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Gov. Larry Hogan takes time to give some attention to a non-voting constituent during his tour of downtown Berlin on Monday, proving that political back-scratching works equally well on an ear.



Planning com. targets Pines' weaknesses

Question whether election process can be improved

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 1, 2021) Reviewing big-picture assets and challenges and identifying community values dominated discussions during the Ocean Pines Strategic Planning Committee meeting last Thursday.

Committee Co-Chairman Bernie McGorry presented a recap of planning techniques obtained from advisory committee chairpersons and

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Bernie McGorry

Hogan unveils \$25M recovery plan

Project Restore will come to rescue of downtowns, Main Street programs

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 1, 2021) Gov. Larry Hogan made a stopover in Berlin on Monday to unveil Project Restore, a \$25 Million economic recovery initiative to revitalize downtown districts and Main Street communities throughout Maryland.

Hogan spoke in front of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum after completing a brief tour of Main Street to shake hands with constituents and converse with

small business proprietors.

"Today we're here to announce the launch of Project Restore, a transformative \$25 million initiative to help incentivize new business growth, create more jobs on Main Street and in downtown communities all across our state," he said.

In thanking the numerous local elected officials on hand, including Mayor Zach Tyndall and Berlin Council members Jay Knerr, Shaneka Nichols and Jack Orris, Hogan also expressed gratitude to re-visit America's Coolest Small Town.

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Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing checks in with Gov. Larry Hogan during a tour of Main Street to announce the \$25 million state economic initiative Project Restore on Monday.

Woman suffers severe injury in Berlin crash

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 1, 2021) Berlin Police are investigating a collision between a pickup truck and a parked car Sunday evening on Route 50 near Friendship Road that left two men with non-life threatening injuries, with a woman who was hit while outside the vehicle severely hurt and flown to Shock Trauma in

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Berlin talks short-term rental regulations

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 1, 2021) Reviving talking points from several years ago, the Berlin mayor and Town Council on Monday returned to the discussion of short-term rental licensing regulations.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the issue was raised in 2018 without any further action taken.

“The intent is to maintain the character of the residential town and protect health, safety and general welfare,” he said of the regulations, which were hailed and condemned when the subject was explored three years ago,

The greatest concern expressed by local property owners at that time involved the possible harm short-term rentals might do in R-1 and R-2 single-family home districts.

Another issue raised by residents was the possibility that investors would buy multiple properties to serve as rental units.

Short-term rentals are defined as property rented for up to 28 days, with longer stays deemed month-to-month.

Engelhart said bed-and-breakfast establishments would not be included in the proposed rental ordinance.

In addition to restricting short-



Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart delves into details over potential short-term rental regulations during preliminary discussions with the mayor and Town Council on Monday.

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term rentals to permanent residents whose properties are owner-occupied at least 180 days annually, the licensing process would also require safety inspections and occupancy limits.

“If someone is applying, with the ordinance there would be an applica-

tion that we develop and collect a fee,” he said.

Engelhart recommended an initial inspection fee of \$150 followed by an annual license renewal charge of \$200.

“We would also need a 24-hour

emergency contact,” he said.

Engelhart said the responsible party would need to live within a 30-minute commute to respond for noise or other reported violations.

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Board of directors turnover viewed as major weakness

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Ocean Pines Association staff.

Since this spring, the committee has focused on developing strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) outlines to drive strategizing efforts.

"We've done a lot of work on SWOT," he said.

In addition to tapping committee chairs for input during an Ocean Pines executive council meeting in late May, data was gathered from various committee members and association department heads.

"It's nice that it was balanced," he said. "It wasn't like five strengths and 30 weaknesses."

McGorry highlighted recurring themes culled from department head replies.

Looking at strengths, topping the list was Ocean Pines being a safe community with low crime rates, followed by being located on and around waterways.

In terms of weaknesses, turnover of board members slightly edged out aging infrastructure as issues of largest concern.

McGorry said in addition to revolving board membership, department heads also expressed concerns over rapport issues.

"There's another one there about lack of respect from the board," he said. "There is this opportunity to work ... better together."

McGorry asked if it might be worth considering longer terms for board members to reduce the perceived challenges from turnover.

Board liaison Dr. Colette Horn said altering term lengths would require amending association governing documents.

"People have kind of kicked around that option versus the status quo," she said.

Horn said the concept had both merits and disadvantages.

"One of the strengths of longer terms is that you do have stability," she said. "One of the weaknesses is if you have factions on a board that aren't getting along that just prolongs the agony for more years and the dysfunction for more years."

On a positive note, Horn said the percentage of board members seeking a second term has recently increased.

"Last year and this year we're seeing that," she said. "That is a source of stability when that happens."

Horn acknowledged board turnover is a "big source of angst" for association staff.

"This time of year everybody is kind of on pins and needles over how the election is going to turn out," she said.

Employees witnessing annual election contests are sometimes left to wonder if the outcome will impact their livelihood.

"There's the rhetoric of the candidates, which isn't always nice," she said.

Committee member Jenny Cropper Rines said recurring changes in board composition provides other challenges.

"The criticisms change and priorities change," she said. "It really does make it hard to finish out projects."

Committee member Helen Johnson suggested longer board terms could allow power factions to linger but would also eliminate the learning curve with fresh recruits.

"By the time you get into the groove you may not run again," she said.

Rines recommended in lieu of extending board terms requiring participation on advisory committees for a prescribed length.

Horn countered that suggestion.

"The downside of that is it's really not possible for part-timers to be engaged at the committee level," she said. "We get a different perspective from people that have not been so entrenched."

Horn said that board candidates lacking prior involvement in association governance would likely be more independent of political infighting.

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Committee agrees values guide decisions

“I see that as a good thing,” she said. “I was one of those people not engaged at the committee level and I think I’ve had a pretty successful run as a director.”

Switching to opportunities, McGorry said the responses from department heads largely lacked cohesion, but a few agreed on expanding partnerships with state, local and other government agencies.

McGorry said one opportunity previously discussed is generating revenue from nonresidents using amenities to support operations, while also noting ongoing efforts to market the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex.

“There’s so much demand for it,” he said. “There’s nothing like that for 20-30 miles, especially for pickleball.”

Looking at threats, negative media coverage and social media banter topped the list, followed closely by natural disasters and flooding issues.

In terms of future efforts, the committee is planning to present the data to the board for consideration.

“It’s an opportunity for them to ... share their perspective,” McGorry said. “We want to get them engaged.”

On other fronts, the committee discussed including a question regarding values in a community survey

that is currently under development.

“Should we include a statement in the community survey ... such as other homeowners’ associations have core values, should Ocean Pines?” McGorry asked.

He said the goal would be gauging residents’ sentiments to identify the top handful of values.

“If we do, what should we incorporate?” he said.

“This might one of the biggest things to come out of this plan.”

From past professional experience, McGorry said adhering to core values has proven vital for operational success.

“What is Ocean Pines all about or what do we want to be all about?” he said.

Johnson suggested the inclusion of values after conducting research to benchmark comparable homeowners’ associations for comparison purposes.

“Communities that have strategic plans usually do have core values,” she said.

The focus on shared values helps guide organizational planning, deci-

sion-making and operations, Johnson said.

The top five recurring values noted by Johnson included: collaboration, accountability, integrity, respect and sustainability.

Of these, Johnson noted the heightened importance of sustainability.

“The environmental movement with its concern for conservation of resources has stimulated a revival of interest in the sustainability of the human community,” she said. “Sustainable

communities can exist over generations enduring a healthy environment, prosperous economy and vibrant civic life.”

Johnson said core values should guide development of Ocean Pines’ strategic plan.

Horn said the handful of values mentioned appear to be right on target.

“These five you’ve selected really hit on the areas that the board struggles with performing in a way that satisfies the needs and priorities of the membership,” she said.

Horn said the areas specified are often the basis for critical emails and commentary directed at board members.

“The things that we get those questions about really fall within these five,” she said. “If we can focus on these and build our strategic plan around them we’ll be headed in the right direction.”

Horn suggested the list would serve as a guidepost to further productivity.

“From a board perspective, these would be great to have as guiding principals for every decision that we make,” she said.

McGorry said the next consideration would be whether to include core values within the community survey.

“We could take it to the board, make recommendations, and leave it there,” he said.

Horn said having knowledge of community sentiment is crucial to the board’s efforts.

Unlike previous surveys, McGorry said the goal is including fewer open-ended questions.

McGorry, who hopes to complete a survey draft version by mid-July, said the values topic would be revisited.

“We’ll see when we draft the survey,” he said. “We will circle back to it.”

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Board liaison Dr. Colette Horn

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Berlin mulls new short-term rental licensing

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standard section of existing [town] code,” he said.

Under town code, the first occupant would require 70 square feet of living space, with each additional guest requiring 40 square feet.

Engelhart also conferred with Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing to coordinate off-street parking requirements.

“We don’t want to be jamming up the streets further,” he said.

If Berlin were to enact short-term rental procedures, inspection and licensing data would be shared with Worcester County officials, who would be responsible for collecting room tax.

“I believe room tax would net Berlin 1 percent,” he said.

The proposed ordinance would prohibit signs and prohibit guests of short-term rentals from holding large gatherings, such as birthday or bachelor parties.

In similar fashion to civil infractions, short-term rental violations would result in an initial fine of \$100, with subsequent instances costing \$200.

“It can be \$200 per day the way our code is written,” he said.

Repeated violations could result in short-term rental licensing being sus-

pending for up to three years.

“The license is non-transferrable,” he said.

Councilman Jay Knerr inquired about the current number of short-term rentals in Berlin.

Engelhart said after surveying social media and online rental platforms, such as Airbnb or VRBO, fewer than 20 properties within town limits were identified.

Engelhart said the bulk of those are located in R-1 and R-2 districts.

Knerr also asked about timeframes for enforcement of noise ordinances.

Downing said the time of day is not an issue for reporting noise complaints.

“Residents can call anytime for unseemly noise,” he said.

Engelhart said his department works with Downing to share any reported rental issues.

“It gets enforced from both sides,” he said. “It would be complaint-driven enforcement.”

Councilman Dean Burrell suggested that the complaint process be made clearer.

“We have to be clear about this process and how the complaints get to either of you,” he said.

Arnold said his department works hand-in-hand with Engelhart.

“Calling one is calling the other,”

he said.

Engelhart said any short-term rental ordinance would not have to include violation details that are already contained in current town code.

