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Recreational boaters take a brief dockside detour to fuel up at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club Marina while savoring picture-perfect weather Sunday.

Berlin weighs how to spend federal funds

With millions available now council must develop plan

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 22, 2021) Town of Berlin officials have yet to determine where to direct \$2.4 million in American Rescue Plan funds recently awarded to the municipality, with federal program directives mandating allocations by December 2024 and expenditures prior to December 2026.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood said Berlin is now in receipt of American Rescue Plan money, albeit only a partial sum of the overall allocation.

"We were originally told \$4.06 million but that number has been amended," he said. "We received 50

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Jeff Fleetwood

OP board stays out of election biz

Choice of words leads to hint of election committee unfairness in directors race

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 22, 2021) What was intended to be a closed session meeting Sunday afternoon to discuss whether to respond to accusations of political bias by the Ocean Pines Elections Committee instead turned into a 45-minute open session, with the Board of Directors deciding not to issue a position statement.

The charge of unfairness came after the second candidate forum held last Tuesday, when only incumbent Frank Daly and challenger David Hardy appeared, with Stuart

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Director Tom Janasek, right, takes issue with poor communication between members during a special meeting of the Ocean Pines Association Board on Sunday.

Committee seeks better turnout at annual meeting

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 22, 2021) The Ocean Pines Communications Committee discussed its plans to publicize the current board election and next months annual homeowners' meeting last Thursday, and previewed a tie-in with Worcester County History Week this October.

Marketing and Public Relations Director Josh Davis told committee members an elections webpage has been added to the association's web-

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Board will keep opinions to itself

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Lakernick and Rick Farr unable to attend.

When questioned during the forum why half the field of candidates was absent, Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said Lakernick and Farr had declined to attend.

Farr and Lakernick later posted social media commentary questioning election committee neutrality, with both stating they had not declined but were unable to attend due to schedule conflicts.

Both candidates said the second forum was originally set for June 19, which conflicted with Daly's 50th wedding anniversary, so the date was changed to July 13.

By contrast, Farr said similar considerations were not provided to him in light of a remembrance ceremony for his recently deceased mother scheduled July 13, while Lakernick, a chiropractic functional neurologist, had informed the election committee he was booked to treat a traumatic brain injury patient.

Sunday's special meeting opened on a troubled chord with Director Doug Parks questioning the premise. "There is no reason for us to be having this meeting at this time," he said.

Parks argued that the rationales for holding the meeting to discuss the fairness issue were outside the boundaries of the board.

"I'm not in favor and advise my board colleagues it's not a course action we should be pursuing," he said.

Ocean Pines Association President Larry Perrone quickly disagreed.

"What's new Larry?" Parks said. With tensions simmering, Director Camilla Rogers threatened to walk out of the meeting if civility wasn't exhibited.

"We are not going to yell at each other," she said.

Perrone expounded further, claiming two board candidates had accused the Elections Committee of bias, with the closed sessions discussions intended to consider potential board responses.

"It does fall into the purview of the board," he said. "Integrity of the election is of the utmost importance."

Director Tom Janasek also took exception with the hastily convened special meeting.

"This is the first I've heard of why we're even having this meeting," he said.

Janasek, who largely ignores social media banter, said the last-minute email sent from Perrone to board members contained few details about

the meeting agenda.

"We get a meeting request from you saying, 'I'm having a meeting at this time, if you can't make it sorry,'" he said. "I have a specific issue with the same thing that has been going on now for quite some time, the non-involvement of all seven members of the board."

Further, Janasek also questioned the basis for entering closed session.

"The person who runs the Elections Committee is not an employee," he said. "He's a volunteer ... and as far as I've heard he doesn't want the board involved at all."

If Habeger was not raising the issue, Janasek asked why the board should address online commentary.

"We're never going to control social media," he said. "Having a closed meeting about the election makes us look like we're trying to influence the election."

Rogers, who serves as board liaison to the Elections Committee, sided with Janasek.

"The committee does not want the board involved," she said. "They see themselves as a procedural committee that reports to the board on certain matters."

Rogers also suggested the board would be overstepping its boundaries by inserting its opinion.

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Closed session ends up being open meeting

“We are completely out of line in bringing this to a board meeting today,” she said.

Perrone introduced a motion to enter closed session, which Daly seconded to continue discussions and obtain counsel from association attorney Jeremy Tucker prior to voting.

“What’s the deal with going into closed?” he asked.

Tucker said since the matter pertains to an election process any board response has legal implications.

“Discussion in public session would ultimately do a disservice to what you’re trying to protect ... the integrity of the election,” he said.

Parks questioned the basis for board members to conclude election integrity was at risk.

“If we went into closed session for every comment that was made negative to this board, we’d be in closed session meetings seven days a week,” he said.

Tucker said social media comments raised far fewer legal concerns than any related board response, while also agreeing with a non-action option proposed by Parks.

“One of the solutions would be not to have a meeting at all,” Parks said.

Tucker said the board lacked both a legal requirement to and restriction from responding to claims of election bias.

“The board does have the ability to weigh in if it chooses to do that,” he said, “It’s a committee working under the board.”

Daly asked who holds the responsibility for assuring board elections are free and fair.

In his opinion, Tucker said the Elections Committee should be allowed to handle any procedural matters unless actual issues of bias are at play.

“It is the responsibility of the board to ensure that the procedures that are in place, and the people that are administering those procedures are operating consistent with their responsibilities and directives of the procedures,” he said.

By contrast, Tucker said the board is not obligated to comment on people outside of their oversight.

“The accusations to address are if the Elections Committee are rigging the election,” he said.

Parks reiterated his earlier contention regarding the constant stream of social media commentary.

“I’d like to challenge us to differentiate between a comment versus a directive that has been created to solicit a specific response from the parties involved,” he said.

Perrone, while providing that a precise method is open to debate, said the issue should be addressed to the community.

“When candidates make accusations of bias that takes it to a different level in my mind,” he said.

Daly, who noted the reported charge was not made against the board, suggested the Elections Committee could defend itself.

“The board should assure the Elections Committee message is shared widely,” he said.

Rogers disagreed based on conversations with Habeger and other committee members.

“Taking a defensive posture is not what the committee wants,” she said.

Janasek said Habeger issued a statement addressing the matter one day after the second forum.

“He said exactly what he did and every step he took,” he said.

Director Dr. Colette Horn proposed authorizing Habeger to write a letter to the editor if he was so inclined.

“There are a lot of people that don’t look at social media and get their news from the newspaper still,” she said.

Tucker asked to review any editorial correspondence drafted by Habeger.

With an apparent solution reached, the board voted unanimously against entering closed session.



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Director Doug Parks, right, questions the merits of responding to social media commentary related to the current board election during a special meeting on Sunday.





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Davis said the 2021 election page tab is on the homepage under news and is packed with data such as key dates, candidate forum videos and links to media coverage.

Because of subpar audio, Davis said captions were added to the second candidate forum video taped earlier that week, and also noted residents are now on the verge of casting votes.

“Ballots should go out today or tomorrow,” he said.

To highlight the final countdown to turn in ballots by the Aug. 11 deadline, Davis said association e-blasts will be sent to roughly 8,000 subscribers next month, and will include a banner ad highlighting the election closing.

“We’re just going to saturate and hit them everywhere we can,” he said.

On other publicity fronts, Committee Chair Cheryl Jacobs said election messages were added on the electronic messaging board of a real estate office by the South Gate in Ocean Pines.

The two-line digital scroll included within messaging the tagline, “Your Vote Counts.”

“I was going by kind of fast and didn’t catch it all,” she said.

Committee member Marlene Ott confirmed her office, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty, and Shamrock Realty on Racetrack Road have provided promotional space on their electronic business signs.

“The other one at Shamrock has more information about the election deadline but it’s very difficult to see,” she said.

Jacobs asked board liaison Dr. Collette Horn if a proposal to print general election signs to promote the

contest raised any objections from the board of directors.

Horn said any color schemes selected for election signs should vary from candidate advertisements.

Marketing Coordinator Julie Malinowski offered to coordinate with Ocean Pines Public Works to produce concise messaging with graphics and hues.

Jacobs also revisited a suggestion to include one or two lines about the board election and annual homeowners’ meeting on community marquee signs.

Malinowski said plans include messages on entrance signs at both the North and South gates.

Malinowski said the bulk of remaining marquee signs are under the purview of Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks.

“I can reach out to see if recreation and parks are willing to put it on a couple of marquees,” she said.

Jacobs recommended including a few more kiosks in heavily trafficked areas to promote the election and annual meeting.

“We’re getting a lot of information out about the election for the board and voting but we’ve got to push the annual meeting as well,” she said.

Davis proposed sending out an e-blast during the week before the annual meeting on Aug. 14.

“It’s been three years since we’ve had a quorum,” he said.

Association bylaws require a quorum of at least 100 homeowners in good standing for the annual meeting.

Turning to old business, Malinowski said a date has been proposed to stage an Ocean Pines history panel discussion.

“We have tentatively scheduled a history panel for Oct. 10 [from] 2-4 p.m.,” she said.

The timeframe was selected to coincide with Worcester County History

Week slated for Oct. 10-16.

“It would be a perfect way to tie in,” she said.

Malinowski said the Pines panel event would also gain additional notice as part of the county’s larger history week marketing campaign.

“It’s extra exposure,” she said.

Malinowski said although presentation details are still being developed for several longtime Pines residents have expressed an interest in participating.

