



## Directors disqualify candidate Farr

With ballots already cast, late tip to board calls into question home ownership

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 5, 2021) With scarcely two weeks remaining before the end of voting in the Ocean Pines Board of Directors election, candidate Rick Farr was declared ineligible to run by the board following a special meeting Friday.

The board's decision was apparently based on matters involving the transfer of property ownership through a family trust.

Board Secretary Camilla Rogers has subsequently scheduled a special meeting for Monday at 4 p.m. in the Golf Clubhouse to determine if a new election should be held, or if not, how to account for the votes cast for Farr.

Rogers said Farr was a successor trustee on the property deed for 21 Birds Nest Drive until after his mother passed this May.

On Saturday, Rogers issued a statement claiming Farr failed to meet candidacy eligibility requirements to run for the board.

"The 2021 board election and annual meeting will proceed as scheduled, but the Election Committee will be instructed that any vote for Mr. Farr will be invalid, and the Election Committee is to count the remaining votes consistent with OPA's Bylaws and Resolutions," she wrote.

Rogers said any votes for Farr would not be counted but other ballot

selections would remain valid.

"To be eligible for election to the board of directors, a candidate must be one of the owners of record of real property in the subdivision [Ocean Pines] on the first day of January of the year in which the election is to be held and eligible to vote," she wrote.

Rogers said an earlier determination that Farr was qualified was made in error.

"Upon learning of this ownership issue on July 27, 2021, I, and OPA's  
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### COMMON GROUND

Berlin Commons public green space opened several weeks ago and has quickly gained notoriety among neighbors as a popular gathering spot for adults and youths to share conversations in an outdoor setting. See story on page 5.

## New initiatives to be pursued against geese

**By Greg Ellison**  
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(Aug. 5, 2021) The Ocean Pines Environmental & Natural Assets Committee continued working on several initiatives to preserve wildlife and habitat during its meeting last Wednesday.

Committee Chairman Ken Wolf said final edits were approved for improved signs to discourage people from feeding the resident Canada geese at the South Gate Pond.

The language recommended by the Environmental Committee asks to "help

conserve wildlife in their natural habitat."

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

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## Peach Day spreads out around Berlin

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(Aug. 5, 2021) The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum is sponsoring Peach Day in Berlin from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, with the 13th annual event again spread throughout downtown to widen the scope of the seasonal festival.

Taylor House Museum President Melissa Reid said the focus would again shift beyond the historical site's front lawn.

"We're really excited that the Peach Festival will be more spread out through the town this year," she said.

That expansion was an adaptation begun last year because of the coronavirus pandemic, and it proved effective to encourage social distancing last year.

"We heard a lot of good feedback from the shopkeepers," she said.

During Peach Day this year, the museum will sell freshly harvested fruit on its lawn for \$8 by the bag or \$70 per half bushel. Also, homemade peach preserves will be available for \$10 and for \$30 visitors can purchase

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# New type of turf grass could be answer to grazing geese

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migration, safety concerns and dependency on humans.”

“Now we’re just going to have to make the signs,” he said.

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

Currently, there are basic “no feed” signs at the South Gate Pond, while nothing of the sort exists at two smaller ponds at the North Gate.



Ken Wolf

“We’re going to place signs liberally around the South Gate Pond and also on the north gate,” he said.

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

“We looked at other signs and we wanted to get something that was going to give you the reasons why this is harming the geese,” he said.

Wolf said the goal is to install highly visible educational plaques.

“It’s unnatural and there’s a host of reasons on the sign as to why not to do that,” he said. “I’d like to have a little peer pressure that develops.”

On other fronts regarding geese populations, Wolf said the committee is on the verge of seeking board approval to deploy a special turf grass to deter wildlife near Pines ponds.

“It’s not desirable to eat,” he said.

FlightTurf, which was invented by Christina Kobland nearly a decade ago, has proven effective at discouraging fowl from congregating near airport runway fields.

FlightTurf is currently used at numerous airports across the country, including Baltimore-Washington International and San Francisco International.

The turf vegetation management

system, which requires only minimal mowing, has more recently been marketed as LymeX grass seed for roadside, commercial or residential applications.

Wolf said committee members are in the midst of preparing a motion for board approval to conduct a test application this fall.

“We’d have to get authorization for the expenditure and that would be [roughly] \$7,500,” he said.

Contingent on board buy-in, several acres surrounding two ponds by the North Gate would be used for testing purposes, Wolf said.

“We do one half of it and then the other half would remain as a control,” he said.

Wolf also highlighted a recently completed inspection of a scarcely used pond tucked away in the woods behind the Ocean Pines Library.

“I had the opportunity to tour the pond with Kevin Smith, director of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program on July 12,” he said

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

Wolf said members are consulting with Maryland Coastal Bays Program officials to find ways to enhance the wilderness refuge.

“This is a bit of an environmental treasure,” he said. “It’s wilderness that the vast majority of people don’t even know is there.”

The largely tree-covered plot includes a pathway circling a pond that typically contains tremendous fish stocks.

One initial suggestion is working with Coastal Bays to install basking platforms to provide prime sunning areas for turtles or other wildlife.

Potential pond upgrades being mulled are signage to identify wildlife and flora or other vegetation.