“This ordinance is not the place to list all the things in Berlin that are a violation [because] it would take five pages,” he said.

Engelhart also questioned the extent of problems tied to short-term rentals in Berlin.

“This is a solution in search of a problem,” he said.

The issue for many critics of short-term rentals boils down to unfamiliar faces.

“The major problem people have is every weekend there are different visitors,” he said.

Councilwoman Shaneka Nichols questioned the level of compliance anticipated.

Engelhart said residents have traditionally been more prone to report unlicensed rental properties than to call regarding noise or other violations.

While instituting rental licensing would be difficult initially, Engelhart said the task would likely ease after properties are registered.

“I’m not looking for it to be an enforcement nightmare,” he said.

Engelhart said short-term rental proponents often argue lot owners are within their property rights to offer limited-run accommodations.

Nichols also inquired about limiting property owners with multiple lots from renting out numerous spots.

Engelhart said including language specifying the need to be a “permanent resident” was a design feature intended to stifle that potential.

Taking exception with that approach was Colin Zimmerman, with the Coastal Association of Realtors.

“The requirement of 180-days residency is effectively a ban on short-term rentals,” he said.

Under the proposed guidelines a Berlin property owner with multiple homes would be restricted from renting out the second lot, Zimmerman argued.

“Renting your home is not a business, it’s a residential property right,” he said.

Zimmerman said the inclusion of an emergency contact in close proximity is intended to address complaints in a timely manner.

“That’s how a lot of it is dealt with,” he said.

Mayor Zach Tyndall re-iterated that the discussion was merely a return to earlier talks, with no immediate

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Woman airlifted to hospital after being struck by pickup

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Baltimore.

Police Chief Arnold Downing said a family of five from Newark had pulled over on the side of Route 50 around 5:30 p.m.

While three children waited in the back seat, the woman exited the car to remove items from the trunk.

Downing said at the same time a pickup truck driven by a Berlin resident entered Route 50 from Friendship Road and while accelerating struck the back of the car and the female victim.

Downing said both the man driving the pickup and the man behind the wheel of the parked car were injured and transported to TidalHealth Peninsula Regional in Salisbury.

Both men were released in brief

order.

By contrast, the woman struck by the pickup was left in grave condition and was immediately flown to Shock Trauma.

"She had surgery that evening and the next day," he said. "Her condition was serious but stable."

Downing said in addition to Berlin Police and fire/ EMS responders, also assisting at the accident scene Sunday were EMS units from Ocean Pines and Showell, while Maryland State Police conducted traffic control.

Worcester County is assisting with the ongoing accident investigation.

"Reconstruction is happening as we speak," he said.

Further details and any potential charges are pending until after the investigation is completed.

Town Council members feel ordinance requires vetting

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ate action required.

"We don't need to pass an ordinance," he said.

Tyndall said town code would be largely sufficient to address rental violations.

"We might just need to establish licensing and fees," he said.

Engelhart also championed including an owner-occupancy mandate.

"Owner occupancy allows persons with permanent residences to rent out when they are absent," he said. "If it's a primary residence, they have some skin in the game."

Another alternative would be banning short-term rentals in R-1 and R-2 zones.

Raising concern with the proposed ordinance was Berlin-resident Todd Martinek, who manages numerous rental properties in town.

"My owners don't have a problem

with regulations but let them make a living, let me make a living and the town make more money," he said.

Nichols maintained her opposition.

"I don't want us to open our doors to be what Ocean City is," she said.

Martinek proposed registering current rental properties and limiting future growth.

"We are looking for problems that aren't there and I'm OK with that because I live here too," he said. "I lived next to short-term housing and I've never had a problem."

Burrell said greater public input is needed.

"I would like to hear from 'Joe Blow' homeowner that possibly lives besides one of these," he said.

Tyndall and other council members agreed with Burrell.

"This is the first of many conversations to come, including public comment opportunities," he said.

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Ocean Pines Public Works crews are slated to repair a sinkhole on Mumford's Landing Road this week attributed to prior utility installations.

Mumford Landing sinkhole fixed by Pines Public Works

(July 1, 2021) The Ocean Pines General Manager's Office announced Tuesday that a sinkhole on Mumford's Landing Road would be repaired by the end of the day.

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said a homeowner contacted his office on Monday about a depression in the road, and the sinkhole opened overnight.

"It looks like, years ago when the sewer line was put in, they had a backhoe do it and the teeth caught the culvert pipes and ripped a small hole," Wells said. "Over time, it's filtered down and sunk in."

He said a similar thing happened two years ago, at the entrance to Mumford's Landing Road. This time, a hole opened near the exit.

"Two years ago, it happened on the opposite side, on the incoming side, and it was the same thing," he said. "We dug down and the poly pipe had been hit by a backhoe or something when the utilities were being put in."

Public Works crews, assisted by Worcester County Public Works, were on the scene Tuesday morning to barricade the area, although both lanes of traffic remained open.

Wells said a crew led by Public Works Drainage Supervisor Justin Riner would have the hole patched by Tuesday evening, and that a paving contractor had been contacted.

Berlin officials to recognize Juneteenth holiday on July 2

(July 1, 2021) The Berlin mayor and Town Council will recognize the new holiday, Juneteenth, this year by extending the Independence Day holiday weekend to include Friday, July 2, in addition to the previously scheduled holiday of Monday, July 5.

Juneteenth National Independence Day commemorates the day, June 19, when Gen. Gordon Granger ordered Texas, the last of the states to abandon slavery after the Civil War, to end that institution.

President Joe Biden signed a bill on June 17 declaring it a new federal holiday.

Most town offices will be closed starting Friday, July 2 and will re-open on Tuesday, July 6. Juneteenth will be added to the Town of Berlin's annual holiday calendar.

Because the addition of the closure on Friday will affect trash and recycling collection, the town has made amendments to residential and commercial collection schedules.

For Friday, July 2: commercial trash will be collected; recycling collection will be postponed to Friday, July 9. For Monday, July 5: As previously scheduled, recycling collection will be postponed to Tuesday, July 6, along with regular Tuesday trash collection.



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Independence Day fireworks rebound across Wor. County

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 1, 2021) Independence Day fireworks displays and other festivities take place from Friday through Sunday throughout Worcester County, as large-scale public gatherings are again permitted with statewide pandemic restrictions now lifted.

Snow Hill

The weekend of patriotic revelry kicks off Friday in Snow Hill with fireworks at Sturgis Park.

The Independence Day Celebration, which is being sponsored by the Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce, will coincide with Downtown Snow Hill's First Friday event.

The area from Green Street to Sturgis Park will abound with vendors and family-friendly activities starting at 5 p.m.

The law firm Coates, Coates, and Coates P.A. are sponsoring fireworks, which are slated to blast off after sunset.

Berlin

The Town of Berlin will mark Independence Day on Saturday with fireworks at Heron Park beginning at dusk.

In addition to viewing the pyrotechnic display from Heron Park, located at 10009 Old Ocean City Blvd., other ideal vantage spots are located nearby.

Police Chief Arnold Downing said once Heron Park is at full capacity, Old Ocean City Boulevard would be shut down to vehicular traffic.

Downing said spectators could also head to Buckingham Elementary School, due south of the park, or other adjacent locations to enjoy an eyeeful of bright lights.

Ocean Pines

On Sunday, Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring Fourth of July fireworks at dark with an abundance of other activities planned at Veterans Memorial Park on Route 589 and Cathell Road from 5-8:45 p.m.

Festivities this year include an array of fun for children — carnival games, dry slides and inflatable bounce houses — along with live music, and food and drink.

Access to children's bounce houses and slides require purchase of a wristband for \$7, with general admission to the event free to the public.

Fireworks, which will begin at 9:15 p.m. and run for roughly a half hour, will be launched just north of the South Gate Pond by Cathell Road.

Watching fireworks along Ocean Parkway, from Cathell Road to Manklin Creek Road, will be prohibited, with a fenced-off viewing zone located from Manklin Creek Road to the Veterans Memorial.

Additionally, there will be a no-entry "safe zone" marked by orange

fencing from the South Gate Pond to the Ocean Pines Fire Department on Ocean Parkway.

Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, with parking available at the adjacent Ocean Pines Library and Taylor Bank. Limited handicapped parking will be available in a small area directly south of the Sports Core Pool.

No parking will be permitted along Ocean Parkway.

Ocean Parkway between Manklin Creek Road and Offshore Lane will be shut down for roughly 20 minutes before fireworks start and remain closed until deemed safe by the Fire Marshal.

In the event of rain, the celebrations will take place on July 5.

For more information, call Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks at 410-641-7052, or visit oceanpines.org.

Earlier on Sunday in Ocean Pines, the 10th annual Freedom 5K patriotic road race will take place at Veterans Memorial Park starting at 8 a.m.

Runners, who are encouraged to don U.S.A.-inspired active attire, will transverse a multitude of scenic spots in the Pines.

First through third-place male and female finishers for nine age categories, from 10 and under to 70 and over, will be given awards. Also the best-dressed runner will be selected for honors.

Runners can pre-register through July 2 for \$25, with day of sign up starting at 7:45 a.m. for \$35.

To sign for the up for the Freedom 5K visit raceentry.com/races/oceanpines-association-freedom-5k/2021/register.

For more information call Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 or visit oceanpines.org

Ocean City

July 4 Firework displays are slated for both uptown and downtown in the resort beginning at 9:30 p.m.

The downtown display will launch from the beach at North. Division Street.

Festivities will begin at 8 p.m. with DJ Kutt providing music from the Caroline Street Stage.

Looking uptown, fireworks will launch from Northside Park beginning at 9:30 p.m. from the pier area. Both displays will run 18 minutes.

Prior to the light display, DJ BK will pump up the volume from the Soccer Field Stage starting at 8 p.m.

Unlike previous years' July 4 celebrations, concessions will not be provided.

For more information, call 800-626-2326 or 410-250-0125.