Ott said Alta Weiss, who oversaw publication of the Ocean Pines newsletter for many years, is on board for the October event.

“She is an amazing resource,” she said.

Malinowski said the interactive panel discussion would be taped with a video later posted online at the Ocean Pines Academy website.

“We will have a permanent record of this one,” she said.

Money must be spent by Dec. '26

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percent of what we’re going to get.”

The first lump of \$2.4 million was recently deposited in Town of Berlin banking accounts with a comparable amount anticipated in the future.

“We have another \$2.4 million coming, probably this time next year,” he said. “We don’t determine the amounts.”

Fleetwood said town elected officials have until December 2024 to decide on funding directives.

“It must be spent by December 2026,” he said.

Funds not expended by that point would be forfeited.

Fleetwood said the U.S. Department

of the Treasury has provided guidance to municipalities as to qualifying expenses.

“There are limitations like infrastructure needs,” he said.

The list of qualifying projects goes further, according to Fleetwood.

“I can’t tell you all municipalities, but at least the ones I’ve spoken to, it’s all over the map on what folks are doing with it,” he said.

Besides water, sewer or storm water infrastructure needs, other qualifying expenses include employee bonuses.

“The Town of Berlin is not going to be utilizing any of that for employees’ pay, but there are some municipalities that are ... giving employees ... a one-

time bonus,” he said. “We’re not even going to entertain that.”

Ultimately, the mayor and Town Council will be tasked with determining where to direct American Rescue Plan funds.

Still, Fleetwood has several project recommendations to pitch for consideration.

“One thing on my agenda is upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant,” he said.

Other ideas Fleetwood mentioned include installing smart meters for both water and electric utilities.

“Whatever they decide they want to discuss we have until December of 2024 to allocate it,” he said.



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Globe Gastro Theatre General Manager Joe McElroy appears before the Berlin Historic District Commission for a fencing request last week.

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Berlin Historic District gives approval for fence, window

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 22, 2021) Berlin’s Historic District Commission approved extending fencing behind the Globe Theatre and renovating a drive-up window at Mother Flowers during its meeting last Wednesday.

Globe fence

Globe Gastro Theatre General Manager Joe McElroy was given permission to remove, update and extend existing fencing along Gay Street.

Both safety and aesthetic concerns are related to exterior renovations for the Globe located at 12 Broad Street.

“With the amount of traffic I have in that back area, and because of the heat, sunlight and overall look ... I wanted to improve on it,” he said.

McElroy said the revamp would bring the west side of the Globe building up to par with several adjacent properties on Gay Street, which have been revamped in recent years.

Using the Ocean City watering hole Bull on the Beach on 94th Street as a

reference model, McElroy proposed installing a six-foot slotted fence.

“We’ll be able to capitalize on all that space back there,” he said.

Last June, the Historic District Commission approved a request from McElroy for an outdoor dining space next to Gay Street

Bryan and Nicole Brushmiller, who also own Burley Oak Brewing Company, bought the Globe in November 2019 and completed a host of renovations.

McElroy also asked about installing an awning to shade an ice machine, HVAC unit and walk-in cooler.

Among the updates performed on the Globe was removing an existing outdoor shed to repurpose the concrete pad for a walk-in cooler to boost kitchen workspace.

McElroy asked the commission to provide style suggestions for the proposed awning, with his primary focus on functionality.

“It’s just to keep it out of the sun,”

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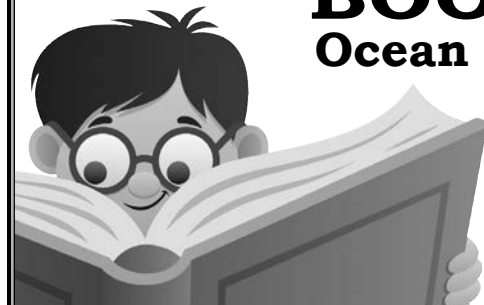
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Daly highlights top issues during OP forum

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 22, 2021) Ocean Pines Director Frank Daly, the sole incumbent running in this years' board election, gave his take on several hot-button topics during the second candidate forum last Tuesday.



Frank Daly

Addressing the issue of personality differences affecting the board's performance, Daly highlighted the annual turnover of two or three members.

After working with three different board lineups, Daly said all have exhibited functional variations.

"Each one has had a different characteristic in terms of people interacting ... and personalities," he said.

Daly said the most effective method to minimize internal conflicts is remaining focused on issues.

"The trick to getting things done is focus on issues, not who brought it to table," he said. "In the industry they refer to that as 'leave your ego at the door.'"

Daly said board members should have the ability to work collaboratively

to find solutions best suited for the larger community, regardless of personalities clashes or varying perspectives.

"Big companies have people that really, at the end of the day, hate each other," he said. "But they are forced to work together, and they solve problems [to] make progress because they put their differences aside."

Delineating oversight responsibilities between the board and general manager was also addressed by Daly.

"Actually, I think the responsibilities are clearly defined," he said.

Daly said the association's general manager position serves as chief operating officer with oversight of day-to-day operations and facility maintenance.

Daly said the board is tasked with establishing policies and objectives for the operations team to execute.

"Where we run into problems is when one side, be it the staff or GM,

gets in the board's business, or the board gets in the GM's business," he said.

Daly also touched on enforcement of property regulations.

For the past three years, Daly has spearheaded efforts to enhance Worcester County short-term rental regulations to grant the association timely enforcement capabilities for violations.

"We do want to address the problem properties," he said.

Last month, the board passed a resolution to proceed with asking each neighborhood section to vote on amending its declaration of restrictions.

In fact, Daly said a first step in the ongoing campaign to address noise or litter complaints from short-term rentals is forthcoming.

"The current board will be issuing a statement because we just met and have some concepts on how to enforce," he said.

Daly said extending enforcement efforts to all Pines properties is also under consideration, but discussions are still

in the early phase.

Daly was also questioned about long-term maintenance plans for the aging Beach Club building.

While there have been recent murmurs among board members regarding replacement, Daly questioned costs.

"I've spoken to two general contractors [who] both feel to get permitting done to replace it would be \$1 million before you break ground," he said.

Daly suggested the structure's useful lifespan could be significantly extended with interior and exterior renovations.

"For probably under \$500,000, we can renovate and extend the life 25-30 years," he said.

Overall, Daly said association-owned facilities have taken an upswing over the last three years, with most major structural-deficiencies resolved.

"Now what we're dealing with ... [are] lower level problems that aren't as intense as buildings falling down," he said. "That's exactly where we want to stay, to continue to get better and keep eating away at the problems that have bothered us over time."

Berlin Historic Commission vets renovations

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he said. "My problem is that there was the same ice machine at the brewery and the socket overheated because there's no fail safe on those machines."

He said the results of that could have been disastrous, had staff members failed to notice the equipment malfunction.

"The brewery could have burnt down," he said.

Commission member Norman Bunting said selecting the correct awning appearance is no small task.

"It's a big ordeal for us to determine what fits the era of the building," he said. "Is it a true necessity there?"

McElroy said, while the type of awning material or design parameters are still open to conjecture, coverage needs exist to keep electrified equip-

ment from exposure to heat and moisture.

Commission member Laura Stearns asked if the proposed fencing would match adjacent properties.

McElroy said the intent would be for replacement fencing to replicate the raw wood used at neighboring businesses on Gay Street, such as the Buzz Meadery.

Bunting said the privacy fencing would be relatively easy to remove if future needs changed.

"I think it's a great idea to cover that up as best we can," he said.

Committee Chair Carol Rose said more design details would be needed for the proposed awning, with the fencing request the only issue currently under consideration.

Bunting concurred and recommended McElroy revisit the commis-

sion at a later meeting, while also suggesting looking at other Main Street business awnings for design possibilities.

"We would need to see exactly what the awning is going to look like," he said.

The Historic District Commission voted unanimously to approve the fencing update, with McElroy agreeing to return with awning details at its next meeting.

Mother Flowers

Hunter Smith, who runs Mother Flowers at 2 Bay St., was granted approval to replace an existing bullet-proof glass window at the former PNC Bank site.

"It's very thick," she said.

In March, Smith received approval from the Historic District Commission to revamp the previous PNC

bank drive-in area to establish an enclosed spot to retail local flowers and produce.

Smith proposed installing custom fit sliding glass panes in the former teller window.

"The custom window would have two separate panels that slide open," she said.

Smith said the service window would allow Mother Flowers to retail prepackaged beverages.

"We have a refrigerator in there and want to sell lemonade, water and tea," she said.

Heating and air conditioning units inside the location would also provide refuge from temperature extremes in summer and winter, Smith said.

The commission voted unanimously to approve the window renovation.



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Farr responds to questions posed during second forum

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 22, 2021) Unable to attend the second Ocean Pines Board election forum last Tuesday, Rick Farr responded this week to a number of question posed to other candidates that evening.



Rick Farr

In terms of board conflicts and personality clashes, Farr said while disagreements are inevitable, infighting is counterproductive and is a disservice to constituents. He also stressed the importance of integrity, open communication and teamwork. “Being respectful to others to achieve common goals ... in the best interest of all the people we serve in Ocean Pines,” he said.

Farr also highlighted the importance for directors to adhere to prescribed separation of duties with the general manager and operations team.

“Board members do not need to be involved in any day-to-day operations, personnel issues or decision making,” he said.

Those functions fall to the general manager, who serves at the discretion of the board, Farr said.