“Kevin [Smith] has told us that there’s been wild turkey on the site,” he said.

The next Environmental & Natural Assets Committee meeting is Aug. 25 at 11 a.m.

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# Pines restrictions meeting dredges various deficiencies

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 5, 2021) Pending and potential updates needed to codify short-term rental declarations of restrictions in Ocean Pines were discussed during a special board meeting last Tuesday as part of its consideration of the Triple Crown Estates neighborhood at King Richard Road.

Board members met at the Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse with attorney Joe Moore, representing developer Marvin Steen and Triple Crown Properties, to review new declarations of restrictions.

“We added the short-term rental provisions you all have discussed in regards to what will be submitted to the [association] members for their determination,” he said.

Moore said attorney Tom Coates, who prepared the red line version being presented, had signed off on the revisions.

“Tom Coates has agreed, subject to your review, to what we have provided,” he said.

Any additional changes proposed by the board would be submitted to Coates for inclusion, Moore said.

“Basically, we submit them to you for your consideration and we’re here to answer any questions,” he said.

Director Doug Parks said he examined the new declarations of restrictions in detail, while using comparable data from Section 13, which was among the original association guidelines.

“I wanted to make sure I saw what was either included or excluded as we move forward,” he said.

Parks had a series of questions based on the newly proposed Section 20 declarations of restrictions.

“In section four of the new DRs, you’ll note that there’s more restrictions on time share, family daycare and bed and breakfast, which are not contained in the old one,” he said. “I would assume that’s by design.”

Association President Larry Per-

rone hit on the same point, highlighting language specifying an allowance for dwellings to contain an apartment or suite for occupancy by immediate or extended family of the homeowner(s).

“It sounds to me like what were talking about is an in-law suite, which could include a separate entrance,” he said.

Perrone said the latter point would require sign-off from the Architectural Review Committee.

“If the board decides we’re OK with that, we need to understand the wording ... in here,” he said. “There’s no way to enforce the fact that would only be for immediate family.”

Moore said under Worcester County regulations family member is defined as direct relatives, with aunts and uncles or nieces and nephews not included.

“It is clear that it must be occupied by a family member,” he said.

Perrone said the point is related to short-term rental considerations.

“This could be an apartment that is being rented and we would really have no way of controlling it,” he said.

Moore said the language, which was intended to mirror past governing document details approved by the board, could be edited out.

“Enforcement is always an issue in the restrictive covenants,” he said.

Parks said enforcement could become subjective in this instance.

“Your interpretation of how that residency is being occupied is always going to be called into question,” he said. “We need to recognize the fact that space designed as an in-law suite is probably flexible.”

Parks said short of an egregious misuse of the separate unit provision for rental purposes, the board should simply be aware of the included language.

Director Dr. Colette Horn concurred with Parks assessment.

“I agree with Doug. Since it’s in

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Attorney Joe Moore, right, sits beside attorney Chris Woodley, during a special meeting of the Ocean Pines Board last Tuesday related to declarations of restrictions updates, while Director Tom Janasek observes the proceedings.





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# Pines governing documents main focus during meeting

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other DRs, it's something we need to be aware ... there may be challenges for enforcement," she said.

Perrone said the question is whether the board should permit homeowners to have living spaces with separate entrances, which could be used as short-term rentals.

"I don't have a problem with in-law suites," he said.

Director Frank Daly shifted focus to a side issue with association regulations clashing with Architectural Review Committee guidelines. "The last time the ARC guidelines were changed, wood burning fire pits were permitted," he said.

Daly said at the same time association declarations of restrictions prohibit burning wood.

"We have a case right now where we have a set of guidelines established by a committee that is not consistent with the DRs," he said.

Daly said the issue should be addressed separately.

Perrone, who agreed the fire pit issue has generated extensive conversations lately, said he recently discussed it with the Ocean Pines Fire Department.

"They're OK if it's in pits and not people burning in holes in their backyard," he said.

On a related note, Perrone said there are numerous references within various declarations of restrictions that reference the Architectural Review Committee by its previous name, the Environmental Control Committee.

"It's a minor point but it could be updated in this deal," he said.

Parks said declarations of restrictions drafted after 1995 mention an appeals process that has yet to be incorporated within ARC guidelines.

"In the old DRs, it says the ECC's decision was final and there was no appeal process," he said.

Moore said the topic had caused disagreement among previous board members back in the Environmental Control Committee era.

"That was the subject of considerable debate with the board that we're determining the issue of the right of appeal," he said.

Moore acknowledged the earlier Environmental Control Committee guidelines lacked an appeals option for its decisions.

"The board wasn't the final determiner," he said.

Moore recalled an instance where the ECC refused to revisit a decision the board had requested altered.

"So the board terminated what were then the members of the ECC and got it approved," he said.

Perrone asked Director Frank Brown, who serves as board liaison to the Architectural Review Committee, for input.

"We've talked about the appeals process and some of the things that have occurred in the last year and a half," Perrone said.

Brown noted under declarations of restrictions predating the mid-1990s, the board lacks any appeal process.

"It depends on what section you're in," he said.

Brown said Architectural Review Committee members recently discussed the topic.

"The ARC Committee felt the board should have the final say, but it had to go to the board to have the DRs changed," he said.