Preceding the nighttime fun on Sunday, Fish Tales Bar and Grill is holding its annual Hot Dog Eating Contest starting at noon in the south



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Prior to fireworks on Sunday, Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring activities for children including, dry slides and inflatable bounce houses as pictured in 2019 at Veterans Memorial Park on Route 589 and Cathell Road from 5-8:45 p.m.
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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Fourth of July fun held throughout weekend

parking lot at 22nd Street bayside.
The competitive-eating event is restricted to employees of Ocean City establishments, with a \$1,000 cash prize at stake.
Contestants will consist of the first 20 qualified individuals to pre-register.
Registration cost \$10 and can be completed by stopping by the Bahia Marina Tackle Shop or Fish Tales

Small Bar.
All participants must be at least 18 years old and have to provide local ID or a pay stub from a resort business.
For more information, visit ocfish-tales.com or visit their Facebook page.
Pocomoke
Prior to the weekend of activities around Worcester County, on Thurs-

day at 7 p.m. the City of Pocomoke commences its Concerts in the Park Summer Series with a live set by native sons Mercy for the Mockingbird in Cypress Park.
Mercy for the Mockingbird are slated to deliver an array of rock and alternative covers during an hour and a half stage show.
Pocomoke's Concerts in the Park

each Thursday through the end of August.
Music lovers in attendance are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, or even picnic baskets, to savor the tunes while taking in picturesque view of the Pocomoke River.
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Ocean City luminary and Air Force veteran Gene Parker, who passed in December, joined the ranks of military honorees memorialized in brick at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Monday.

Parker's brick dedicated at Veterans Memorial in Pines

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 1, 2021) Gene Parker, an Ocean City real estate legend and Air Force veteran, was honored by family and friends Monday during a brick-dedication ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.

Gene Parker, who passed away in December at the age of 81, was born in Selbyville, Delaware, grew up in Bishopville, graduated from Stephen Decatur High School and served a four-year enlistment in the Air Force during the early-1960s. He returned after his service to establish a career in commercial real estate.

Besides being a driving force behind the early wave of condominium and townhouse developments in Ocean City, Parker purchased Frontier Town near Berlin in 1969 and a decade later partnered with Billy Carder to build the former BJs on the Water on 75th Street.

Marty Clarke, who was one of many attendees that formed a tight bond with Parker, partnered with Bobby Jester, another close friend and real estate contemporary, to orchestrate the ceremony in conjunction with the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation.

"He was one of my best friends," Clarke said.

The duo shared a passion for beautifying Ocean Pines, despite Parker living elsewhere in Worcester.

"He didn't live here but ... was a friend of Ocean Pines," he said.


Conducting the dedication ceremony was Ed Moran, who first crossed paths with Parker in the mid-1980s.

"I probably met Gene soon after I got here because he was such a mover in this area," he said.

Moran, who worked with Chase Bank, became acquainted with Parker through real estate transactions but the connection grew personal over the years.

"We became very good friends," he said. "Like many of us that came here, he became a mentor to me."

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Family, friends of Gene Parker hold ceremony Monday

Moran bonded with Parker through joint service in the USAF.

“He was never prouder of the fact that he was Air Force,” he said. “He would often address me as colonel and himself as, ‘Airman Second [Class] Parker, sir.’”

Moran said Parker characterized his enlisted time as life altering.

“He went in a poor boy from Bish-
opville, as he often referred to himself, and ... he came out as a man,” he said. “He came back here to make a mark, and I think you all agree that he did make his mark.”

Military service also left Parker with psychic wounds after losing a close friend from high school during the Viet-
nam War.

“When Gene and I used to talk Air
Force ... he often talked about his good friend, Nutter Wimbrow,” he said.

Moran said USAF Maj. Nutter
Jerome Wimbrow III perished in Dec.
1972 after his B-52 Stratofortress, with
six crewmembers on board, was shot
down near Hanoi.

“Nutter was killed when his plane was
hit during that December [1972] bomb-
ing of North Vietnam,” he said. “His B-
52 went down in flames.”

Moran said Wimbrow’s last words
were, “We’re going to be hit,” an instant
before taking enemy fire.



Ed Moran shares heartfelt memories of close compadre and fellow Air Force veteran Gene Parker with family and friends attending a brick-dedication ceremony in Ocean Pines on Monday at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial.

“He didn’t make it to the ground
alive,” he said. “Gene and I talked about
it a lot.”

To some degree, the old friends are
now reunited, as just a short distance
from Parkers’ memorial brick is a bench
dedicated to Wimbrow.

Berlin-based Coastal Community
Church Pastor Bryan Pugner, who
counted Parker among the faithful, was
on hand to offer prayers and blessings.

“I moved to Ocean City 20 years ago
as pastor when it was called the OC Wor-
ship center,” he said. “We were a little
church meeting in Troy Purnell’s carpet
factory.”

Pastor Pugner became aware of
Parker’s presence shortly after taking the

reins at the church.

“One day someone said, ‘Gene Parker
is attending our church,’ and I said,
‘who’s Gene Parker?’” he said.

Pugner said he was amazed to learn
Parker was considered a “local legend”
and a constituent of significance, yet de-
spite these realities proved a humble
soul.

“Gene was so unassuming,” he said.
“He would come in the back and kind of
sit to himself.”

Pugner noted the assorted attendees
shared a special connection to Parker
and “loved his friendship.”

“We pray that his memory will live in
our hearts and our community,” he said.
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Active-duty Navy Cdr. Joe Parker performs ceremonial placement of Gene Parker's memorial brick at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial during a ceremony on Monday.



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Annual Ocean Pines-Taylor Bank Golf Scramble returns

(July 1, 2021) The Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council will host the 36th annual Ocean Pines-Taylor Bank Golf Scramble at the Ocean Pines Golf Club on Wednesday, July 14 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The tournament benefits junior golf in the area by supporting junior golf clinics and an annual tournament for junior golfers.

It also raises funds for scholarships for local high school seniors who have shown an interest in golf. In the last six years, the Golf Members' Council has raised \$35,000 for local scholarships.

This year's event is being held in honor of Scotty Wheatley, the long-time tournament chairman who passed away earlier this year.

"Early in 2020, Scotty Wheatley began working on the next version of the event and was full of hope and enthusiasm," tournament chairman Steve Howse said. "You could see the disappointment in his face when we learned that hosting a major event could not happen in 2020 [because of the COVID-19 pandemic]. But, the members stepped up in many different ways and helped Scotty match the terrific results he had achieved since taking on the responsibility for the scramble."

Because of Wheatley's efforts, Howse said many members bought tee box signs last year, and those were displayed at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

"Sadly, almost a year later, we lost Scotty, and our 2021 Scramble will be dedicated to him in recognition for all that he did," Howse said. "In 2021, our tee signs will return to the course and the tee boxes. We hope you will again step up and purchase a sign to be displayed on the course on July 14."

The public entry fee is \$100 per person, which includes greens fee, cart, team prizes, men's and ladies' closest-to-the-pin prizes, door prizes, continental breakfast, on-course refreshments and lunch at the Ocean Pines Clubhouse Grille following the tournament.

The entry fee for Ocean Pines Golf members is \$60. The cart fee is extra for those without a cart package.

Players may sign up individually or as a foursome. Individuals or incomplete teams will be paired.

The entry deadline is July 7. To download an entry form, visit <http://oceanpines.org/documents/10184/91707/4+Entry+Form+052421.docx>.

Taylor Bank is the longtime event title sponsor.

Platinum and Gold level sponsorships are still available. To download a sponsorship form, visit <http://oceanpines.org/documents/10184/91707/2++Sponsorship+flyer+rl+5.24+%25281%2529.docx>.

Tee sponsorships are available for \$50 for businesses and nonmembers, or \$35 for golf members. To download a tee sign sponsorship form, visit <http://oceanpines.org/documents/10184/91707/3+Tee+sign+sponsorship+rl+5.24.docx>.

Entry and sponsorship forms may also be picked up at the Ocean Pines Golf Club. Fees may be mailed to Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council, PO Box 1356, Berlin, Maryland 21811. Checks should be made payable to "Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council."

For more information, contact Howse at 571-239-8469.


For more information, contact Ocean Pines Association Director of Public Relations and Marketing Josh Davis at 443-366-1844 or jdavis@oceanpines.org.




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Parker valued Air Force service

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Clarke said Parker, who was an avowed proponent for planting trees, left another, greener, mark on the Pines.

"All those bald cypress trees that you see around Ocean Pines were donated by Gene," he said. "He would come over and plant them himself."

For decades, Parker operated a home-based greenhouse to germinate and raise trees, particularly magnolia and bald cypress, which he planted or donated to beautify Worcester County.

An extended relative, active duty Navy Cdr. Joe Parker was on hand to put the memorial brick in place.

"Gene had a way of making us all feel very special and very close," Parker said. "If he were here, he'd want us all to get it done and get it done quick."

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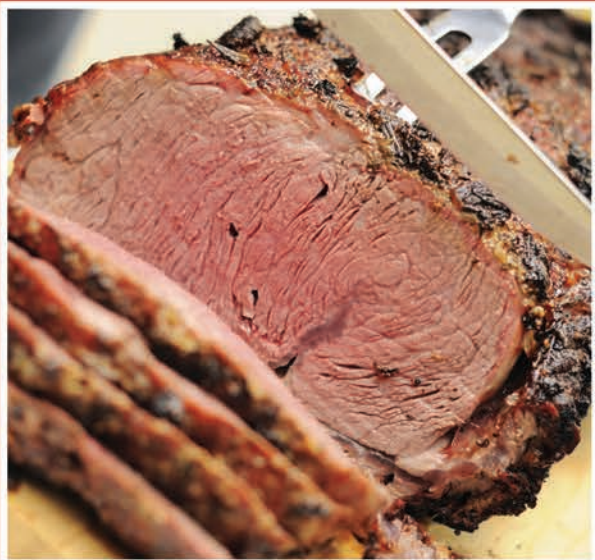
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Worcester Open Air Job Fair
July 14 at Elks in Pocomoke

(July 1, 2021) Meet prospective employers from across Worcester County and choose from hundreds of seasonal and year-round jobs at the Open Air Job Fair Wednesday, July 14, at Elks Lodge #1624 in Pocomoke, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public. Employers offering competitive wages and signing bonuses will be accepting applications and hiring onsite.

No registration is required. Come prepared to apply and interview. Training and transportation resources will be available onsite.

This event is being hosted by the Town of Pocomoke, Worcester County Chambers of Commerce, Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, and Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development (WCTED).

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(July 1, 2021) The Ocean City Film Festival presents the fourth annual Ocean City Film Challenge to filmmakers and aspiring filmmakers across Delmarva and beyond.

Deadline to register for the challenge is July 9.

The challenge is for filmmakers to shoot a film in or about Ocean City over the month of July and enter for a chance to win an Ocean City hotel stay, swag, cash prizes, and screenings of the winning film.