“The board is responsible for approving the budget and enforcing policy,” he said.

Farr said the general manager and department heads should field workplace grievances filed by association employees, with the board advised on high-level issues if need be.

“Personnel matters are very sensitive and have a high level of confidentiality that needs to be well respected,” he said.

Farr also questioned the need for Ocean Pines to reign in short-term rentals and opposes imposing more restrictive measures.

“The rules on short-term rentals are complaint-driven and the county needs to take more action with enforcement,” he said.

At the same time, however, Farr said residents should have clearly defined procedures to file complaints stemming from rental properties.

“We need to enforce the regulations currently on the books,” he said.

As for his knowledge of the board’s functions, Farr said he has kept a close eye on budget and spending issues since he became a full-time resident several years ago.

“In getting up to speed, I will be partnering with current board members, continuing reviewing the strategic plan and reviewing previous board meeting minutes,” he said.

Additionally, Farr said if elected he would meet one-on-one with General Manager John Viola for an in-depth review of operational departments.

Commenting on current talks about the potential replacement or renovation of the Beach Club building, Farr said, “Before deciding on whether we should remodel or replace the Beach Club, I would like to see the independent study that is being conducted that outlines ... the “end of life” expectancy of the club so we can make the right decision that makes sense for budget forecasting purposes,” he said.

Lakernick answers second forum questions after fact

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 22, 2021) Ocean Pines Board candidate Stuart Lakernick could not attend last Tuesday’s election forum because of a work commitment, but he did comment this week on topics the forum covered.



S. Lackernick

With regards to personality conflicts among board members, Lakernick said tense exchanges are typically counterproductive.

“This board still is able to work even though there are personality conflicts,” he said. “They are not as effective as they would be if these conflicts didn’t exist.”

Lakernick said if elected his aim would be altering the interplay among directors to heighten respect for differing

opinions.

“We can work together towards our common goal of making Ocean Pines even better,” he said. “Without the drama, I feel that we can get even more accomplished.”

Separation of responsibilities between board members and the general manager is a clear-cut matter in Lakernick’s view.

“The GM works at the pleasure of the board,” he said.

Performance ranking for the general manager, who also oversees association staff, is relatively straight forward, Lakernick said.

“There are metrics that we use to measure the GM’s performance, ie: revenue, smooth operations, staff retention, etc.,” he said.

Lakernick said there are no instances where board members should be directly

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Hardy takes part in second candidate forum

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 22, 2021) Ocean Pines Board candidate David Hardy, who joined join incumbent Frank Daly at last Tuesday’s election forum, offered his working background and ground-level perspectives during the hour-long question session.

In answer to an inquiry from Daly about gaining institutional knowledge as a board newcomer, Hardy referred to his professional background.

“I’ve been in positions where I’ve been tasked assignments which I had no clue how to do,” he said. “My background is one where I have demonstrated ... the ability to be versatile.”

After enlisting with the U.S. Army in 1974 and spending six-plus years on active duty, Hardy is now approaching a half-century of combined military, private industry and federal civilian service.

Currently employed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Harford County as a systems engineer managing contracts and acquisitions, Hardy highlighted his

technical competencies, along with documentation expertise, as qualifiers.

After beginning as a civilian employee with the Department of the Army, Hardy later worked for the Department of Defense, followed by an eight-year stint at the Department of Energy.

“As most of us do, I still have my memory [and] I can retain information, although my wife may say different sometimes,” he said.

Asked for thoughts about positive aspects of Ocean Pines residency, Hardy said the bulk of properties appear to be well-maintained, with most residents exhibiting pride in ownership.

Hardy also mentioned the association’s strong fiscal management.

“I would say, ‘thank you,’ to whoever’s been managing our money up to this point,” he said.

Addressing the question of separation of duties between the board and as-

sociation staff, Hardy said comparable challenges are seen within private industry or government sectors.

“In my current professional role, I have lots of contractors working with me,” he said.

Hardy stressed the need to clearly delineate roles and respect separation of duties.

Questioned about methods for the association to improve enforcement of property regulations, Hardy said residents are largely in compliance.

“I feel in general people are maintaining their properties,” he said.

In terms of answering resident complaints about short-term rentals, Hardy pointed to the existing county regulations.

“The county laws are there and should be complied with,” he said.

At the same time, Hardy noted the importance for adequate response procedures when residents report violations.

“You have to be aware of the situation first,” he said. “It’s a matter of safety for the community.”

In terms of forward visions, Hardy noted the necessity of performing regular maintenance on facilities and structures.

“You don’t put off maintenance because ... all you end up creating is more work in the long run,” he said.

Hardy extended that thought to the Beach Club building.

In response to recent considerations regarding replacement, Hardy suggested that renovating the structure would be more cost effective than replacing it.

“You don’t just replace a building because you want to replace a building,” he said.

Hardy suggested the current structure could be rehabbed to obtain another 20 years of useful life.

Though lacking in association governance experience, Hardy said he recognize what’s needed.

“I may not be the know-all-see-all [but] I know that there are others ... to help me find the answers,” he said. “That’s always important when you’re managing.”



David Hardy

Lakernick provides perspective

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involved with guiding staff.

“If the GM has an issue, he relays it to the board,” he said. “I do not believe in micromanaging, especially with a GM as strong as John Viola.”

Lakernick also has an issue with current efforts to enforce regulations for short-term rentals.

“I feel that short-term renters are being singled out,” he said.

Lakernick opposed proposed short-term rental restrictions, saying that most problems stem from the actions of a handful of “bad actors.”

“This is not a short-term rental issue, this is a behavior issue,” he said. “We have some long-term renters and residents who act poorly.”

Lakernick said enforcement of current noise and trash ordinances by Worcester County should remain the focus.

“Enforce the laws already in place,” he said.

Further, Lakernick said in many instances short-term renters prove to be an asset to the community.

“It brings in much needed revenue to all our amenities,” he said. “Many of these folks after being exposed to our community, buy their second homes here.”

Lakernick also shared his game plan to gain more knowledge about the directors’ roles and responsibilities.

“I will get up to speed by listening, learning, investigating, evaluating [and] then give educated input,” he said.

In terms renovating or rebuilding the Beach Club building, Lakernick said cost issues would need to be sorted out first.

“We need to put out an RFP for estimates on remodeling the building and or replacing it,” he said. “This is a premier amenity of Ocean Pines that needs to be addressed.”



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GENEROSITY

The First State Marines held their 15th annual “Frank Conlon Memorial Golf Tournament” on June 10 at the Ocean City Yacht & Country Club in Berlin. Laura Castellvi, director of Community Outreach for the Semper Fi & America’s Fund accepted a check from the detachment for \$5,500 and a \$500 donation from the Conlon family in memory of Frank Conlon for a total contribution of \$6,000. First State Marines has generated over \$80,000 for Semper Fi & America’s Fund.

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Concerned resident works on OP crosswalks

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(July 22, 2021) Looking to improve road safety for foot traffic and bicyclists, Ocean Pines resident Ryan Mello earlier this month contacted various government bodies seeking to update crosswalks at a trio of south-side intersections.

Pines roads getting attention from Mello were Manklin Creek at both Ocean Parkway and Racetrack Road, Cathell Road and Ocean Parkway.

“It’s a little treacherous trying to walk,” he said.

Mello, who started his pursuit of safety after concluding crosswalks at all three intersections required refreshing, sent emails to both Ocean Pines and Worcester County officials.

Two weeks ago, Mello said Worcester County Public Works Director Dallas Baker responded with details on all three spots.

“He wrote me a nice detailed email,” he said.

Mello said the correspondence from Baker outlined plans to address the county-owned Manklin Creek/Ocean Parkway intersection.

Mello said Baker replied, “I’ve asked our roads division to refresh the existing crosswalks and add a new crosswalk to the south lake.”

Mello said Baker pledged to have the work completed in a few weeks’

time.

Baker also advised Mello that the Manklin Creek and Racetrack Road intersection is state owned.

“He also included the contact for Dan Wilson, the state acting assistant district engineer for traffic,” he said.

Last Thursday, Mello received a reply from the State Highway Administration stating that based on public outreach the intersection would be addressed by the end of this summer.

Transportation Engineer Mark Gillis wrote that work is now slated to install a crosswalk and an ADA compliant ramp to the channelization island on the Southeast corner of the intersection.

Gillis went on to say the improvements would allow pedestrians to safely cross Racetrack Rd. from the existing sidewalk at the shopping center.

Establishing whose purview the Cathell Road/Ocean Parkway location falls under caused some contention, Mello said.

After initially being informed by Baker that Ocean Pines owns the area, Mello contacted the association.

“I reached back out to Ocean Pines and explained that the county claims that Ocean Pines owns that intersection,” he said.

Mello said Baker and Pines officials subsequently clarified the association is responsible for the location.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester County Public Works Director Dallas Baker said the roads division is slated to refresh crosswalks by Manklin Creek at Ocean Parkway in the coming weeks.

“Baker even sent me a document showing Ocean Pines owns that stretch of road,” he said.

Speaking last week, Mello expressed relief that Ocean Pines officials were able to sort the issue out with Worcester County.

“I don’t see myself as a mediator between the two,” he said.

While timeframes for Ocean Pines to refresh the Cathell Road and Ocean Parkway intersection remains unknown at this point, Mello feels en-

couraged two problem spots are being addressed, while still hopeful additional work occurs.

“I’ve heard concerns about big events and people running across the street,” he said.