Daly said the declarations of restrictions range widely in age.

"The oldest DR we have is dated 1968," he said.

Along with amending association governing documents to incorporate Worcester County short-term rental regulations, Daly suggested that some legal language cleanup might be in order.

"I'm not talking about anything major that's going to shift the axis of the Earth, but simple things in terminology that applies to the realities of the law in society today, not 50 years ago," he said.

Moore recommended the association consider drafting universal declarations of restrictions for the entire subdivision.

Parks said the board has broached the possibility.

"We had talked about the idea of trying to get DRs across the sections consistent with one another," he said.

"At some point we're going to have to step up and see if it makes sense to do that."

Perrone said the board could consider approval of the Section 20 declarations of restrictions after Coates reviewed and agreed to final revisions.

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# Berlin Commons gains immediate popularity

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 5, 2021) Since launching the Berlin Commons community green space several weeks ago, Buzz Meadery owners Brett and Megan Hines have enjoyed witnessing the concept gaining traction with neighbors.

In May, both the Berlin Historic District Commission and the Planning Commission approved plans for the Hines to improve a triangle-shaped dirt lot located between Gay and Jefferson streets to hold special events and provide outdoor dining space.

Berlin residents since 2015, the Hines launched the Buzz Meadery last June and produce a “honey wine” averaging 6-8 percent of alcohol.

Brett Hines said after staging a soft opening in mid-June, the spot was revitalized over the next few weeks with fencing installed, signs added and sod planted.

“I do want to thank the community for accepting this project because they didn’t have to,” he said.

Hines said Berlin Commons officially opened three weeks ago and has quickly gained in popularity.

“The community has shown up for us,” he said.

While cognizant of the project’s personal significance, Hines said the revamped public space has proven meaningful to others.



Buzz Meadery owners Brett and Megan Hines have been enthused by the community support after launching the Berlin Commons public green space between Gay and Jefferson streets several weeks ago.

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“Every day that I’m out there, I get somebody that says, ‘Thank you for building the Berlin Commons,’” he said.

Berlin Commons has provided a gathering spot for families to talk to each other while permitting children safe space to play.

“It warms my heart when I see more kids out there than adults just playing in the space, including my  
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**Ocean Pines Board candidate Rick Farr, seated against wall, attends a special meeting of directors last Friday to appeal an effort to invalidate his eligibility tied to dates of property ownership from a family trust.**

# Farr disqualified by board, ballots cast for him voided

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legal counsel immediately contacted Mr. Farr by phone to alert him of the concern and requested documentation to support he was the owner of record of 21 Bird Nest Drive as of January 1, 2021," she said.

Rogers said on Saturday at 3 p.m. Farr's legal counsel provided documentation indicating he is the current trustee of the Farr Living Trust, which owns the property.

"The letter and the trust document included no additional facts or opinions that would lead me to conclude that Mr. Farr was the owner of record ... as of January 1, 2021," she said.

Rogers said the board convened later on Saturday and opted to proceed with the election but would invalidate votes cast for Farr.

During the meeting on Friday, Farr took exception with the proceedings.

"The process for vetting our candidates needs to be looked at again," he said. "No other candidate has had to go through this 12 days before an election."

Association attorney Jeremy Tucker said Farr became trustee of the property on or after May 17.

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"There is no indication he was trustee before that date," he said.

Director Tom Janasek asked how the issue came to light at the last moment, with the Aug. 11 ballot submission deadline just a few days away.

"These accusations are getting a little ridiculous," he said.

Director Doug Parks, while acknowledging the importance of adhering to governing documents, also asked that a summary of related legal fees be released to the public.

"Since we represent members of Ocean Pines, it's important to report to them the cost in legal dollars," he said.

For his part, Farr said he has lived full time in Ocean Pines since 2019 and paid all annual assessments since that point.

"I believed I was qualified when I chose to run, and still believe I meet the requirements of our governing documents," he said.

Farr said the family trust dates to Feb. 2018 and includes himself and a relative, Lisa Marie (Farr) Donahue, as successor co-trustees.

"My attorney, who is a trust/estate attorney, has said, and continues to say, that I have been the owner since 1/1/19," he said.

Farr also noted the decision to invalidate was made preemptively.

"I am disappointed that the announcement was sent disqualifying me by Cami Rogers on Saturday, July 31 ... when my attorney was still in active discussions with Jeremy Tucker," he said.

Farr expressed confidence additional documents would clear up the matter.

"I never intentionally mislead or misrepresented myself to this community," he said. "I will not be able to answer or debate anyone further until after all information has been shared with Jeremy Tucker and Cami Rogers and a true final decision has been made."



# Berlin Commons provides community gathering spot

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own kids,” he said.

The fenced-in lot currently has a trio of triangle-shaped overhead coverings for shade and four eight-foot tables, with plans to add a pair of six-foot picnic tables in short order.

Maintaining the green space has developed into a community effort, Hines said.

“I don’t have enough time in my day to keep that thing watered but I’m doing the best I can,” he said. “I’ve had a lot of support from people helping us landscape and keep that looking the way it is.”

Hines said among a host of parties investing sweat equity has been Andy Blizzard, with local clean-up campaign “Restore the Shore.”