The challenge is open to any artist who wishes to make a short film that takes place in Ocean City and tells a story about the resort, preferably suitable for viewing by all ages.

The film must be made July 1-31, and be no longer than 10 minutes. Complete rules and entry details are available at <http://www.ocmdfilm-festival.com/ocean-city-film-challenge.html>.

Filmmakers must register for the challenge by July 9 at [https://forms.gle/pKGGeo\(sbPwD-BYa7](https://forms.gle/pKGGeo(sbPwD-BYa7).

Final cuts are due on July 31, and sent via online transfer to OceanCityFilmFest@gmail.com or delivered on flash drive to the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

Entries will be screened on Saturday, Aug. 21 at the ArtX Festival at Northside Park and at the sixth annual Ocean City Film Festival in March 2022.

"Ocean City is a beautiful landscape, and there's so much that artists can take advantage of right here in town," said Film Festival Director B.L. Strang-Moya. "There are many ways to tell a story through motion picture, and the challenge pushes filmmakers to explore these boundaries."

First prize includes all-access passes for the 2022 Film Festival complete with a hotel package and \$150 cash prize. Second prize receives \$100 cash prize, passes, and swag. Third prize receives \$50 cash prize and passes.

Contact Strang-Moya at OceanCityFilmFest@gmail.com with questions.

The Ocean City Film festival is a program of the Art League of Ocean City, a 501c3 nonprofit community arts organization.

The Art League of Ocean Cit is dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. Financial support comes primarily through membership dues from individuals and corporate sponsors. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.



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DIGGING IN

Tending to a pollinator garden in Ocean Pines, from left, are Maryland Coastal Bays Program staff members Liz Wist, education coordinator and Chandler Joiner, environmental educator; with Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City members Shelley Cohen, President Steve Cohen, Bob and Janet Wolfing and Sharon Peterson, administrative specialist. It's a project of the Ocean Pines Recreation Department and just one of the Kiwanis Club's community services.



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Hogan: state at crossroads with end of covid emergency

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Berlin,” he said.

Hogan applauded area merchants who successfully navigated the troubling economic landscape during the covid-19 pandemic.

“We just talked to some of the small business owners down the street who were ... able to innovate and pivot during this really difficult time,” he said.

In many instances, business proprietors accessed funding through federal and state agencies to survive and even make improvements.

“Hopefully, they’re going to be doing even more business now that we’ve got things back on track,” he said.

The continuing economic recovery in Maryland has outpaced most regions in the country.

“We’re creating jobs at a rate faster than the country and faster than 40 other states,” he said.

Maryland has recorded 13 consecutive months of job growth, with roughly 266,000 positions added during that period.

“More people are going back to work and more jobs are available than ever before in the history of the state,” he said.

Tempering the positive forecast is an increasing number of shuttered businesses in downtown areas and Main Street communities throughout the state.

“Berlin is doing a lot better than some of our other smaller towns,” he said.

In many instances, small communities with just a few vacant storefronts suffer irreparably.

“We have a choice, we can either accept empty storefronts as the new status quo or we can see it as an opportunity for growth and renewal,” he said.

Hogan said the state has now reached a significant crossroads as the covid-19 state of emergency is lifted.

“Despite the unprecedented challenges ... the mission of our state government continues to be trying to keep Maryland open for business,” he said.

In total, Maryland has provided \$2.1 billion in emergency assistance for residents and small businesses struggling to stay afloat financially during the pandemic.

“This year we enacted the RELIEF Act, a \$1.45 billion package with the largest tax cut in state history to help struggling ... families and small businesses,” he said.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Gov. Larry Hogan makes his point to Berlin Mayor Zach Tyndall, while shadowed by Town Council members Shaneka Nichols and Jack Orris in conversation with Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) during a morning stroll down Main Street on Monday.

Project Restore, which is being administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, looks to provide financial incentives for business owners or developers that occupy or revitalize vacant retail properties.

“If you’re a small business that starts operations in a vacant storefront this program will provide you with up to one year of rental subsidies to help offset start up costs,” he said.

Rental grants max out at \$2,500 monthly.

Additionally, investors or developers of vacant commercial storefronts in downtown regions or Main Street corridors will qualify for one year of sales tax rebates of up to \$250,000 annually.

Businesses located in Baltimore City or any of the 149 “Opportunity Zones” statewide are eligible to receive the sales tax relief rebates for an additional year.

“These opportunity zones are fostering a new environment of economic opportunities in areas that need it most,” he said.

Hogan said the intent behind Project Restore is to drive investment through an innovative method to utilize federal relief funds.

“We’re not just committed to fully recovering from the pandemic but committed to coming back stronger and better than ever before,” he said.

Ocean City Development Corporation Executive Director Glenn Irwin said both the resort and Berlin are designated Main Street communities and have designated opportunity zones.

Irwin said one positive end is that Project Restore is providing rental assistance and sales tax rebates.

“It’s primarily looking at new businesses, which is interesting because when you look at the Boardwalk and downtown there’s been so many new businesses that came in,” he said. “That actually had to do with the number that didn’t return after last year.”

Traditionally, the initial year in operation provides the greatest challenges for most retail establishments.

“That first year is touchy,” he said. “I think his approach is right on because there have been so many new businesses coming online.”

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Black Eyed Susan debut attracts hundreds

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(July 1, 2021) More than 500 people accepted Snow Hill's community invitation to board the Black Eyed Susan riverboat on June 22 and see for themselves the paddlewheel-driven vessel that local officials hope will be a cornerstone of the town's economy for years to come.

"It garnered a lot of excitement," said Town of Snow Hill spokeswoman Jeré Johnson. "A lot of the feedback we're getting ... people are excited about the boat. They're ready to sail. It looks so naturally placed on the river and, our town being so historic, seeing an original paddleboat on the banks of our river is exciting."

Residents were able to take in renovations that kept the 111-foot, two-story, 149-passenger paddlewheel boat at Murtech Marine in Salisbury in recent months. Those improvements included plexiglass windows, new carpeting and a renovated kitchen and bar on the second floor.

Johnson pointed out the wrought-iron spiral staircase connecting the two floors, the lower-level bar and the buffets.

Johnson said that the boat is still not quite ready to sail: it must complete a multitude of inspections, including those by the Coast Guard and state Health Department, but the town



More than 500 people took in Snow Hill's Black Eyed Susan riverboat on June 22, during an informal open house. The paddlewheel-driven vessel just concluded an extended stay at Murtech Marine in Salisbury where it underwent various renovations and repairs. Town officials and the boat's operator, Jim Washington, hope the Black Eyed Susan will be able to take its maiden voyage in approximately six weeks.

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wanted to satisfy some of the simmering curiosity about the vessel.

The boat will be leased and operated by Jim Washington, who used to own Tavern on Green Streets and currently owns a catering business.

The current estimate for when the final hurdles to be passed is six weeks, Washington said.

"We're hoping that's it before we can sail," Johnson said. "We have nine inspections that have to happen — all of

the different entities of the county and some drills in the river.

Washington said that he has secured an interim captain for the remainder of this year and is in the process of hiring a full-time captain for the 2022 tourist season.

"We are entertaining captains, but the problem is we (operate) May 1 through Nov. 1," Washington explained. "Hiring a captain now for the 20 or so runs we're going to have for those ... it's

difficult getting that done and getting them the pay they're used to."

Washington said there will be more events while the boat is going through the last of its obstacles before it can operate.

"We will have more of (this kind of thing) but we can't do anything right now," Washington said. "It was really nice taking the kids to the wheelhouse, pilothouse and having them sit in the captain's chair."

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Dutch ships bike jersey back home

Longtime OP resident from Limburg looking forward to visiting native land in future

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 1, 2021) Ocean Pines bicycle enthusiast Roelof "Dutch" Oostven is already highly anticipating the 70th anniversary next year of Club Kampioen, a bicycle riding group he helped form in his native Limburg.

Born in Oct. 1931, Oostven was one of seven siblings reared in Eygelshoven, a village outside Limburg in the southernmost province of the Netherlands.

His idyllic childhood was shattered when the German Nazi army invaded his homeland in May 1940 during WWII.

"I lived half a mile from the German border," he said.

Although infamous for stealing wealth and artworks from conquered regions, German soldiers were also quick to loot the homes of average citizens, Oostven said.

After recently shipping his 1953 Club Kampioen jersey overseas to the son of a former riding buddy in the midst of forming a bicycle museum in his native Limburg, Roelof "Dutch" Oostven was amazed to learn local media in the Netherlands picked up the story.

GREG ELLISON/
BAYSIDE GAZETTE

izens, Oostven said.

Oostven said in defiance of military orders, and at great personal risk, his father managed to hide a relatively expensive bicycle purchased for his wife.

"The Nazis took everything," he said. "We didn't even have pots and pans."

Hitler's occupation of his home village ended in Sept. 1944 when U.S. forces liberated the region from German control.

After the war ended, Oostven spent his teenage years working for a bicycle repair shop near his hometown.

"I worked at a bicycle shop for \$2.40 an hour and two meals a day," he said.

Unlike modern-era road bikes, Oostven pumped the wheels on a nearly 30-pound behemoth.

"I did summer riding tours," he said.

In fact, the idle time peddling through Northern Europe afforded Oostven numerous memorable encounters with locals.

"In small villages on the way ... people would let us in their homes to change clothes," he said.

Invariably the stopovers evolved into a dinner invitation.

"They would feed us and we would feast," he said.

Prior to emigrating to the U.S. in the early 1950s, Oostven helped establish a bicycle club in his native land.

A year after he retired and relocated to Ocean Pines in 1993, former club members, whom he hadn't seen in decades, contacted Oostven once they uncovered his whereabouts.

In 1994, Oostven returned home for a reunion with old teammates.

"I traveled 12,000 miles for five minutes of glory," he said.

Over the last quarter century, Oostven has worked diligently to repair bicycles, with the bulk intended for children in need during the holidays.

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club and the Ocean Pines Fire Department have joined Oostven in the effort.

After recently learning a bike-riding connection was establishing a museum in the Netherlands, Oostven dug out his original Club Kampioen uniform to bolster the collection.

"I sent him my 1953 jersey," he said.

While plans are still being made, Oostven is hoping to journey home next year to mark the bike club's 70th anniversary.

"I've sent a lot of bike items to the Netherlands," he said.



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In addition, the appellants seek a Variance from Section 108-715 (1) b., to reduce the required width of each dwelling from 18 feet wide to the designed 16 feet in width.