Accessibility concerns for community members is an ongoing issue, Mello said.

“The other day, my wife and I had to literally Google Map and plan out our route to get to the ice cream shop,” he said.

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Short-term rental reforms update

(July 22, 2021) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors has released the following statement about the next steps it will take to institute short-term rental reforms.

At the June 16 meeting of directors, a motion was passed to incorporate the Worcester County Code regulating short-term rentals, litter and noise into the Declarations of Restrictions for all Ocean Pines sections, with the exception of sections 15B, 16, 17, 18 and 19.

The Declaration of Restrictions for those sections already provide that all lots are subject to "...all federal, state or local laws, rules or regulations, specifically including without limitations, the Worcester County Zoning Ordinance..."

The restrictions in these sections also provide for fines. The motion passed on June 16 would also incorporate fines in all sections.

The various declarations of restrictions require the vote of 51 percent of the property owners in each separate section to vote to amend the provisions of the Restrictions. The Ocean Pines staff will note the vote in each section and, once the majority of property owners in each section vote in favor, the amendment will be noted in the Land Records of Worcester County.

The initial mailing to property own-

ers will begin in the fourth quarter of this year. The specific question asked will be to:

"To incorporate the Worcester County Codes for Short Term Rentals (ZS1-351), Litter (PH1-106) and Noise (ZS1: III-46) into the Declarations of Restrictions in all sections of Ocean Pines. For repeat violations of these codes, to suspend a member's ability to engage in short term rentals of their dwelling for periods up to sixty days. To establish a formal method to advise Worcester County of unlicensed rental properties. To require that occupancy limits, noise, trash, and parking restrictions stated in our Declaration of Restrictions and County Code be posted in a conspicuous area of Short-Term Rental Properties. And to levy fines for violations."

The board was asked to provide a commentary on how the provisions will be enforced if enacted. Below is a summary of how each provision will be enforced and what Department or Departments will be involved.

• Short Term Rentals (ZS1-351) will be administered and enforced by the Compliance, Permitting and Inspections Department (CPI). At this time, it is envisioned that those homeowners applying will be required to submit the documentation that they submitted to the County for their Short-Term

Rental License, along with a copy of the License. No additional documentation or inspections will be required to obtain the Ocean Pines Rental License. The fee will be what we charge for a Home-Based Business (\$35 Initial Application: \$15 Annual Renewal). Once the OP license is obtained, the homeowner will be required to post it next to the county license in a conspicuous area of the rental.

• Litter (PH1-106) will be enforced by the CPI Department. Enforcement will be complaint driven. When complaints are received, the CPI department will investigate.

• Noise (ZS1: III-46) will be enforced by both the CPI and Ocean Pines Police Departments to provide 7/24 coverage. Both Departments will have the equipment and training to monitor, measure and record noise levels to the county code. Current plans are to procure this equipment, conduct training and to begin enforcement of the county code upon completion of the training required to use the equipment.

Additional information will be sent to each homeowner as the Declarations are voted upon. Our intent is to have these regulations in place by Summer 2022 and to have 7/24 enforcement of the regulations in place at that time.

OPA board ballots mailed, due back by 4 p.m. Aug. 11

(July 22, 2021) Ballots for the 2021 Ocean Pines Board of Directors election were mailed this week and are due back by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Running this year are incumbent Frank Daly, and challengers Stuart Lakerick, David C. Hardy and Richard Farr.

Two seats on the board are up for election: those currently held by Daly and Frank Brown, who is not seeking reelection. The seven-member volunteer board is the governing body of Ocean Pines.

The Ocean Pines website for the first time has a dedicated election section, viewable from the homepage or the direct link: www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/election-2021.

The page includes biographical and contact information for each candidate, links to video of candidate forums, and key upcoming dates in the election process.

Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger has stressed the importance of returning ballots on time. Ballots received late or not sealed in the envelope provided in the mailing will not be counted.

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The Berlin Little League 10-11-year-old All-Star team is all smiles during the state tournament in Salisbury last week. The boys finished runner-up in their division.

Berlin Junior League Softball state champs

By Lisa Capitelli
Managing Editor

(July 23, 2021) One Berlin Little League All-Star team has already captured a state title, and two other squads are hoping to finish the season with the same success.

Junior League Softball:

The Berlin Junior League Softball All-Star team won its second consecutive state championship title on Saturday by topping District 2 Montgomery County Little League, 11-1, in Hancock, Maryland.

“They played well. We hit the ball well, we used three different pitchers and they all worked together to hold them to one run, and we had some really nice defensive plays,” said Manager Katie Griffin.

Ryleigh Smith help get things going for Berlin, hitting a two-run home run in the first. It was her second home run of the tournament.

The team also earned the championship title in 2019. There was no 2020 season because of covid. Nine of the 13 girls on this year’s team were members of the 2019 squad.

Griffin said the win was extra special with former teammate, Ali Terrill, there to cheer the girls on.

Terrill was a member of the 2019 team. She lost her mom, Brandy, to cancer this past winter and didn’t play softball for the 2021 season.

Griffin’s husband, Stan, traveled back to the shore for work between games and brought Terrill back with him as a surprise.

Katie Griffin, who also didn’t know Terrill was coming, said the girls screeched with excitement and cried when they saw her at the hotel.

“It was a special moment to have her there,” Griffin said.

She added that one of the parents made temporary tattoos that featured angel wings with the initials “BT” for Brandy Terrill. The girls wore the tattoo during the game on their left arms, Griffin said.

“It was nice to have Ali there. It made it more special to have her be a part of it,” Griffin said.

Berlin outscored its state tournament competition, 55-5. The girls shut out District 6 South Carolina, 18-0, then topped St. Mary’s of District 7, 13-3. Berlin won 13-1 over District 5 Harve de Grace last Wednesday, to advance to the state finals.

“These girls are just a special group of talented ball players,” Griffin said.

The Berlin contingent of 13 girls range in age from 12 to 14. A core group of them have been playing together since they were 6, 7 and 8 years old.

Griffin said it will be exciting to watch the girls play school softball together over the next few years. A few girls are already in high school. About half will

move up next year and the rest the year after.

Major League:

The Berlin Major League team is 3-0 in state tournament play in Davidsonville.

The squad shut out District 6 champs, South Carolina (Preston), 10-0, last Saturday.

“They hit the ball very well and played great defense,” said Manager Barb Kohut. “If they were nervous, they didn’t show it. I think they’re confident and, because we practice so hard, they’re comfortable playing with each other. They’re jelling very well.”

Jordan Bredenberg “was on fire on

the mound,” Kohut said, and was 3-for-3 at the plate.

Daylen Linton and Nathaniel Hallman both hit home runs in the fourth inning. They went 3-for-3 with four RBIs each.

The next day, Berlin edged District 2 MoCo LoCo (Montgomery County Lower), 2-1.

The game was scoreless until the fourth inning when MoCo LoCo got on the board with a home run.

Hallman hit a triple in the sixth and Bredenberg scored to tie the game, 1-1. Hallman then scored on a Tanner Edelmann pop fly to end the game.

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Habeger also urged voters to follow ballot instructions: Vote for no more than two candidates and fill in the selection box using a dark pen or pencil. Ballots marked improperly will not be counted.

Ballots may be returned either by mail or to the 24-hour drop box in the Ocean Pines Police Department lobby, on 239 Ocean Parkway.

Important upcoming election dates include:

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 (Assateague Room, Ocean Pines Community Center)

For questions about ballots or the 2021 election, contact the Elections Committee at elections@oceanpines.org or call 410-208-3989.

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The Berlin Intermediate All-Star team battled back from a first-round loss to finish in the top two in the state in its division last week in Thurmont, Maryland.

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Major League to play for state title

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“We played perfect defensively. We turned three double plays in the game. That doesn’t happen in Little League,” Kohut said. “I’ve never seen a Little League team play defense as well as they did. It looked like they have been playing for years together in one short month.”

In order to stay under the 35-pitch count per pitcher so they can be used

sooner rather than later in the tournament, Kohut used three in the game – Lucas Kohut, Jason Ryan and Linton.

“We’re so fortunate the kids can play multiple positions,” Kohut said. “They’re true athletes. They love the game and they don’t give up.”

Berlin battled District 1 Conococheague on Tuesday and pulled out at 5-4 victory.

Conococheague put two runs on the board in the first. Berlin scored one in the third and another in the fourth to tie it, 2-2. The Berlin squad added three runs in the fifth to take a 5-2 lead.

Conococheague made it 5-4 in the top of the sixth, but Berlin held them to secure the win.

“It was a rollercoaster of a game,”

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Berlin to host junior tourney

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Kohut said. “I always preach that they’ve got to think positive and pump each other up, and they did. They have drive and a never-give-up attitude. We’re 7-0 (districts and states combined) and we’ve come back in how many of those games? It ain’t over till it’s over.”

Conococheague and MoCo LoCo were scheduled to go head-to-head on Wednesday. Berlin will play the winner today, Thursday, for the state championship, at 5:45 p.m.

“We practice all the time and they put in the work and it’s carrying them through these games. They’re just really having fun and it’s showing,” Kohut said. “It’s been such a ride. I’m trying to stop and savor the moment.”

Junior League:
Berlin will host the Junior League state championship tournament beginning this Saturday at its complex off Route 113.

Berlin won the District 8 championship to advance to the state competition.

The squad received a first-round bye. The team hosted West Salisbury on July 14, and won, 18-3 in five innings (10-run rule).