Earlier this year Blizzard and Andrew Duley, with Seagull Disposal, started “Restore the Shore” and have removed mountains of refuse from local roads.

“He helped me with some landscaping, as well as other people,” he said. “He’s one of the people that helps keep trash out of the property.”

Hines also offered a debt of gratitude for contractor Rob Barbely who partnered on completing site upgrades.

“Him and I built it,” he said.

While always available for public use from sunrise to sunset, the Hines are also operating at the site from Thursday through Saturday.

Several of those dates have included musical accompaniment, such as a recent acoustic set by Kaleb Brown, among others.

“We’ve had a violinist out there, Bethany Jubilee. She played acoustic,” he said. “I’m trying to get some jazz out there [and] we’re looking for jazz musicians.”

Brett Hines said the new venture has provided unforeseen intangibles.

“We’ve had a lot of fun,” he said. “It’s been the first time in a long time that I’ve had a place where I can connect with my neighbors and really learn who they are.”

Since opening up Berlin Commons, Hines has seen members of the community bond on site.

“Ideas are being shared amongst neighbors and laughs are being had,” he said. “It’s a place to let your hair down.”

As summer continues chugging along, Hines is grateful the concept has resonated.

“I’m just thankful that people are using the space respectfully and in the way, so far, that it would be recommend to be used,” he said.

# Salvation Army undertakes school supplies campaign

(Aug. 5, 2021) The Salvation Army Lower Eastern Shore is working with Walmart stores in Berlin, Fruitland, Salisbury and Pocomoke to collect school supplies for children in need during the annual Stuff the Bus event on Friday, Aug. 6 to Sunday, Aug. 8.

The Salvation Army’s Stuff the Bus school supply drive will take place at more than 4,500 Walmart stores across the country. Shoppers can purchase and drop off items at collection bins at the front of each store or search their local Salvation Army’s online Registry for Good to donate supplies online.

“There are hundreds of children heading back to school in our area this year, and many of their families are struggling to make ends meet,” said Capt. Matt Trantham of The Salvation Army in Salisbury. “By donating school supplies for a child in need, you can empower families to start the school year well and achieve success in the future. It’s the boost of confidence they need when getting back to normal after a challenging year.”

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# Berlin Junior League all stars state champs

**By Lisa Capitelli**  
Managing Editor

(Aug. 5, 2021) The Berlin Little League Junior League All-Star team beat Talbot County Little League twice to win the state championship title last week.

Berlin, of District 8, which hosted the state tournament, was 3-1 going into its competition with Talbot of District 6, on Thursday.

Talbot scored one in the third, but Berlin answered with a run in the fourth. Talbot made it 2-1 in the bottom of the inning.

Berlin pulled ahead with two runs in the top of the fifth, but the lead didn't last long, as Talbot tacked on three in the bottom of the inning.

Berlin scored two in the sixth to tie the game, 5-5. The home team tallied two in the eighth to win, 7-5.

"It was a great game," said Manager Mike Gaylor. "These games are played with a lot of heart. We played good defense. I just told them to 'give me one more shot to go out and hit the ball,' and that's what they did."

Tony Martin was 3-for-5 in the game. Caleb Loring went 2-for-5 with two RBIs. Justin Udzielak also had two RBIs.

Spencer Gaylor and Kyle Springle had one RBI a piece.

Ethan Cowder and Jackson Cheung combined for seven strikeouts



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The Berlin Little League Junior League All-Star team captured the state championship last Friday on their home field.

and allowed five hits in the victory. "Phenomenal pitching by them," Gaylor said.

The win, Gaylor said, shifted the momentum in Berlin's favor.

"We had a plan and it worked out. [It was to] not jump on the first pitch, make sure you're thrown strikes and what you swing at, hit hard," he said. "There was a lot of screaming and

cheering after the game, but I told the boys, 'we're not done yet. We still got one more.'"

Because it was a double-elimination tournament, Berlin had to beat Talbot twice to clench the title.

The two teams met again the next day.

"Today is the day when we finish what we started," Gaylor told his players before the game. "We had the same game plan - to wait [the pitcher] out and get the pitch you want to hit."

Berlin jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

"That made us feel a little better. We kept the pressure on them," the coach said.

The team added three more runs in the third to gain a 6-0 advantage.

Talbot scored its only two runs in the fourth.

Berlin won 6-2 and captured the state title.

"It was a total team effort," Gaylor said.

Nate Berzonski had two RBIs, and Martin, Udzielak and Mason Edelmänn tallied one each.

Loring pitched all seven innings. He struck out four, walked one and gave up four hits.

"I've had these boys since they were 8 years old and we've had the same goal in mind - the state championship," Gaylor said. "It was even sweeter to win at home. It was really cool to win it in our back yard, with all our fans."

Cheung got the game ball and presented it to Gaylor, he said.

"He said, 'here you go coach. We did this for you,'" Gaylor said, a bit choked up.

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# Community mourns passing of Board of Edu. president

**By Mallory Panuska**  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 6, 2021) The Worcester County Board of Education — and local community — lost an institutional staple last week.



Last weekend, news began circulating that Board of Education President and Bishopville resident Eric Cropper had suddenly passed away. The news shocked members of the community, who took to social media soon after to memorialize the 48-year-old husband, father, colleague and friend.