Both appeals will be heard during the Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals meeting to be held Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM, in the second floor Mayor and Council Chambers of Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin, MD.

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SPORTS RECOGNITION

Five Worcester Prep seniors earned commemorative plaques for lettering in three sports each of their four Upper School years. Pictured, from left, are Mason Brown, CC Lizas, Graham McColgan, Sophia Ludt and Brugh Moore.



Worcester Prep student-athletes earning accolades for their performances during the spring sports season, in front, from left, are Natasha Richter (varsity tennis Most Improved), Caitlin Williams (varsity lacrosse Coaches Award), Claire Windrow (varsity lacrosse Most Improved), Myranda Beebe (varsity lacrosse MVP), Sumira Sehgal (varsity tennis MVP, singles champ, ESIAC Player of the Year), Summer Walker (varsity tennis Coaches Award); and in back, Graham McColgan (varsity lacrosse Coaches Award), Ryan Brafman (varsity tennis Coaches Award), Anders Taylor (varsity lacrosse Most Improved), Joseph Schwartz (varsity tennis MVP, singles champ, ESIAC Player of the Year), Graham McCabe (varsity tennis Most Improved) and Hunter Gentry (varsity lacrosse MVP).

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Worcester Prep student-athletes who received Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference honors for their performances during the spring sports season, in front, from left, are Annie Carter, Reagan Sterrs (honorable mention), Myranda Beebe, Caitlin Williams, Brooke Emeigh, Morgan Schoch, Sumira Sehgal, Summer Walker, Lebbey Becker; middle row, Graham McColgan, Austin Airey, Ryan Brafman, Hunter Gentry, Riley Schoch, Harrison Humes, and Graham McCabe; and in back, Brice Richins, Jack Gardner, Joseph Schwartz, Ian Lewis, Brugh Moore, and Connor Carpenter. Not pictured: Claire Williams and Tristan Weinstein (honorable mention).

Community Briefs

Scholarships

During its general membership meeting on June, the Women's Club of Ocean Pines awarded four \$1,000 scholarships to seniors from Stephen Decatur High School.

Donna Potenza, chair of the Scholarship Committee, presented the awards to Rafe Grant Parson, Brooklyn Pugner, Grace Watson and Kathrine Elizabeth Wrench, in recognition of their academic achievements, extracurricular involvement and dedication to their community.

New students

The following Stephen Decatur High School graduates have enrolled at McDaniel College as members of the Class of 2025:

Eileen Eslin of Berlin, plans to study cinema; Lauren Stull of Berlin, plans to study art; Luke Thomas of Ocean City; and Jordan Milbourne of Berlin, plans to study criminal justice.

McDaniel offers access to both Baltimore and Washington, D.C., plus a European campus in Budapest, Hungary.

Initiated

Several Worcester County residents were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

Madison Fritz of Berlin, Fritz was initiated at James Madison University, and Blaine Mason and Zach Davis of Berlin, and Veda Nowowieski of Ocean City at Salisbury University; Erica Lehner of Ocean City, University of Maryland, Baltimore;

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Gibson releases first novel after losing feline

Ocean Pines resident pens book about ‘Gangsta Kitty’ named Verdell Katmandu

By **Brendan Miller**
Intern

(July 1, 2021) Local philanthropist and former musician, Stan Gibson, has released his first book, “The Adventures of Verdell Katmandu – Gangsta Kitty.”

Gibson has been a resident of Delmarva since 1984, and currently lives in Ocean Pines. He had always wanted to write a book, but the recent passing of his cat, Verdell, inspired him to finally do it.

The story takes the reader through the life of Verdell, a cat with immune issues who smokes catnip and runs online gambling scams. Gibson recently adopted another cat named Cobby and plans to write a sequel to his first book.

“The book keeps Verdell’s memory alive, and even though the cat in the book talks, he is Verdell,” Gibson said.

Verdell was a stray cat that Gibson and his girlfriend, Deborah, took home and nursed back to health.

Gibson has sold roughly 250 copies of his book, which costs \$22.50. It is available at Verdellkatmandu.com, Greyhound Books in Berlin and the Worcester County Humane Society Thrift Store in West Ocean City.

The book is 208 pages long and a portion of sales will be donated to the Worcester County Humane Society, a no-kill shelter in Berlin.



Stan Gibson

Gibson’s charity work goes beyond donating proceeds from “The Adventures of Verdell Katmandu – Gangsta Kitty.”

Gibson hosts an annual event called “Stanstock,” where musicians perform live for two days in order to bring people together and raise money for charitable causes. All of the net proceeds are given to the “Nicole Van Horn Trust Fund” and “Catch A Lift” foundations, supporting cancer research.

Gibson has been able to get 75 volunteers to continue to work the event over the years, dating back to the first “Stanstock” in October of 2013. Roughly 2,000 people have attended the event over the years, but Gibson hopes “Stanstock” will continue growing.

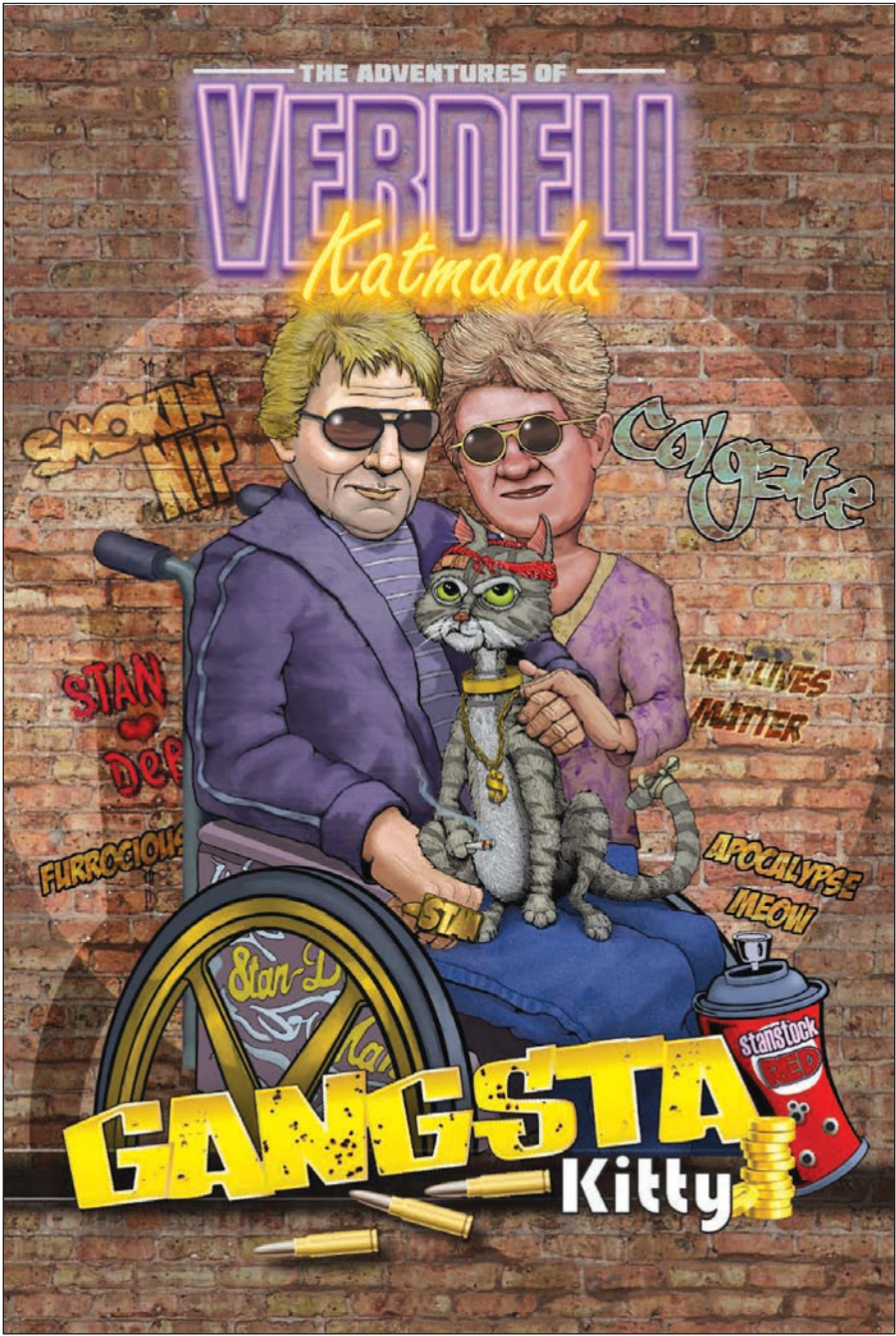
The two-day event will take place Sept. 11 and 12 and will feature 35 bands and musicians. The event will be held at River Watch Restaurant & Marina, 207 Nanticoke Road, Essex, Maryland 21221.

“This all started after I created a Facebook page called ‘Baltimore bands from the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s’, which has grown to 8,000 members,” Gibson said.

Gibson is a former musician, who played the saxophone up until a surgery that left him in a wheelchair. His passion for music and community engagement are major reason for Stanstock’s success.

“Even though I am wheelchair bound with physical limitations, my ability to help others is unaffected,” Gibson added.

The website Stanstock.org has all of the event’s details and information about its history.



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Hagerstown

Jonathan “Bubba” Monroe passed away suddenly on Friday, June 25, 2021, in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Born on May 5, 1971 in Bethesda, Maryland, he is survived by his mother, Pamela Jean Wadler (Jeffrey) of Ocean Pines, Maryland, and father, Timothy James Monroe, (Georgia) of Frederick, Maryland; and biological father, John Patrick McKnight, Hagerstown, Maryland; and longtime partner, Michele Smith-Johnson of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Also surviving, Jonathan Philip (Nate) Monroe Jr. of Champlin, Minnesota; Andrew Tyler Monroe of Waterford, New York; Jon also helped to raise, Alan (Roll) Lawrence of Salisbury, Amaya Seltzer of Salisbury, Essence Smith, US Navy, Hawaii, and Josiah Johnson of Hagerstown, Maryland.

There are four grandchildren, Kaitley Isabella Monroe, Khloe Nayva-Ann Monroe, Kash Philip Monroe, Kwynn Jean Monroe and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles whom he loved so much.

Jon also left behind two sisters, Veronica Monroe Bishop, Salisbury, Maryland and Melissa Anne Monroe, Berlin, Maryland.

