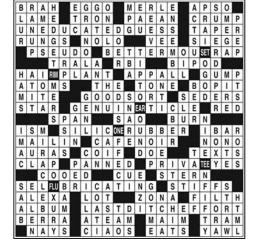
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**HARD - 92** 

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each

#### Answers to last week's puzzles

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## **Snapshots**



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#### **MEMORIAL DAY**



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#### **ANNIVERSARY**

The Parke community (a sub-HOA of Ocean Pines) celebrated its 20th anniversary on May 19. Pictured, from left, are Parke resident and Worcester County Board of Education member Elena McComas, Parke resident Mary Pat Carozza, Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino, Maryland Sen. Mary Beth Carozza, and Parke resident Tony Carozza.



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#### **THANK YOU**

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. As a part of observing National Day of Prayer 2021, Community Church at Ocean Pines reached out to the Ocean Pines Police Department and the Maryland State Police Barrack in Berlin to thank them for their service to the community. Pictured, from left, are Ocean Pines Police PFC James I. Brasure (25-year veteran), Lt. Greg Schoepf (39-year veteran), and Mary Stover, Paul Ranney and Jack Levering from the church.



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#### **CONFERENCE**

The Maryland State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR) recently held its 116th state conference in Ellicott City. Attending from the local area were General Levin Winder Chapter Regent Gail Weldin, left, and Recording Secretary Pat Arata. Also during the conference, Arata was elected to office of State Editor for the 2021-2024 term.



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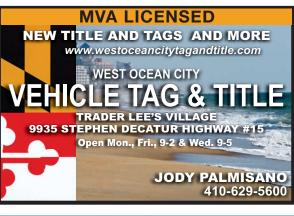


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