With phrases like “incredible human,” “positive influence” and “dear friend” used to describe him, the mark Cropper left on the community was obvious in the flurry of posts dedicated to his life and legacy.

According to his obituary, Cropper died Friday at Atlantic General Hospital. The cause of death was not shared.

He had a wife and three children and was a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School and Wilmington College. Along with serving on the board of education since 2014, most recently as the president, Cropper worked as a real estate agent with NAI Coastal in Salisbury. He was also a member of Taylorville United Methodist Church and served as a member of several civic organiza-

tions.

In an emailed statement released this week, Superintendent Lou Taylor said Cropper was “part of the fabric” of the Worcester County Public School system as a local graduate, father to three children in the schools, and husband to a central office leader. Taylor also called Cropper “a friend to everyone he met” and a “kind soul, who brought his love for our schools to life through his work on our board.”

“He has given so much of his time and effort to our schools, and he undoubtedly would have continued to do so,” Taylor’s statement said.

Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino also said a few words about Cropper during Tuesday’s commission meeting. He said Cropper’s loss was felt deeply by members of the board of education, students, school teachers and parents and that he will be missed.

“I think all of us would agree he was a very engaging individual, somebody who gave it all to our county,” Bertino said. “There’s not too much I can really say right now, other than to say he was a good man and he will be missed.”

A GoFundMe campaign is set up to help offset funeral costs, as well as honor Cropper’s work in education, with hopes to contribute money toward scholarships to help his three children attend college. The link for the campaign is: [//gofund.me/e57a00d3](https://gofund.me/e57a00d3).

# Good showing by Berlin LL all-star teams at state level

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The local squad opened tournament competition on July 24 against Talbot Little League. Talbot won 12-9, handing the Berlin squad what would be its only loss of the all-star season.

Berlin bounced back the next day, defeating District 5 representative, Rising Sun, 20-1, in four innings.

Last Monday against Laurel of District 4, Berlin won 13-2 in five innings. Berlin then played District 7 St. Mary’s last Wednesday, and came out on top, 12-4, setting up the championship battle with Talbot.

Berlin advanced to the state tournament by winning the District 8 championship. The squad received a first-round bye, then hosted West Salisbury on July 14. Berlin earned a 18-3 victory in five innings (10-run rule). On July 16, Berlin outscored Delmar, 19-1, in four innings on the road to claim the title.

“We only lost one game the whole

season, so that’s pretty good,” Gaylor said. “The regular season we went 12-0; districts, 2-0; and 5-1 in states.”

He also praised his assistant coaches, Mitch Loring and Derek Berzonski.

“I couldn’t have done it without them,” he said.

The 13-player team consists of four 14-year-olds and nine 13-year-olds. Most of the boys played together during the regular season. A few players were added to the roster for the all-star competition.

Gaylor thanked the parents and volunteers for helping the tournament run smoothly.

The Junior League All-Star team wasn’t the only Berlin squad to win a state title. The Junior League Softball team won its second consecutive state championship on July 17.

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# Berlin to celebrate its heritage: peaches

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a Peach Festival gift tote bag that includes historical volumes about Berlin and Worcester County and preserves.

Reid said the peach harvest extravaganza is the museum's signature event and principal annual fundraiser.

"We really are asking people to come out and buy some peaches from us," she said.

Berlin merchants are also part of the event's wider footprint.

"We did a scavenger hunt [in 2020] and we'll be doing the same thing again this year," she said. "We're going to have a special table set up where you get a bag with a pencil and a list of questions."

Also included will be a map of participating Main Street businesses or establishments in the vicinity

"There is a sign on the door or in their window that's going to have peach-related trivia questions," she said.

Completed peach answer lists should be returned to museum officials for a prize drawing for event-related memorabilia.

"We put all the completed ones in a big bowl," she said.

In a return to prior form, a pie-baking contest is also slated for this year's Peach Day.

"There was sort of a buzz going around about everybody doing baking during lockdown," she said. "So, we have brought back our peach pie baking contest."

Reid said the pie competition was scuttled last year but looks to bounce back this Saturday.

"We're encouraging anyone that has been spending hours perfecting a peach pie to bake [one] and bring it to the museum between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.," she said.



PHOTO COURTESY ROBIN TOMASELLI, OWNER OF BAKED  
**Baked Dessert Café will be offering its peach dumplings, also known as the "official treat of the Peach Festival," and other pastries during Peach Day on Saturday.**

All entries must include an ingredient list, with perishable creams or custards not permitted per Worcester County Health Department regulations.

Reid said prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers, with first place garnering a dinner for two at the Victorian Room Restaurant in the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City.

For those who would prefer to purchase, rather than prepare fresh tastes, Baked Dessert Café proprietor Robin Tomaselli will be selling peach dumplings on Main Street.

"She's known for the Berlin signature dessert, which is her Peach dumpling," she said.

Reid said the Baked Dessert treat would be sold in front of Una Bella Salute's new location at 6 S. Main Street.

Musical entertainment is on tap with a performance by Peach Festival veterans the George and Pat Bilenki Duo.

In addition to the scavenger hunt encouraging attendees to peruse Main Street businesses, the event also provides an occasion to purchase carryout food from nearby restaurants.