He was preceded in death by biological siblings, Christina Jean McKnight and John P. McKnight, Jr.

At the time of his death, Jon had worked as a union carpenter in West Virginia.

Jon was so charismatic, he had such incredible energy. It was almost a palpable current of electricity in the air when you stood in his presence.

His main goal in life was to live it to its fullest and that is exactly what he did. Jon was dichotomy personified, underneath the fun loving surface was a deep and complex man with great passion and insight.

Rest in peace Bubba. We are keeping it “dizzy wit da love” here.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2021 from 2-4 p.m. at Burbage Funeral Home, 108 Williams Street Berlin, Maryland. A gathering of family and friends will follow, at a location to be announced.

In lieu of flowers a donation in his memory may be made to: Bikers without Borders, 10656 Bishopville Road #296, Bishopville, Maryland 21813, Venmo@BWOB-21; or Believe in Tomorrow Children’s House by the Sea, 13 66th St., Ocean City, Maryland 21842, <https://believeintomorrow.z2systems.com/np/clients/believeintomorrow/donation>.

Letters of condolence may be sent via: www.burbagefuneralhome.com.



Jonathan Monroe

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sional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Graduates

Maggie Bunting, of Ocean City, graduated from the University of Tampa on Saturday, May 8, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Advertising and Public Relations.

Earns degree

The following Worcester County residents earned degrees from University of Maryland Global Campus:

Manuel Isaias Perez of Ocean City, Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security; Melanie Wooldridge of Berlin, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; Megan J. Keane of Berlin, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Pamela Tenny Wenninger of Ocean Pines, Master of Science in Accounting and Information Systems; and John

Richard O’Brien of Bishopville, Master of Science in Data Analytics.

Dean’s list

A number of Worcester County residents were named to the dean’s list this year at their respective schools.

The students include:
Ryan Sauer of Ocean City, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, Widener University of Philadelphia; Katrina Harrell of Ocean City, majoring in Nursing, Widener University of Philadelphia; Lily Belle Baker of Berlin, majoring in Elementary Education in the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions (ENHP) University of Hartford; Victoria S. Kerkovich, Bishopville, B.A. in Anthropology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Kathryn Dennis of Ocean City, and Erin Hurley of Berlin, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, the National Public Honors College; Devin Wallace of Berlin, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Honors list

Shea Griffin, of Berlin, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University’s Florham Campus in Madison, New Jersey, has been named to the honors list for the spring 2020 semester.

To qualify for the honors list, a student must carry a 3.5 or better

grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses).

Concordia University Wisconsin officials released the fall honors list for the 2020-2021 academic year, which included Jacob Leitner of Ocean City, Social Studies Brd Fld- Ed. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.60 GPA.

President’s list

The University of Hartford announce Lily Belle Baker of Berlin has been named to its president’s honors list for fall 2020.

The list is made up of students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher in the semester. This is the GPA that must be sustained over a full undergraduate career to qualify for a degree summa cum laude.

Recognition

Audrey Stearns of Berlin, has been placed on the Dean’s Commendation List for outstanding academic achievement in the fall 2020 semester at Gettysburg College.

Students with a quality point average in the range of 3.300 to 3.599 for a semester’s work are placed on the list.

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NEW SHOW

Frontier Town Texas Trick Riders pose for a photo. Daily shows are held at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and are free and open to the public.



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The Texas Trick Riders will perform three shows per day, seven days a week through Labor Day at Frontier Town RV Resort & Campground's Western Experience Arena, off Route 611 in Berlin.

Berlin Bathtub Races return to town July 9

(July 1, 2021) Many people love taking time out in the bathtub, but few have experienced the thrill of racing one. Those who have dreamed of taking the tub for a spin, however, will have the opportunity when the Berlin Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Bathtub Races on July 9.

Aside from the novelty of it all, racing a tub allows businesses to advertise themselves to a crowd bent on having fun.

The Welcome Center at 14 S. Main Street Berlin, will allow access to their parking lot all day for parking bathtubs. Teams will meet at 5:30 p.m. for check-in, inspection and rules. The parade will begin at 6 p.m., with races starting at 6:15 p.m.

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services will set up a Kid Zone with arts and crafts projects that will allow children to create clothespin puppets and spin art snails. There will also be craft bags available for them to take home, plus downtown shopping and dining will be available.

For more information on the Bathtub Races visit the Berlin Chamber Office website at <https://berlinchamber.org/events/bathtub-races/> or call 410-641-4775.

Worcester County Govt. offices will be closed Monday

(July 1, 2021) Worcester County Government (WCG) offices, including all five Branch Libraries, Central Landfill, and Homeowner Convenience Centers, will be closed Monday, July 5.

The Worcester County Recreation Center will be closed July 3-5.

All WCG offices will resume standard hours of operation on Tuesday, July 6.

For more information on WCG hours of operation, visit www.co.worcester.md.us.

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Opinion

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Democracy is messy, in OP and everywhere

The Ocean Pines Association’s Strategic Planning Committee is overlooking one of the basic elements of the electoral process as its members wonder how to reduce the turmoil inherent in board of directors turnover.

Ranking this turnover and occasional election campaign nastiness as one of the association’s greatest weaknesses, committee members forget that democracy is an exceptionally messy business that can’t be “fixed” by anything other than making it less democratic.

As our divided national circumstance makes painfully evident, the problem with democratic elections is not the institution, it’s the participants,

The purpose of the process, after all, it not to produce a better government, or one that’s harmonious or effective, or one that doesn’t leave voters feeling anxious before and after the ballots have been counted.

The only reason for democratic elections is to provide for the creation of a governing body by majority vote within an established framework. Again, as the great national divide illustrates, whether that governing body is good or bad is subject to debate.

Although it can be argued that changing the length of directors’ terms might lead to more stability on the board, the committees’ board liaison, Dr. Collette Horn, observed that this would work both ways, and that a bad director serving longer wouldn’t improve anything.

She is also correct in the assertion that experience in association affairs does not guarantee a better director, just like experience in government is not a prerequisite for being elected to Congress or to the presidency, for that matter.

Providing Ocean Pines with a good, stable board of directors is the responsibility of the voters. They can either educate themselves about the candidates and the issues, or not. The results are up to them. To paraphrase a well-known political observation, the government you get is the government you deserve.



AGH continues amassing technology

New phase launched for mobile patient experience program

(July 1, 2021) Atlantic General Hospital and Health System continues to make significant investments in technologies that bring greater ease of use to their patients and families who want to engage with them in the digital environment.

The health care organization recently held a soft launch of the second phase of its mobile patient experience program, which now allows individuals to schedule appointments online with their Atlantic General Health System providers, and more.

The program, which was introduced last fall, features a number of text-based tools that allow for appointment confirmations and reschedule requests, the sharing of self-care instructions post discharge, as well as the ability to provide feedback related to patient care.

Features for Inpatients

- Welcome text message, with a link to an overview of hospital amenities, parking, visitation policies, and other helpful information related to their stay.
- Post-discharge texts with links to patient education/discharge instructions and care summaries.
- Periodic check-in texts, with links to questionnaires customized by disease state, to track patients’ progress after hospitalization and intervene if necessary. (Coming this summer.)
- Features for Outpatients
 - Online appointment scheduling for current patients. Established patients can now schedule directly from the Atlantic General Hospital website. Just go to www.agh.care and click the Book an Appointment icon.
 - Appointment reminders via text, with ability to confirm or request to reschedule.
 - Texted links with care summaries and patient education after each office visit.
 - A waiting list request option, if the available ap-

pointment times don’t meet a patient’s needs. (Coming this summer.)

In the final phase, which is scheduled for completion this summer, individuals will be able to complete new patient paperwork electronically as well as check in for their appointments and pay co-pays with their mobile device. For more information, visit www.agh.care.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset (Maryland) and Sussex (Delaware) counties since May 1993.

The hospital’s state-of-the-art facility in Berlin combines compassion and expertise with the latest in technology and services. Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 25 primary care provider and specialist offices, care for residents and visitors throughout the region.

For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org.

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TROPHY FISH

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club hosted kids of all ages along with parents and grandparents at its annual Teach A Kid to Fish event at the South Pond in Ocean Pines in early June. Young anglers were taught lure and fish identification, knot tying, given casting instruction and basic fishing rules. Fiona Goewey shows her catch.



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Mason and Brooks Lee and their dad learn knot-tying skills from angler Bob Woodward.



Event Chairman Lee Phillips presents a free rod and reel to Melanie Wilckens, whose winning ticket was pulled by her sister, Stacy.
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CRAFTY
The Art League of Ocean City held “Arts Day at the Winery,” a friend-raiser and fundraiser at Windmill Creek Winery and Vineyards in Berlin on June 13. A large crowd attended the all-day event that featured an artisans’ marketplace, live music, arts and crafts, and perfect weather. Pictured is Marisa Longo.

Worcester GOLD seeks donors for '21 annual appeal

(July 1, 2021) Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) is currently seeking donors to support the 2021 Annual Appeal.

Proceeds provide emergency assistance for urgent needs like housing, utilities, and basic needs for children and vulnerable adults.

“Even before the pandemic, 40 percent of Worcester County residents were unable to afford their basic needs,” said Executive Director Nicholas Cranford. “While our community continues to recover, we must remain committed to serving those living with low-income. With your help, we can continue our mission to prevent tragic outcomes for our neighbors in need.”

To donate, send a check to 299 Commerce St, Snow Hill, Maryland; or visit WorcesterGOLD.org.

Worcester County G.O.L.D., Inc. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, provides financial aid and basic needs items for Worcester County residents living in poverty and low-income circumstances.

It believes no member of the community should suffer without access

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In the Castle in the Sand Hotel
37th Street Oceanfront, Ocean City
410-289-6846 / www.castleinthesand.com
July 2: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.;
Colossal Fossil Sauce, 5-9 p.m.
July 3: Aaron Howell Trio, noon to 4 p.m.;
Stratus Fear, 5-9 p.m.
July 4: Rick & Regina, noon to 4 p.m.;
Time Police, 5-9 p.m.
July 5: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.;
Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m.
July 6: Heather Vidal Solo, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Full Circle, 3:30-7:30 p.m.
July 7: Jack Bannon, noon to 3 p.m.;
Marcella Peters Duo, 4-8 p.m.
July 8: Heather Vidal Solo, noon to 3 p.m.;
Smooth Rhythm, 4-8 p.m.