“We played lights-out,” said Manager Mike Gaylor.

Berlin scored 18 runs on 11 hits. Pitchers Nate Berzonski, Caleb Loring, Mason Edelmann and Tony Martin combined for seven strikeouts, giving up three runs and four hits.

Two days later, Berlin trounced Delmar on the road, 19-1, on July 16.

“I was pleased with their composure and their attitude,” Gaylor said. “They’re like my kids. I’ve coached these kids since they were 7 years old. I’ve told them there’s two things they can control: attitude and hustle.”

Berlin took down Delmar in four innings. Berzonski and Edelmann combined for nine strikeouts in the no-hitter.

The team had 13 hits, with big games offensively from Jackson Cheung, Spencer Gaylor, Cameron Boston, Loring, Edelmann and Berzonski, who each had multiple RBIs, the coach said.



The Berlin Major League All-Star team was 3-0 going into Thursday's state championship game in Davidsonville.

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The Berlin Junior League All-Star team captured the District 8 title last Friday, winning 19-1 over Delmar on the road. Berlin will host the Junior League state championship tournament, which kicks off Saturday.

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“They were excited to win on my birthday. That was the present they gave me,” Gaylor said. “Before the game they told me, ‘We’re going to win this for you.’”

The victory earned the team the District 8 title.

“I’m glad for the kids that they won the district title,” Gaylor said.

The 13-player team consists of four 14-year-olds and nine 13-year-olds.

“We had the youngest team in the district (tournament) and during the regular season,” Gaylor said.

Most of the boys played together dur-

ing the regular season, when they went 12-0. A few players were added to the roster for the all-star competition.

All of the Berlin Little League organization is excited to host the state tournament.

“It’s a big deal for Berlin and a big honor to host a tournament like this,” said Gaylor, who has been a Berlin Little League coach and organization board member for seven years. “We have a beautiful field [complex] and I like to show it off.”

Berlin will play the winner of the 10 a.m. District 4 Talbot County and Dis-

trict 6 Laurel game at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

If Berlin wins, the team won’t play again until Tuesday. If the squad loses, it will compete on Sunday and have to battle back in the double-elimination tournament to earn a spot in the championship game.

“The goal is definitely to win, but we know it will be difficult because we have a young team. There’s a big difference between a 13- and 14-year-old,” Gaylor said. “I know we’re the underdogs, but we feed off that.”

To be successful, Gaylor said the boys need to stay focused, and “do what I’ve been telling them since they were 7 – keep a good attitude and always hustle,” Gaylor said.

Gaylor encourages everyone in the community to come out and cheer on the Berlin team this Saturday.

Intermediate:

Before competing last Thursday in Thurmont, Maryland, Berlin Intermediate All-Star Team Manager Mike Moseley said he was just excited to advance to the final two in the state tournament.

Berlin was going up against the undefeated District 1 Maugansville team and would have to win twice in the double-elimination tournament to bring home a state title.

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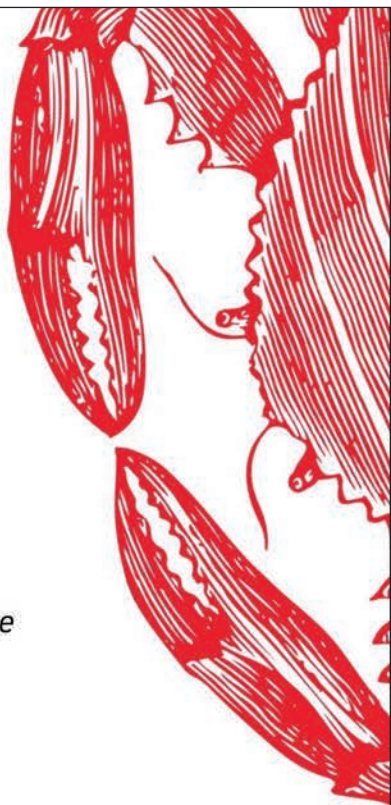
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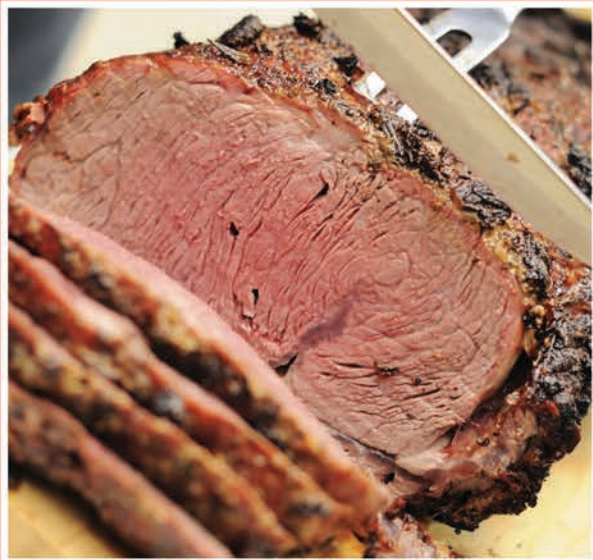
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All Berlin teams enjoy success

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Too many mistakes proved to be costly for the Berlin squad, and Maugansville came out on top, 14-0.

“I knew it was going to be tough,” Moseley said. “They were nervous. I kept telling them to settle down.”

All in all, Moseley said it was a good experience for the boys.

“No one expected us to get where we were,” he said. “We lost the first game and battled back to get to the championship. That’s a big achievement.”

Berlin kicked off the tournament on July 10 against District 5 Rising Sun. Berlin gained an early 4-1 lead, but Rising Sun took advantage of some mistakes and came from behind to win, 21-8.

The local team bounced back the next day to top the District 2 Montgomery County team, 19-11.

Berlin then fought back from a 4-1 deficit, to edge out District 7 St. Mary’s, 14-5, on July 12.

Berlin had a rematch with Rising Sun last Wednesday, and this time, the squad came out on the winning end, 13-2. The victory set up the contest with Maugansville.

“It was a great season. For us to lose the first game and battle back with the players we have – we have nine 13-year-olds and three 12-year-olds, I really



The Berlin Junior League Softball All-Star team captured its second consecutive state championship, winning 11-1 over Montgomery County Little League in Hancock, Maryland, last Saturday.

thought the kids did excellent,” the coach said. “To fight back and play for a championship is a big accomplishment.”

10-11 All Stars:
The 10-11-year-old team also had a successful all-star season.

Berlin scored a 7-2 victory on July 10 over District 1 West End Little League of Hagerstown in Salisbury. The Berlin squad fell to the District 2 Brunswick team, 11-1, on July 12.

Berlin took on West End Little League again last Tuesday in Salisbury and won 8-4.

Berlin battled Brunswick for the state

championship the next day. Berlin only trailed 9-8 in the fifth inning, but Brunswick added 11 runs to win.

The Berlin squad advanced to the state tournament by winning a three-game series over Fruitland Little League, to capture the District 8 title. Berlin took the first game, 8-7, in Fruitland and won the second, 7-5, on its home field in Berlin on July 5.

“I thought the season went great. It was very competitive and I thought they handled it well,” said Manager Ron Calloway. “It was a lot of fun and bottom line, that’s what it’s all about.”

Before the season began, the group of

11 11-year-old players and coaches got together and set a goal to win the state championship. Despite coming up a bit short, Calloway was pleased with his players’ performance and the way they came together in a short period of time.

“The kids came close. I thought they accomplished a lot,” he said. “They have nothing to hang their heads about. For most of them it was their first experience playing in a state tournament. It was a great experience.”

Calloway said he appreciates the community and parents’ supports and the dedication of his assistant coaches, Rob Smith and Ray Clymire.

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Buckingham Elementary School students participate in a dance exercise during a summer arts week class on music and movement last week at the Berlin school.

Students get creative during summer arts week activities

By Mallory Panuska
Staff Writer

(July 22, 2021) With precise determination, Aariah Wilson, a rising Buckingham Elementary fourth grader, glued colorful shapes onto a black paper butterfly Monday afternoon during a lesson on making mosaics in the school’s gymnasium.

Spread out around her on the shiny gym floor, her classmates did the same. Some collaborating with teachers, aides and peers, others working independently to create a variety of different, colorful creations.

The scene was made possible through a partnership between Worcester County Public Schools and the Worcester County Arts Council for a summer arts week, which began Monday at Buckingham in Berlin, and continued throughout the week at four other county elementary schools.

Buckingham Principal Christine Welch said the roughly 60 students in second, third and fourth grades en-

rolled in the school’s summer school program rotated between three different stations — music and movement, mosaics, and print — and learned skills ranging from making mosaic butterflies to identifying the shapes in Vincent Van Gogh’s “Starry Night” and moving their bodies to mimic them.

Guidance came from instructors from the arts council, who offered not only their expertise, but also materials for the students.

Emely Martin, the after-school coordinator at Buckingham, said the arts activities were a nice break for the summer school students. She said they like to offer these types of fun activities alongside regular class curriculums.

Summer arts week continued throughout the week, with programs scheduled at Snow Hill Elementary on Tuesday, Pocomoke Elementary Wednesday, and Showell and Ocean City elementary schools on Thursday.



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Aariah Wilson, a rising fourth grader at Buckingham Elementary School, works on a mosaic of a butterfly during a summer arts week class last week at the Berlin school.