"Get a to-go sandwich, bring it back to the lawn and listen to the Bilenki's play," she said.

Peach-flavored frozen treats, or "plushies," will also be available to purchase at the museum.

"We're going to have slushies for sale this year," she said.

Reid said the first floor of the Taylor House Museum would be open for the public to take a limited gander at history-laden displays.

"The downstairs will be open and we hope that people, come and visit," she said.

Although the modern-era Berlin Peach Festival was launched in this century, the inspiration traces back to an earlier times.

Reid said the event came to life after museum curator Susan Taylor unearthed evidence of a comparable celebration from over a century ago.

"She came across a photograph that the Harrison Nurseries had a Peach Festival," she said. "Harrison Nursery played a large part in the economy of Berlin from about the 1860s up to the 1940s."

Taylor and a team of local history buffs delved deep into news from yesteryear to learn the inaugural "Great Peach Fest" was held in July 1913 and hosted by J.G. Harrison & Sons.

News reports estimated 2,000 horticulturalists attended the festival to grab an overview of the Harrisons' orchards and latest crop-preservation methods.

"At one point, the Harrisons were the largest mail order orchard in the world," she said.

Reid said the orchard operations were tied to numerous past infrastructure upgrades in Berlin.

"The railway coming through Berlin was important to that because it allowed them to ship," she said. "An ice plant was built in Berlin to produce ice to pack the fruit to keep from spoiling."

The commerce trade also saw a basket factory spring up in Berlin to provide packing needs.

"It's interesting how one industry then had all these other industries that took off around it," she said.

For more information, follow the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum and Town of Berlin pages on Facebook or call the museum at 410-641-1019.



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# Schools formulating opening plan

Covid-19 mitigation steps evolve along with situation

**By Mallory Panuska**  
Staff Writer  
(Aug. 5, 2021) Worcester County Public Schools students should soon have a clear directive for learning in person in the name of covid-19 mitigation when they return for the fall semester.

The updated responsible return plan, as officials call it, will map out distancing, masking and other recommendations and directives for the return to schools in September. This criteria will be based on the latest guidance from the state education and health departments, said Annette Wallace, the district's chief operating and academic officer for grades nine through 12.

"We're updating our responsible return for a couple of reasons," Wallace said last week. "The first reason is that we want our families and our students and community to have the best details we can give them in the moment around what our plans are for reopening in the fall. And secondly it is a requirement, in order to receive [federal] grants, that we have our responsible return plan updated and on our website ... Sort of a dual purpose why we're doing that."

Wallace said the plan, which will be updated from last year, was initially due July 30, but officials asked for an extension to make sure all the details were in order. She expects it to be ready for viewing in the next couple of weeks.

"As soon as we have it, we plan on getting it out, we just want to make sure everything is tightened up," Wallace said. "And certainly we want to remind our families that it is absolutely still something that could change based on that guidance from the state."

Right now, students in summer academies are distanced 3 or 6 feet. And for anyone who is not vaccinated, or for those under 12 who are too young to get the shot, it is "highly recommended" that masks are worn. However, Wallace said no one will police that. She added that anyone, vaccinated or not, who feels safer wearing a mask is also free to do so, and vice-versa.

"[It is] very polarized, the masking debate, and we just want our families to feel safe and we want them to feel safe to either wear their mask or not wear their mask," she said.

Teachers also currently will not be required to get vaccines and will not be asked to show proof of the shot when they return to the schools. Wallace said clinics will be hosted at the

schools in the coming weeks for both teachers and students who are old enough to receive them, though.

"We are offering vaccine clinics in each area for educators, for kids, for families but that is certainly a decision that every family needs to make on their own about what's right for them," Wallace said. "We just want to make it available and accessible to every family that might need it or want it."


And while most students plan to return to in-person learning in the fall, a small percentage have signed up to stay virtual under the district's newly developed plan that requires more screen time and more closely represents learning in the classroom. Wallace said a total of 17 students in kindergarten through fifth grades, and 37 in sixth through 12th grades will go virtual in 2021-22.

She added that the deadline to sign up has come and gone, but that officials are willing to talk to families about concerns if they change their minds before the school year begins.


"When we said when our deadline expired, our deadline expired, because we had to hire staffing for that," Wallace explained. "But like anything else we would certainly talk to families concerned and take that into consideration if there's something that we could make work."

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

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# Worcester Youth collecting school supplies for teachers

(Aug. 5, 2021) Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services will be collecting donation of supplies for new teachers in the county school system.

The 2021-2022 school year will include many changes. New guidelines and restrictions will mean adjustments for the students, teachers and staff.

For a new teacher, having to make sure they have everything needed to start the school year off can be stressful. Worcester Youth & Family wants to help the new teachers in Worcester County schools get off to a good start.

Together with the Board of Education and local business it will provide each new teacher with a bag filled with supplies. Donations can be brought to the Worcester Youth office, 124 N. Main St., Suite C, Berlin, Maryland, through Aug. 13.

# Local residents earn range of degrees through Wor-Wic

(Aug. 5, 2021) The following Worcester County residents completed their program requirements to graduate with a certificate (CT), associate of applied science (AAS), associate of arts in teaching (AAT), associate of science (AS) or associate of arts (AA) degree from Wor-Wic Community College this past fall and spring.