COINS
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July 2: Jimmy Charles Duo, 8 p.m. to midnight
July 3: Jim Long Live, 3-6 p.m.;
John Schwartz, 8 p.m. to midnight
July 4: DJ Wax, 10 a.m.
July 7: DJ Wax, 10 p.m.
July 8: Ricky LaRicci, 5-9 p.m.


JOHNNY'S PIZZA
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July 8: Open Mic Night w/host Troy Hanna, 6-9 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB
101st Street, Ocean City
Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
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Ocean Club
July 2: First Class, 7 p.m. to midnight;
DJ Twitch, 7 p.m. to midnight
July 3-4: First Class, 7 p.m. to midnight
July 5: DJ Twitch, 7 p.m. to midnight
Lenny's Beach Bar
July 2-4: Stephen Anthony, noon-4 p.m.;
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July 5-11: First Class, 4-10 p.m.

OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB
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July 2: Full Circle, 6-10 p.m.
July 3: Tranzfusion, 6-10 p.m.
July 4: Great Train Robbery, 6-10 p.m.
July 8 Beach Bandits, 6-10 p.m.

SEACRETS
49th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900 / www.secrets.com
July 2: Bobby O' on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.;
Jah Works; 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.;
DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
July 3: Bobby O' on De Bay, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
DJ Tuff, noon to 1:50 a.m.;

**STEAL THE SKY**
Seacrets: Friday, July 2, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Shake, Shake, Shake, 1-5 p.m.;
Jah Works, 5-9 p.m.;
Cherry Crush, 9 to 1:30 a.m.;
DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
Smashed, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
July 4: Bobby O' on De Bay, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Jah Works, 1-5 p.m.; Triple Rail Turn, 5-9 p.m.;
DJ Tuff 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
Stealing Savannah, 9 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
Independence Day Fireworks!, 9:30-10 p.m.;
DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
The Event Horizon, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
July 5: Bobby O' on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.;
S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
Lima Bean Riot, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
July 6: Bobby O' on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Opposite Directons, 5-9 p.m.;
S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;

**FIRST CLASS**
Ocean Club: Friday, July 2, 7 p.m. to midnight
DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
Lima Bean Riot, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
July 7: Bobby O' on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.;
S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
Shake, Shake, Shake, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
July 8: Bobby O' on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
John McNutt Band, 5-9 p.m.;
Adwela & The Uprising, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
Go Go Gadjet, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.;
DJ Tuff, 10:00 p.m.

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Snapshots



ARTS DAY
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Pictured, above, is Jonathan and Renee Nordstrom. Pictured, left, is Grace Anne Franks of Salisbury.
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SCHOLARSHIPS
Four Stephen Decatur High School students were presented with scholarships in the amount of \$6,000 by the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club. Pictured, from left, are Trent Ortega (Advanced Technical Institute), Kellen Catrino (Salisbury University), Lauren Kemp (Salisbury University) and Ericka Holdren (University of Maryland at College Park).
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RAFFLE
The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City will be selling its “Lottery Raffle” tickets every week at the Saturday Ocean Pines Farmers Market, through the end of the year from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. One thousand tickets numbered #000 through #999 will be sold for \$20 each, entitling the purchaser 365 chances to win all year in 2022, based on the Maryland “Pick 3” daily evening drawing. Funds raised benefit local youth. Pictured are Tom Southwell and his wife, Barbara.
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Candidate virtual forum set for July 13 at 7p.m. in OP

(July 1, 2021) The Ocean Pines Elections Committee will host a candidate forum on Tuesday, July 13, for candidates for the 2021 Board of Directors election.

The forum, the second this election season, is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse on 100 Clubhouse Drive.

Candidates this year are, in ballot order, Frank Daly, Stuart Lakernick, David C. Hardy and Richard Farr.

Two seats on the board will be up for election this year. Those are currently held by Daly and Frank Brown. The seven-member volunteer board is the governing body of Ocean Pines.

To submit questions for the forum, email elections@oceanpines.org.

The first forum was held on June 9 and is now viewable on the Ocean Pines YouTube channel, <https://youtu.be/x71qsDXIBYL>.

The second forum will be recorded and posted to the Ocean Pines YouTube channel and website, www.oceanpines.org.

Important upcoming election dates are:

- Thursday, July 8 - Eligibility deadline to receive a ballot.
- Week of July 12 - Ballots mailed to all Association members in good standing.
- Wednesday, Aug. 11 - Ballot deadline (by 4 p.m.)
- Friday, Aug. 13 — Ballots counted and totals announced - 10 a.m. (Board Room, Ocean Pines Administration Building)
- Saturday, Aug. 14 - Election results validated at 9 a.m. during the annual meeting of membership in the Assateague Room at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Worcester GOLD seeks backers for appeal campaign

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to basic needs like housing, utilities, food, clothing, and items for children and vulnerable adults. 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 Cranford at Nicholas.Cranford@maryland.gov or 443-235-6525, visit www.Worcester-GOLD.org, or email WorcesterCountyGOLD@gmail.com. Check out Worcester GOLD on Facebook and Instagram.



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HORNTASTIC

Ocean Pines Summer Concert Series in White Horse Park kicked off last week with the horn-laden Uptown Band, and runs every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. through Aug. 19, with blues rockers the Beach Bandits slated to perform on July 1.

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Thurs., July 1

CPAP MASK FITTING
Atlantic General Hospital, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointment required: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

BEACH PATROL ROOKIE GRADUATION
Ocean City Beach, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 7:30-9 a.m. Rookie Graduation is a great spectator event as people can watch from the beach and pier.
<https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/emergency-services/beach-patrol/beach-patrol-calendar>, 410-289-7556

FAMILY BEACH GAMES
Carousel Hotel, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free interactive fun for the whole family. Games include sand castle contests, tug-of-war, relays and more. Parents must stay with their children. Weather permitting.
<http://www.ococean.com>.

CONCERT IN THE PARK
Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 7-8:30 p.m. Featuring natives, “Mercy for the Mockingbird,” rock and alternative hits. Pack a picnic and bring lawn chairs. Admission is free.
downtownpocomoke.com, 410-957-1333, Ext. 111

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Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “Eclipse” (Journey tribute). Admission to the park is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. Bring your own seating. <http://www.ocdc.org>, 410-289-7739

Fri., July 2

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Sturgis Park, Snow Hill, 5-9 p.m. Games and activities set up downtown (including corn hole, a bounce house, and a bike parade) as well as a DJ and cash bar. Food vendors, cash bar and DJ in the park. Fireworks will be set off at dark. 410-334-0104

FIRST FRIDAY ART OPENINGS
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Art shows will also be taking place at the Princess Royale Oceanfront and Coffee Beanery. The public is invited free of charge. Refreshments served.

410-524-9433, www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org

MOVIE ON THE BEACH
27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring “The War with Grandpa.” Weather permitting. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

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., July 3

BBQ CHICKEN PLATTER FUNDRAISER
American Legion #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 11 a.m. BBQ Chicken Platter costs \$9 and includes 1/2 BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans and a dinner roll. Open to the public. 410-641-3760

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., July 4

10TH ANNUAL FREEDOM 5K
Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 8-11 a.m. Pre-registration, \$25, is open through July 2. Visit www.raceentry.com/races/ocean-pines-association-freedom-5k/2021/register. Day-of registration, \$35, starts at 7:15 a.m. www.oceanpines.org, 410-641-7052

ANNUAL HOT DOG EATING CONTEST
Fish Tales Bar and Grill, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, 12-2 p.m. Open to any Ocean City business employee. Registration fee is \$10. Cash prize of \$1,000. Spectator seating available until 4 p.m. Register: Fish Tales or Bahia Marina Tackle Shop. www.ocfishtales.com, 410-289-0990

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION
Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 5-8:45 p.m. Featuring carnival games, dry slides and bounce houses for children, live music and food and drink vendors. Children’s wristbands are \$7. Admission is free. Fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Rain date is July 5. 410-641-

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JULY 4TH MUSIC & FIREWORKS - UPTOWN
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 9:30-10 p.m. Come celebrate the Nation’s birthday. 410-250-0125

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Mon., July 5

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Meeting in-person and via conference call. For call-in option, dial 605-472-5789, wait for voice command, then press 944874. Support and educational group. Rose Campion, 443-880-8884

MOVIE ON THE BEACH
27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring “Trolls World Tour.” Weather permitting. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>.

DELMARVA HAND DANCE
Tuesdays - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM.
delmarvahanddance@gmail.com, <https://delmarvahanddancing.com>

Tues., July 6

FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 10-11 a.m. A collaboration between local worship centers and AGH to promote health awareness, education and healthy living for our community. Gail Mansell, 410-641-9725 or gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org

PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP
The Macky & Pam Stansell House Coastal Hospice, 1500 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 3:15-4 p.m. Group provides discussions and mutual support, as well as education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques and more. To reserve, Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765, kkinnikin@atlantic-general.org

FAMILY BEACH GAMES
27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free interactive fun for the whole family. Games include sand castle con-

tests, tug-of-war, relays and more. Parents must stay with their children. Weather permitting. <http://www.ococean.com>

Wed., July 7

MOVIE ON THE BEACH
Carousel Hotel, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30-11:59 p.m. Featuring “Cats and Dogs 3: Paws Unite!” Weather permitting. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

ONGOING EVENTS

36TH ANNUAL OCEAN PINES-TAYLOR BANK GOLF SCRAMBLE
Ocean Pines Golf Club, July 14 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament benefits junior golf in the area and raises funds for scholarships. Entry fee is \$100, which includes greens fee, cart, team prizes, men’s and ladies’ closest-to-the-pin prizes, door prizes, continental breakfast, on-course refreshments and lunch. Entry fee is \$60 for Ocean Pines Golf members. Entry deadline is July 7. Entry and sponsorship forms: <http://oceanpines.org>. Fees may be mailed to Ocean Pines Golf Members’ Council, P.O. Box 1356, Berlin, Maryland 21811. Make checks payable to “Ocean Pines Golf Members Council.” Info: Steve Howse, 571-239-8469

MAC’S WEEKEND SUMMER FUN DAYS
Purchase discounted pass cards for Jolly Roger Amusement Park in Ocean City. The passes can be used on any Saturday or Sunday through Aug. 29 and are good for Splash Mountain Water Park, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; miniature golf, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and amusement rides, 2-6 p.m. Pass cards cost \$35 for adults (ages 2 years and younger are admitted free). Proceeds benefit MAC’s health and wellness programs. To order a pass card, call 410-742-0505 or at <https://macinc.org/jolly/roger/>.