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FREEDOM WALK

Juneteenth Snow Hill Freedom Walk was held on June 19 at Byrd Park in Snow Hill. The walk commemorated the end of slavery in the U.S. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Maria Blake; Sarai Nwagbaraocha; Dr. Jen Jewell, Snow Hill mayor; Ivory Smith, NAACP president; Kristian Blake and Brigadier General Janeen Birkhead.



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LEAD SPONSOR

Eastern Shore Community College recently welcomed Taylor Bank as lead sponsor of its 50th anniversary. The college has several events planned in 2021-2022 to acknowledge the 50 years of its service to the Eastern Shore community, beginning with a homecoming celebration and ribbon cutting on Oct. 22. Representatives of Taylor Bank recently visited Eastern Shore Community College and presented President Jim Shaeffer with a check for \$20,000. Pictured, from left, are ESCC Foundation Executive Director Patty Kellam, Vice President Dr. Patrick Tompkins, Taylor Bank Board Member John Custis, Taylor Bank President and CEO Ray Thompson, Dr. Shaeffer, Taylor Bank Vice President Adam James and Foundation Board member David Landsberger.



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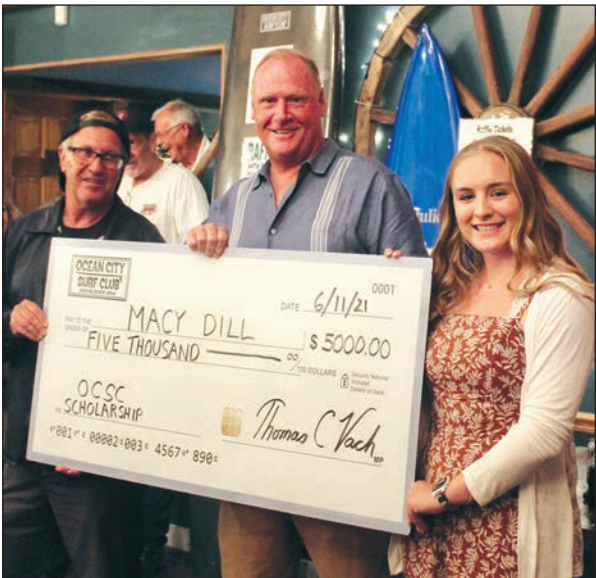
The Worcester County Commissioners joined with Ivory Smith, president of the Worcester County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and other NAACP members on June 15, to recognize June 19 as Juneteenth in Worcester County.



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LUNCHEON

The Republican Women of Worcester County held their annual Red, White and Blue luncheon meeting on June 24, at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant. The guest speaker was Worcester County Sheriff, Matt Crisafulli, who gave updates on law enforcement activities in his department. Charlotte Cathell, RWWC Americanism chair (center), discussed Worcester County history. They are pictured with Sandy Zitzer, RWWC first vice president.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ocean City Surf Club recently presented a \$5,000 college scholarship check to Stephen Decatur High School student Macy Dill. Pictured, from left, are OC Surf Club member Brad Hoffman, President Tommy Vach and Dill.



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The Ocean City Surf Club recently presented a \$2,000 college donation check to Stephen Decatur High School student Maddux Bunting. He is pictured with OC Surf Club President Tommy Vach.

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OC Ravens Roost #44 provides scholarships

(July 22, 2021) Ravens Roost #44 of Ocean City recently announced the presentation of annual scholarship awards.

This year, scholarship awards totaling \$13,700 went to seven students at three area high schools.

The 2021 scholar/athlete awardees are:

Stephen Decatur High School:
Macy Dill - Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (\$2,200)
Brooklynn Pugner - Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland (\$2,200)

Worcester Preparatory School:
Sophia Ludt - Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina (\$2,200)
Graham McColgan - Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana (\$2,200)

Indian River High School:
Declan Burke - Salisbury University (\$2,200)
Savannah O'Shields - West Virginia Wesleyan, Buckhannon, West Virginia (\$2,200)

Drew Szlasa - Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida (\$500)

Over the last 20 years, Ravens Roost #44 has donated \$213,700 in scholarships to local high school graduates.

Don McMullen and Bob Munroe, Scholarship Committee co-chairs, said the Ravens Roost Scholarship Committee awards individual scholarships based on SAT/ACT scores, grade-point averages, participation in athletics, community service, work history, letters of recommendations, and an essay on how athletics are important in today's society.

Ravens Roost #44 held its 24th annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Ocean Pines Golf Club on June 4.

The Scholarship Committee wishes to thank major event sponsors Atlantic General Hospital, Keller Williams Realty, Anne Powell, Mikes Flooring & Design, Pit n Pub Restaurant, and The Original Greene Turtle.

"In addition, we would like to thank our golfers, tee sponsors, in-kind donations and silent auction contributors, and the American Legion Post 166 Ocean City," McMullen and Munroe said in a joint statement. "A special thank you to John Malinowski, PGA director



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Ravens Roost #44 of Ocean City handed out more than \$13,000 in scholarships to more than half a dozen student-athletes at a trio of area high schools.

of golf, and his staff for having the course in excellent shape, and to Judy and Rob from the Matt Ort Companies for the excellent luncheon at the Ocean Pines Clubhouse Bar and Grille.

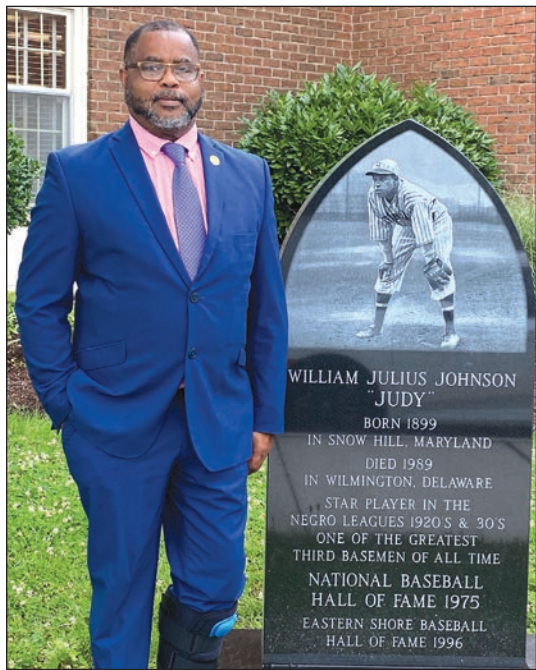
"The Ravens Roost #44 Ocean City Scholarship Committee thanks everyone involved for another outstanding tournament," they added.

McMullen and Munroe said the Scholarship Committee is currently seeking donations for 2022 scholarships.

Donations may be mailed to: Ravens Roost #44, Post Office Box 4161, Ocean City, Maryland 21843.

Ravens Roost #44, Inc. is an IRS 501(7)(c) nonprofit. The federal tax ID is 52-2160753.

For more information, visit <https://ocravensroost44.com>.



HONORING LEGACY

The Worcester County NAACP commemorated Negro League Baseball player, Hall of Famer Judy Johnson, a Snow Hill native, on June 19. He was recognized in front of the Judy Johnson Memorial at the Snow Hill Library. Pictured is Ivory Smith, Worcester County NAACP president, who chaired this event.

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Friends of OP library to present annual sale

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(July 22, 2021) The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will host its 20th annual Book Sale, July 23, 24 and 26 at the Ocean Pines Library, 11107 Cathell Road.

The sale will feature over 20,000 hard and soft cover books, CDs, DVDs and audio books, all priced 50 cents to \$2 each. Topics include children's, fiction, nonfiction, history, art, music, self help, biography, science fiction, westerns, animals and nature, foreign language, home school and education, cookbooks, crafts and hobbies.

There will also be room where guests may purchase antique, author signed, first editions, rare, collections, historical, local interests, reference and other books, which are all priced individually.

Over 100 volunteers are scheduled

to assist with setup, monitoring, selling, tear down and coordinating of the sale with approximately 800 hours of volunteer time.

All proceeds benefit the Ocean Pines library with equipment and other needs that cannot always be provided through the budget provided by Worcester County.

Recent purchases include new book return boxes on the porch, a smart board used for meetings and classes and an audio visual sound and projection system for the meeting room.

Friday, July 23 from 6-8 p.m. the sale will be open to Friends members only. Those interested in joining the group can do so at the door for \$5.

On Saturday, July 24 and Monday, July 26, sale hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Everything will be half price on Monday.

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The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will host its annual Book Sale, July 23, 24 and 26 at the Ocean Pines Library.

Softball competitions in Wicomico and Wor.

(July 22, 2021) Softball teams have returned to the area for the second week of the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Eastern National Championships.

Nearly 375 girls' softball teams are competing in the event, which featured 10U and 12U Open on July 13-18; and includes 14U Open and 14U B July 20-25; and 16U and 18U Open, and 18U B, July 26-31.

This year's Eastern National marks the 15th year of the event on the Eastern Shore.

It was first held in Wicomico County in 2007, featuring 58 teams. Registration now averages between 350-400 teams annually.

The tournament is a major economic driver for the area. In a typical year, the estimated economic impact is between \$18-\$20 million.

Over the course of 15 years, the area has hosted nearly 3,900 teams, generating a total economic impact of over \$186 million.

The growth of the tournament is due in part to the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Sports Alliance (MAASA), a formal sports marketing partnership between Wicomico and Worcester counties and the Town of Ocean City.

MAASA was formed in 2014 to accommodate the growth of the Eastern National, which had expanded beyond Wicomico County's borders.

The Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex in Salisbury provides the main fields of play for the tournament. Other fields scheduled for use in Wicomico County include East Wicomico Little League, Eastside Youth Sports Complex, Mason-Dixon Sports Complex and WinterPlace Park.

In Worcester County, games are scheduled at Showell Park in Berlin and John Walter Smith Park in Snow Hill.

In Ocean City, games will be played at Northside Park on 125th

Street.

Tournament games are open to the public with no admission fee charged. For more information on the Eastern National, visit www.WicoSports.org.

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Elections Committee victim of semantics

Suggestions that the Ocean Pines’ Election Committee might be biased in this summer’s contest is another case of the political community’s tendency to see molehills as mountains in the making.

More likely than not, this minor flap had more to do with semantics than anything else, as committee Chairman Steve Habeger said candidates Stuart Lakernick and Rick Farr “declined” to attend last Tuesday’s forum.

Lakernick objected on social media that he didn’t decline but was “unable” to attend.

Fine. It’s not quite a distinction without a difference, but it’s close enough that Lakernick’s clarification should have been the end of it.

But no. In what turned out to be something akin to the children’s game of Telephone, in which a simple statement gets more embellished and misconstrued each time it’s repeated, suddenly it’s being hinted that the Elections Committee just might be playing favorites.

An overly sensitive board of directors then inserted itself into the conversation, with the aim of defending Habeger against unfair assertions that ... weren’t that big a deal until the board made it one.

Fortunately, cooler heads prevailed, and members agreed that their best move would be to stay out of the elections committee’s business.

Besides, few people, if anyone at all, believes that Habeger’s focus is on anything other than producing a well-conducted election. That’s it, regardless of whatever his personal preferences might be.

There is no scandal here other than the difference between “can’t” and “won’t,” or “declined” and “unable.”

Anything that suggests there might be more to this is either the product of an over-active imagination or a desire to flatten every molehill just in case.



OP Farmers Market ‘Christmas in July’

(July 22, 2021) This Saturday, it’s Christmas in July at the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market.

While Santa is busy catching a few waves, Mrs. Claus will be at the market for a little mid-summer holiday fun. Many of the merchants will offer specials and a preview of what’s to come for local holiday shopping this fall.

At the market, open air kitchen chef Bill Curtis will fire up the grill to make Mexican street corn and Kentucky bourbon pork chops. Market guests can gather around the table for this free cooking demonstration, starting at 10 a.m.

Bethany Jubilee and her

fiddle will take the market stage starting at 9 a.m. Jubilee will play music to shop to, as guests gather the season’s freshest produce, including local sweet corn, tomatoes and melons, all in plentiful supply from market merchants.

For the children, Fancy the Clown will join the marketplace from 9 a.m. to xanoon. Kids can have fun with face painting, balloon art, and Fancy’s trademark silly magic.

Hungry shoppers can stop by the market café, featuring Big Ricky’s Hot Dogs, for a tasty dog and a cold beverage.

The market also highlights local organizations at

the Community Corner, including the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department table, where shoppers can buy a ticket to win a brand-new jeep.

“There is always something fun happening at your Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, ‘where the weekend begins,’” Market Manager David Bean said.

Visit the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market at 239 Ocean Parkway. The marketplace at White Horse Park is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.ocean-pines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market>.

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Worcester Backs Blue event July 28

(July 22, 2021) Worcester Backs the Blue will host a First Responder Appreciation Day at Sinepuxent Brewery in Berlin on July 28, from 4-8 p.m.

This event is to honor and recognized all police, to include DNR police, and fire, EMS, corrections, emergency operations workers

and dispatchers that serve the county.

The event will feature a 50/50 raffle, live and silent auctions, food, live musical entertainment by Transfusion and Tony Pace.

Caryn Abbott, president of Worcester Backs The Blue, and her husband founded the nonprofit or-

ganization in April after seeing what law enforcement officers were going through nationwide.

Sinepuxent Brewery is located at 8816 Stephen Decatur Hwy., Berlin, Maryland 21811. For more information About Worcester Backs the Blue, visit its Facebook page.



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Assault suspect still at large after incident in Berlin

(July 22, 2021) The Berlin Police Department and Worcester County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an assault at Oceans East Luxury Apartments on Shore Break Lane Berlin at approximately 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Berlin Emergency Medical Service was dispatched during the same period. Shortly after arriving, the Berlin Police Department learned that a family member of the residence had injured another family member.

The Coastal Learning Center, Stephen Decatur middle and high schools were all placed under shelter-in-place status and the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation was contacted to lead the investigation.

The victim was transported to TidalHeath Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

The suspect fled the area prior to the officers arrival and still is at large. No further information regarding this case will be released at this time, police said.

The investigation is continuing and anyone with information is asked to contact the Worcester Bureau of Investigation at 410-632-1111 or the Berlin Police Department at 410-641-1333. Callers may remain anonymous.

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By Paul Suplee,
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two, you know two things: I love to travel, and I love to bring those experiences back with me. Maybe it's to keep it fresh in my short-term memory bank or maybe it's to share the wondrous foods of

the world. Germany? I can't say too much about the food over there. I wasn't blown away, except for one dinner of sauerbraten made by a one-woman show in Landstuhl. That was breathtaking.

The Bahamas were merely adequate until I could convince my travel partners to get away from the Americanized shops and head over to Fish Fry for some scorched conch and grilled lobster. Hawaii was a bit tricky until you figured out where the good barbecues and poke stands are; then it's a breeze. Well, a trade wind, to be precise.

Last year, when I took my daughters to Mal Pais in Costa Rica, I told them on day-one that we would be eating no fast food (once we left the airport) and would be scouting out the local food joints to get a flavor of the land and sea. If there was one wonderful thing that my parents gave me, it was this lust for travel and food. Maybe it's an affliction; I'm not sure.

But back to the story, while I paid attention as I made my way through our short trip, somehow I failed to get the name of the ubiquitous salsa that was in bottles on every table; breakfast, lunch and dinner. It was Lizano Salsa (sauce — don't think chunky), a branded product that has become a household name for any sauce resembling its likeness.

There always seems to be that one product that becomes a generic name, such as Xerox did when it dominated the copier world. For years, people said "hey, can you Xerox this?" they never said that about a Fuji or Panasonic. It just became a common name.

The same goes for Lizano, apparently, and every restaurant and household has its own. It is incredibly easy to make, both light and zesty with just enough pepper to make it pop on your tongue. And had it not



been for our Boardwalk stroll yesterday, I doubt that I would have ever rekindled this memory (although, truth be told, I did not know what the name of it was throughout my trip in CR).

My girlfriend and I were hitting the boards on a glorious morning, and we decided to stop at Shotti's Rhino Chaser's for a quick breakfast. We were looking at the hot sauces when the man himself brought us a bottle of his Lizano's and I'm pretty sure that after tasting it, I ate (drank) more of that than my burrito. While the burrito was delicious, the sauce was illuminating and we talked about Costa Rica quite a bit.

And that right there rekindled the thought in my mind that I want to spend the holidays down there. A few families, a house on the hill in Los Suenos, close to world-class surf beaches, beaches in general, fishing, and food. That all of a sudden sounds more like a plan than it has so far.

Since I opened the restaurant, and throughout the build-out phase, we haven't taken a trip or enjoyed ourselves too much, rather using our spare time to get things done around

the house or a random trip on a boat. By next summer it will be much more regular, I can assure you.

But for now, I must live vicariously through those who are traveling and slather my food with sauces that I've brought home with me to pretend that I'm doing something fun and interesting. And until I can travel again, at least I'll keep a jar of this in the icebox.

Homemade Lizano Sauce

makes about 1 quart
6 ea. Guajillo chilies
1 small carrot, peeled
1/2 small white onion, peeled & quartered
2 cloves roasted garlic
juice of 1 large lemon
2 Tbsp. Molasses
1 Tbsp. Brown sugar
2 Tbsp. Red vinegar
1/2 tsp. Cumin
Salt & Black pepper to taste
1 tsp. Vegetable base (optional but I tried it and I like it)

1. Remove the stems from the chilies and while some people say to remove the seeds, I leave them in. They have nice tannins and not much

heat at all, so they add an extra layer of flavor to the sauce. Oh, and I'm lazy

2. Heat a pan and toast the chilies for about 5 minutes. You will start to smell that glorious roasted aroma while ensuring not to burn them

3. Pull them off of the heat and cover with 1 1/2 cups of water, allowing to steep for 10 minutes

4. Place all other ingredients except for the salt and pepper in a blender (you know that I'm a Vitamix snob, but you do you) and pour the chilies and water on top

5. Blend on high, smoothie, or whatever Gucci setting your machine has, and puree to a fine little sauce

6. You can cook it down if you want it a little thicker or play with the ingredients however you like, even adding from fresh herbs to the mix. Every soda tipica had its own sauce, so make one that you can proudly put your name on.