Berlin: Alexander Roberto Apodaca, AS, Biology; Esperanza Berduo-Roblero, AAS, Radiologic Technology; Zachary David Buckley, AA, Education; Nicholas John Cargiulo, CT, Criminal Justice; Judith Carol Celozzi, AA, General Studies; Angela M. Chronister, AS, Nursing; Brooke L. Davis, AAS, Physical Therapist Assistant; Michael deLaurentis, AAS, Physical Therapist Assistant; Kasey M. Donaway, AAS, Radiologic Technology; Lesley Downes, CT, Nursing; Malorie Fager, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Alec B. Foote, AA, Business; Christan Gurskey, AAS, Office Technology; Robert J. Harkness, AA, General Studies; Anthony Brian Helias, CT, Criminal Justice; Kayla M. Higgins, AA, General Studies; Sarah E. Hyatt, AA, Education; Gavin R. Jarman, CT, Criminal Justice; Carrie L. Kilgore, AS, Nursing; Arkadiusz Kozlacz, CT, Criminal Justice; Saphara Lambrinos, AA, General Studies; Samantha M. Lokey, AA, General Studies; Jonathan Marton-Rollins, CT, Criminal Justice; Brooke Mask, AA, General Studies; Robert N. Mitchell, AA, General Studies; William D. Mossop III, CT, Criminal Justice; Shanell Niles, AAS, Education; Candice M. Palmer, AAS, Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Management; Ty'Rese Lee Pettyjohn, CT, Criminal Justice; Lauren Purdom, AA, General Studies; Ricku Ramesh, CT, Criminal Justice; Christina G. Ramirez, AAS, Business; Steven Michael Redner, CT, Criminal Justice; Daniel J. Richardson, CT, Criminal Justice; Mallory T. Sterrett, AA, General Studies; and Ashley M. Thurmond, AAS, Office Technology.

Bishopville: Tara E. Flanagan, AS, Nursing; Hayley Malia Jones, AS, Nursing; Coleen M. LeKites, AA, General Studies; Natalie P. Shaffer, AA, General Studies; and Jenna G. Shumate, AAT, Education.

Girdletree: Ann Elizabeth Ward, AA, General Studies.

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# Rutzler competes in natl. pageant

(Aug. 5, 2021) Recent Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School graduate MaryAnn Catherine Rutzler traveled to Columbus, Ohio, in early July to compete in the 2021 Pure International Pageants National pageant.

As Junior Teen Miss Atlantic Coast, Rutzler represented Maryland, Delaware and Virginia competing in required modeling state wear, formal wear, and personal interview.

She also competed in optional events including print modeling, runway modeling of high fashion, casual wear, and formal wear, photogenic, and portfolio.

Rutzler modeled in a bright yellow swing dress that her mom had embellished a fun interpretation of an Eastern Shore classic....Old Bay Seasoning. Her formal gown sparkled

with crystal beads and rose patterned full skirt.

Rutzler is honored to bring back to the Eastern Shore the national title of 2021 Pure International Junior Teen Miss USA. She plans on using her yearlong platform to raise awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society, North Worcester Relay for Life.

Her passion for the American Cancer Society and North Worcester Relay for Life comes from serving as a caregiver for not only her mom who is an acute myeloid leukemia survivor, but also to her godmother, who succumbed to metastatic breast cancer after a 14-year battle.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life has become a second home to Rutzler as she has participated every year of her life.

She will again spearhead a team, Royalty for Relay this season; and will have upcoming fundraisers leading to the event planned for Saturday, Oct. 2, on Main Street in Berlin.

Rutzler is an incoming freshman at Snow Hill High School. She is involved with Worcester County 4-H Voyagers, 1 Year to Empowerment, is starting her ninth year as a Girl Scout and loves to serve her community.

She has been a conference, regional and national All-American Scholar for Pop Warner Berlin Seahawks for four years and looks forward to being on the Snow Hill Eagles cheer squad.



MaryAnne Rutzler

## Wor-Wic announces latest batch of program graduates

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Pocomoke City: Dylan T. Barnes, CT, Criminal Justice; Bethany A. Cheeks, AAS, Physical Therapist Assistant; Dylan Michael Connor, CT, Criminal Justice; Laura A. Johnson, AAS, Occupational Therapy Assistant; Shane R. Musgrave, AAS, Criminal Justice; Emmanuelle Phillips,

CT, Criminal Justice; Demond H. Selby, CT, Criminal Justice; Hunter C. Sharp, CT, Criminal Justice; Brandon M. Womer, CT, Criminal Justice; and Amanda L. Wright, AAS, Computer Studies.

Snow Hill: Kayla A. Baumgartner, AS, Nursing; Miranda Desiree Carter, CT, Criminal Justice; Benjamin Chase, AAS, Physical Therapist Assistant; Benjamin L. Coleman, AAT, Education; Haley M. Cook, AA, General Studies; Brittany Evans, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Marissa Bailey Fetters, AA, Education; Julie A. Fisher, CT, Education; Valerie F. McBride, CT, Criminal Justice; Jason G. Odegaard, CT, Criminal Justice; Angela M. Puskar, AS, Nursing; Matthew Shawn, AA, General Studies; Shari Michelle Shockley, CT, Criminal Justice; and Kennedy Wooten, AS, Nursing.