DAILY AQUARIUM PROGRAM
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, south end of the Boardwalk, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Monday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m., through Aug. 31. Discover the wildlife that inhabits our ocean and coastal bays, as you watch the aquarium animals eat their morning meal. 410-289-4991, <https://www.ocmuseum.org>.

OC LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM PROGRAMS
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, south end of the Boardwalk, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m., through Aug. 28. All programs are free. Featuring “History of our Surfman” on Mondays, “Beach Safety” on Tuesdays, “Knot Tying” on Wednesdays, “All About Sharks” on Thursdays, “Land Sky & Sea” on Fridays, and “Aquarium Feeding on Saturdays. 410-289-4991, <https://www.ocmuseum.org>.

Cuisine

Suplee provides recipe for lobster bisque

Reprint from July, 2, 2020

I have a problem; an addiction, as it were. I love lobsters. I have been cooking them since 1984 in Annapolis.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

On an aside, in 1983 I was not allowed to touch them, as the managers at the Chart House feared my impulsive nature at 15 years old.

They knew all too well that I would be chasing the waitresses around the dining room with the biggest one I could find.

Be that as it may, any time that a local fisherman like Capt. Sonny throws up the Bat Signal that they have lobsters, I run down to the commercial harbor. And after obtaining 20 or so pounds of these lovely sea spiders from Skilligalee Seafood, I head straight to the restaurant to play.

The problem is that I rarely make any money on the blasted things because I eat most of them over the period of a few days. And therein lies the rub.

Grilled Lobster Amatriciana, Lobster Thermidor, Lobster Salad, Butter-Poached Lobster, Lobster Deviled Eggs, Lobster Bisque, Fried Lobster Tail and so on. Man, I can't get enough of the stuff.

OK, Paul. Settle Down. Breathe. Breathe.

Lobsters are the pinnacle of seafood for me, and the price dictates that, of course only being rivaled by Dover sole or some expensive caviar, but I don't care too much for those. I digress.

What makes lobster such an expensive commodity is its yield.

Get ready for this, because the yield of usable product on a lobster is a whopping 25 percent. Think about that.

When you think you just got a great deal on lobster at the store when you bought a chick (one pound) for only \$10, you really just paid \$40 per pound for the lobster meat.

This hurts me to the soul when I teach this to my students at Wor-Wic, but it is the truth. This is the way of it, as has been written countless times.

As such, we need to get as much out



of the shell as possible, whether it be squeezing the smallest parts of meat from the walking legs, or getting that priceless lobster stock from those beautiful shells.

We must get everything we can from these pricey arthropods, and it is well worth it in the long haul.

The moral of the story is that I bought a cooler full of lobsters from Sonny and Jeanene and headed back to boxcar40 to play.

Surprisingly, I was able to sell a fair amount ... well, the amount that I have not eaten yet, and it was great to show cooks how to par-cook, shell and pick them. All in all, we were able to put together some delicious dishes.

My favorite, though, was the lobster bisque. This is a classic soup that is rarely matched by any other.

It is rich yet surprisingly manageable on a summer day. Served in a smaller-than-usual portion, you can top it off with lobster meat and even a fried quail egg if you want to be extra Gucci about it. Or is it bougie (boujee)? I think that's what the kids say these days. I don't know.

Now, if you will excuse me, I have to go make a lobster omelet to pair with my lobster salad and lobster quiche before I get ready to go in to work. Seriously, why

can't I make any money on these blasted lobsters?

Lobster Bisque

makes about 1 gallon

Picked shells from 4 lobsters
meat from said lobsters chopped and refrigerated

6 Tbsp. Clarified butter
1 lg. Red onion, course chunks
2 carrots, peeled and chunked
4 ribs celery, in chunks
1 can tomato paste
1 c. Dry white wine
Water or shellfish stock to cover
1 qt. Heavy cream
12 oz. Roux
2 tsp. Thyme leaves
2 tsp. Tarragon
1 c. brandy, or to taste
Salt & Pepper, to taste

• Heat the butter and brown the shells for a few minutes.

• Add the onion, carrot and celery and cook until they have some color.

• Add the tomato paste and once again cook it all until it has some color. This is a very important part of the process, as the flavor development is key in the finished product.

• Add the wine and cook for a minute and top it off with the water or shellfish

stock. An easy flavor addition here would be to add some chicken stock, but you need to be aware of your audience. You would not want to serve this to a pescatarian.

• Simmer this concoction for about an hour to an hour and a half.

• Strain the stock and smash the shells to extract any and all flavors. Traditionally, you can mash the shells through a food mill or even run some through a blender which will extract even more flavor and color. This is optional.

• Bring the stock back to a simmer and add the cream, adjusting this as to the amount of liquid that actually came out of the pot.

• Thicken this with the roux and add remaining ingredients. There can be a lot of adjustment at this phase, which is one of my favorite parts of making soup. Natural ingredients vary in flavor and it becomes our task to work accordingly.

• Serve with paprika garnish, or chives or even a quail egg. Top it off with the chopped lobster meat.

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

Visit him at www.boxcar40.com.

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Puzzles

FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS

BY MICHAEL LIEBERMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Michael Lieberman is an appellate attorney in Washington, D.C., currently on parental leave after the birth of his first child. Although this puzzle isn't Father's Day-themed, he says it's nice that his first Sunday puzzle will run on his first Father's Day as a father. About five years ago, he and his wife started solving the Sunday Times crossword together, first on paper, then on a tablet. Michael now does the Times puzzle every day. His wife, though, favors the Spelling Bee. — W.S.

ACROSS
1 Home for the Devil
6 Fairy-tale villain
10 Ballet-inspired fitness method
15 Web designer's code
19 Dream interrupter, maybe
20 Pitcher Hershisier
21 They might dog a dog
22 "___ there!"
23 Prisoner accidentally causes a power outage?
26 Police unit, informally
27 "Hoo boy!"
28 "Your guess is as good as mine"
29 Small songbirds
30 In a manner of speaking
31 Kind
33 Year, in Brazil
34 Cherokee and Navajo
37 Southern university beefs up campus security?
42 Unlike bread on Passover
45 Pierce-Arrow competitor
46 Popular Hyundai
47 "O mio babbino caro," e.g.
48 Key part: Abbr.
50 Keenness of judgment
53 Chinese zodiac animal
54 Fellow imposes a strict palm fruit regimen?

DOWN
59 Something that can be tried or cracked
60 Dead giveaway?
61 Put away some groceries?
62 ___ school
63 Convenient transport through urban traffic
64 Go bad
65 One seeing things with a critical eye?
67 ___ cannon (sci-fi weapon)
68 Good spice to add to guacamole (try it!)
71 Wizard of ___ (nickname for a good massage therapist)
72 U.F.C. fighting style
73 Heretics flout them
77 Early Ron Howard role
78 Actress de Armas writes "Mr. Gas" and "Ms. Rag"?
82 World's best-selling musical artists of 2020
83 Target of a pop-up blocker
84 Financial planning option, for short
85 Like the verse "Roses are red, violets are blue ...," in brief
86 Body of water that's home to the world's largest marine reserve
88 The Cougars of the N.C.A.A.
91 New York has 28 of them
94 Smartphone advises on poker bets?

ACROSS
98 High-hat attitude
99 "Told you so"
100 Off-road ride, for short
101 Org. whose plans are up in the air?
104 Georgia-based insurance giant
106 Unnamed somebody
109 Ones making you duck down?
111 Kinks song that Weird Al Yankovic parodied as "Yoda"
112 Doctor acquires antibiotics?
115 A short one by Ogden Nash reads "Parsley/is gharsley"
116 Macabre illustrator Edward
117 One kind of plastic
118 Indian wedding adornment
119 Even ___
120 Connecticut-based insurance giant
121 Break
122 Work from Roxane Gay or Jia Tolentino

DOWN
9 Roosevelt credited with saying "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent"
10 Closest of pals, for short
11 Hillary Clinton vis-à-vis Wellesley College
12 Move to a new table, maybe
13 Hip-hop duo ___ Sremmurd
14 What "...," may represent
15 José Martí, by birth
16 Social media pic designed to attract sexual attention
17 False
18 Some strong solutions
24 DuPont patent of 1938
25 Skip it
29 Boston airport
32 Work in the kitchen?
35 Abounded (with)
36 St. Kitts, St. Lucia and St. Vincent
37 Saint on the big screen
38 Pulitzer winner ___ St. Vincent Millay
39 Spur
40 Shake an Etch A Sketch, e.g.
41 Full
42 How kids might describe dad jokes
43 Important stretches
44 "___ Too Proud" (hit musical about the Temptations)
49 Visits overnight
51 Ingredient in a Negroni

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- 52 Sporty trucks, in brief

55 Lots

56 Lets hit it!

57 What "...," may represent

58 ___ March

59 Word that appears with confetti when texted on an iPhone

63 Big name in synthesizers

65 Cardamom-spiced brew

66 !!!
- 67 They may be checked at the door

68 Yoga pose with an arched back

69 "High-five!"

70 Like fuchsia and turquoise

71 Actor Aziz

74 Spanish hand

75 Spanish love

76 Application figs.

78 Practiced

79 Birds' bills

80 What an integral can be used to calculate
- 81 One of the Obamas

83 Jellied garnish

87 Low bows

89 Kind of question

90 Old wheels

92 ___ Park, Colo.

93 Raw deal from a restaurant?

95 Categorize

96 "There's no one on me!"

97 Document with two accents

101 Water clover and adder's-tongue
- 102 Fight setting

103 Purity test

104 Popular dog 105-Down

105 See 104-Down

107 Daughter of Ned Stark on "Game of Thrones"

108 Smelt things?

110 Payment often made around January 1

112 Tour grp.

113 Little eggs

114 Business-card abbr.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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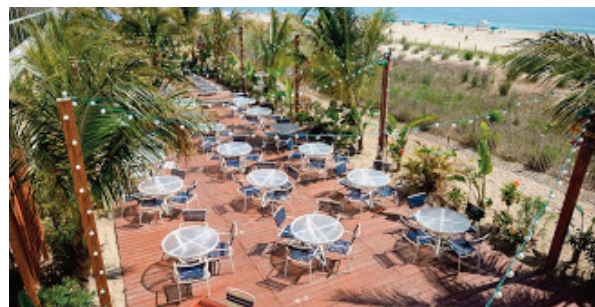
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