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

Puzzles

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BY ASHISH VENGSAKAR / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Ashish Vengsakkar, of Scotch Plains, N.J., is the head of Optical Networking Technologies at Google. Besides puzzles, he enjoys playing raga and table tennis. (He and I have a longstanding annual rivalry in the latter.) The seed entry of this puzzle was 10-Down, which came to Ashish while he was at the dentist's. The symmetrical pairing of 36- and 40-Down (a favorite artist of his during college) was fortuitous. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Art of riding and training a horse

9 "Mea culpa"

14 Campania's capital

20 Put in other words

21 Bob Marley's "You Be Loved"

22 Mark in the World Golf Hall of Fame

23 Lacking self-assurance

24 Onus for a magician's disappearing act?

26 Study of how gels gel?

28 All together

29 Little, to a Scot

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31 Fizzle (out)

33 Miscellaneous task

37 Irish writer Behan

39 Increased, with "up"

44 Actress Polo

45 Pablo Neruda's "to Wine"

47 They'll put you head and shoulders above everyone else

49 Constellation almost above the North Pole

50 Autobiography subtitled "The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban"

53 Red card

54 ____ Khan, prime minister of Pakistan beginning in 2018

55 Sports broadcast feature

56 Angry Wisconsin sports fans?

59 Fire sign?

61 Like n, where n = 2k (and "k" is a whole number)

62 Unagi, at a sushi bar

63 President Bartlet of "The West Wing"

64 Singer Astley

66 Totalitarian?

69 Law enforcement, slangily

71 Tajikistan, e.g., once: Abbr.

73 "How was ____ know?"

75 Loll

77 Many a marble bust

80 Getting "Amscray!" under control?

85 Like yoga instructors

87 Greet the day

88 One of the Earps

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91 Bathroom-cabinet item

92 Certain bridge positions

94 McEachern a.k.a. the "Voice of Poker"

95 Cake topper

96 Wealthiest professional sports org.

98 Abrogates

100 Party animal?

102 Reveals

104 Reply to an oversharer

105 One in a hundred: Abbr.

106 Parrot

110 Power of a cowboy's shoe?

116 Odysseus' wife whispers sweet nothings?

119 Bliss

120 With wisdom

121 In a sense, colloquially

122 Activity for some pen pals

123 Port on the Black Sea

124 Colorful food fish

125 Giveaways during some pledge drives

DOWN

1 What the doctor ordered

2 Where Johnny Cash shot a man, in song

3 Bruins legend Phil, to fans

4 "Cut it out!"

5 Pronounced with authority

6 Twitter handle starter

7 Davis of "Thelma & Louise"

8 Icelandic saga

9 Chicken ____ (discontinued fast-food snack)

10 Dramatic accusation at a dentist's office?

11 Stickers

12 City council representative: Abbr.

13 Overtime White House inits.

14 Lunchtime liaison

15 Bands you might listen to in the car?

16 Salt's musical partner

17 Where "khop jai" means "thank you"

18 God who "loosens the limbs and weakens the mind," per Hesiod

19 Call at home

25 Not gross

27 Île be there?

31 ____ paneer (dish with puréed spinach)

32 Way in

33 "The Adventures of Milo and ____" (1989 film)

34 Cyber Monday offerings

35 She might take care of a kid on a sick day

36 Rock star who wrote the poetry collection "The American Night"

37 Contradict

38 "Mon ____!"

40 36-Down's anagrammatic nickname

41 "Gay" city in a Cole Porter song

42 Hallmark.com purchase

43 Opposite of "takes off"

46 Something to leave to beavers?

48 Precipitous

51 Grammy-nominated D.J. Steve

52 Thomas ____ Edison

57 Join with rings

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- 58 Smudge

60 Vaper's purchase

65 Neighborhood where you might get kimchi, for short

67 Goddess of the dawn

68 Obama chief of staff Emanuel

70 Campaign pros

71 ____ Gilbert, co-developer of a Covid-19 vaccine

72 Smile with one's eyes, per a modern coinage
- 74 Long past

76 Some fencing swords

78 Something to play fetch with

79 "Well, golly!"

80 Biting

81 Spongy toys

82 Resets to zero, as a scale

83 ____://

84 John Winston ____ Lennon

86 Professor 'iggins

90 Eaglelike?
- 93 Appetizers filled with potatoes and peas

97 One of the Jacksons

99 Word following English or green

101 Kind of wonder?

103 Cred

105 Campaign (for)

106 Itself: Lat.

107 World's oldest alcoholic beverage

108 Pulitzer-winning playwright from Independence, Kan.
- 109 Seriously annoys, with "off"

110 Tora ____, Afghanistan

111 Not overlooked

112 Defendant's plea, for short

113 Determination

114 Fork point

115 Storied caldron stirrers

117 Spanish "that"

118 Admit (to)

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Calendar

Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

Thurs., July 22

TOWN CATS' ADOPTION EVENT
PetSmart, 11330 Samuel Bowen Blvd., Berlin, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Town Cats will have kittens and cats available for adoption. Susan Mohler, 301-704-4172

MESSY PLAY DAY
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke Cit, 10 a.m.-noon. Enjoy outdoor messy activities including painting, sidewalk chalk, sandbox, giant bubble and more. Weather permitting. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events. 410-632-2600

TALES ABOUT TAILS
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join the group for an outdoor story time about their favorite animals. Take-home activity included. Ages 2-5 years. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events. 410-632-2600

ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS
Webinar style program meeting via Zoom, 4-5 p.m. These classes uplift and improve mood. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events. 410-632-2600

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 pending. <http://www.ococean.com>

CONCERT IN THE PARK
Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 7-8:30 p.m. Featuring "Uprising." Pack a picnic and bring lawn chairs. Admission is free. downtownpocomoke.com, 410-957-1333, Ext. 111

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "Rising Sun Reggae Band." 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

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY
Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30-9:30 p.m. A DJ hits the Caroline Street Stage where attendees can dance under the lights on the beach. Followed by the new drone show at 9:30 p.m. 410-250-0125

OC DRONE SHOW
North Division Street Beach, Ocean City.

9:30-10 p.m. Come experience Ocean City's new drone show. <https://www.ococean.com/events/oc-drone-shows2021>

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4TH FRIDAY STREET FESTIVAL
Downtown Pocomoke, Market Street between Front and Second streets, Pocomoke City, 5-8 p.m. Theme is Christmas in July. Featuring artists, vendors, activities, live music by Raucous Brothers and food and drinks. downtownpocomoke.com, 410-957-1333

20TH ANNUAL BOOK SALE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 6-8 p.m. Friends of the Ocean Pines Library members only sale. Membership available at \$5. Featuring more than 20,000 hard and soft cover books, CD's, DVD's and audio books, all priced 50 cents to \$2. 410-632-2600

MOVIE ON THE BEACH
27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 8:30-11:59 p.m. Featuring "Abominable." 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. More than \$1,000 paid out each night plus an opportunity to win a \$1,000 jackpot at the end of the night. 410-524-7994

Sat., July 24

'CHRISTMAS IN JULY' AT OCEAN PINES FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET
White Horse Park, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Featuring Mrs. Claus, merchant specials, cooking demonstration and entertainment by Bethany Jubilee and her fiddle and Fancy the Clown. <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market>, 410-641-7717

JOLLY ROGER'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Jolly Roger at the Pier and 30th St., 401 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 12-10 p.m., Schedule of Christmas activities: <https://jollyrogerpark.com/christmas-in-july>. Donate \$20 or toy valued at \$20 and receive 20% off purchase at Jolly Roger® Amusement Park. Benefiting Toys for Tots. 410-289-3477

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Sun., July 25

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST
Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years and younger. For information, call 410-524-7994.

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SUNDAES IN THE PARK
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City. 7-9 p.m. Enjoy free music and each week children are offered various free activities and entertainment. Ice Cream and beverages available for purchase. Followed by the new drone show. <https://www.ococean.com>

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Mon., July 26

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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, 8:30-11:59 p.m. Featuring "Coco." Weather permitting. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

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BLUE SKY PUPPETS OUTDOOR PROGRAM
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 10:30-11:30 a.m. The Three Little Pigs and other animal friends learn sharing and taking turns while they act out their favorite scenes from favorite fairy tales. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events. 410-632-2600

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KOFC SEAFOOD NIGHT
Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 5-6:30 p.m. If you would like steamed crabs or shrimp, you

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

Wed., July 28

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FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING
American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 12-2 p.m. All Marines and Navy Corpsman who have served in the Corps, living in Worcester and Sussex counties, are welcome. 410-430-7181, websergeant@firststatemarines.org

PLANT CLINIC WITH GINNY ROSENKRAZ
Ginny Rosenkranz talks about all things plants, 2-3 p.m. Feel free to bring your questions and show your plants. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events.

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH HONOR MCELROY
Write, collaborate, share and explore publication opportunities, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Bring your poetry, song lyrics, drawings woven with words, stories and more. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events. 410-632-2600

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB
Kids, ages 8-11 years, join in on Zoom to discuss the book "A Different Pond" by Bay Phi (available on Hoopla), 3:30-



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PROCLAMATION
During their June 1 meeting, the Worcester County Commissioners presented a proclamation to Department of Social Services Administrative Assistant Tracy Lynch and other staff members recognizing June 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month and June 15 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Worcester County.

4:30 p.m.. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events. 410-632-2600

FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION DAY
Sinepuxent Brewing Company, 8816 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 4-8 p.m. Featuring a live auction, food, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, live entertainment by Transfusion and Tony Pace. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/901742160372800/>, 443-783-5561

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB - 'BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD'
Meeting via Zoom, 5:30-6:30 p.m.. Discuss the novel "Before The Coffee Gets Cold" by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events, 410-632-2600

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. Providing participants with hope for the future and skills to help find their way. Gail Mansell, 410-641-9725, gmanzell@atlanticgeneral.org.

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ONGOING EVENTS

OC LIFE-SAVING STATION MUSEUM FREE SUMMER PROGRAMS
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, south end of the Boardwalk, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Monday through Saturday,



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