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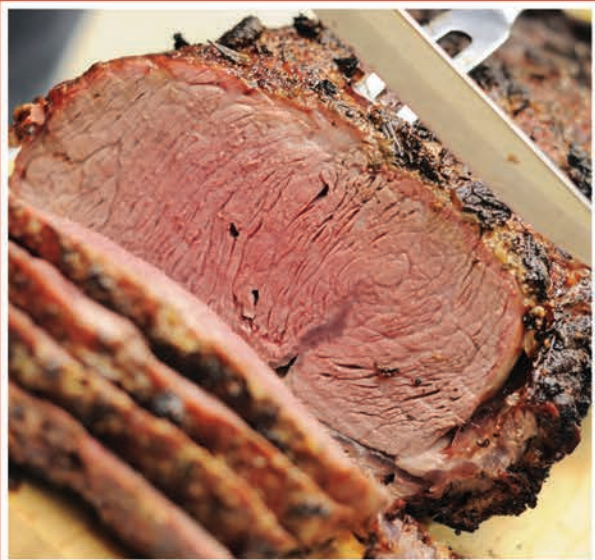
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# Worcester GOLD seeks donors and sponsors

Local nonprofit asking for supplies for students as academic year approaches

(Aug. 5, 2021) Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is seeking donors and sponsors for its upcoming School Supplies for Students program. The program provides backpacks filled with school supplies to K-12 students in Worcester County who, financially, would have a difficult

time getting the supplies. Many students have begun, or will soon begin, the transition from virtual to in-person learning. By providing backpacks filled with grade appropriate supplies, GOLD is seeking to make the transition easier and less stressful on families and students in need. Last year, GOLD provided filled backpacks to 288 students and is anticipating a greater need this year with students returning to school. For more information or to donate, visit [www.WorcesterGOLD.org](http://www.WorcesterGOLD.org). The deadline for donations and spon-

sorships is Aug. 27. Worcester County GOLD, 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 to basic needs like housing, utilities, food, clothing, and items for children and vulnerable adults. In addition to emergency services, GOLD offers special programs such as summer ac-

tivities for at-risk youth, School Supplies for Students, Thanksgiving turkey meals, and Helping Hands for the Holidays. For more information, contact Nicholas Cranford, executive director, at [Nicholas.Cranford@maryland.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Cranford@maryland.gov) or 410-677-6830, visit [www.WorcesterGOLD.org](http://www.WorcesterGOLD.org), email [WorcesterCountyGOLD@gmail.com](mailto:WorcesterCountyGOLD@gmail.com), or call 410-677-6830. Visit [www.facebook.com/worcestergold](http://www.facebook.com/worcestergold) on Facebook and [www.instagram.com/worcestercountygold/](http://www.instagram.com/worcestercountygold/) on Instagram.

# Nominate for annual Volunteer Spirit awards

County solicits individuals, organizations, businesses that improve quality of life

(Aug. 5, 2021) To honor volunteers whose contributions help improve the quality of life locally, Worcester County residents are invited to nominate individuals, organizations and businesses for the Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County awards. The nomination period is open now through Friday, Sept. 17, at 11:59 p.m.

“Since we were unable to host the volunteer spirit awards program last year, Worcester County will be recognizing volunteer contributions that took place between March 2020 and June 2021,” Human Resources Specialist Kelly Brinkley said. “This year we have also added a special category – pandemic response champion – to honor those who have made extraordinary contributions that have aided in the local response to the covid-19 crisis,” she added. Volunteer Spirit nominations will

be accepted for each of the following nine categories, with one winner to be chosen from each: paramedic response champion, emerging leader, faith-based, lifetime achievement, veteran, local business, group/team, individual, and nonprofit volunteer program. Nominees should reside in and represent the volunteer spirit of Worcester County. Nomination forms may be filled out and submitted online at [www.worcestervolunteer.org](http://www.worcestervolunteer.org). Once there, click on “News.” Hard copies will also be available

at all five branch libraries, the County Administration Office in the Worcester County Government Center in Snow Hill, or by contacting Brinkley at 410-632-0090 or [kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us). To highlight the outstanding services of the volunteers, the Worcester County commissioners will host a recognition ceremony for nominees selected as award winners on Oct. 21. The Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County takes place in cooperation with the annual Governor’s Service Awards program.

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## FRESH RECRUITS

Worcester County law enforcement officers who graduated in the 86th entrance-level law enforcement class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, in the front, from left, are Jarred W. Forsythe, Jon A. Lavery and Andrew M. Rop of the Pocomoke City Police Department; second row, Ean W. Spencer of the Berlin Police Department, and Emma Hamilton-Blackford, Terrance L. Jankouskas and Patrick M. Keller Jr. of the Ocean City Police Department; and in back, Justin M. Koser, Benjamin E. Panitch, Isaiah C. Stoner, Ryan R. Walker and Jessica N. Wieber of the Ocean City Police Department.

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# Pickled Goose demo work raises county ire

By Mallory Panuska  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 5, 2021) The new restaurant planned for the shuttered Whisker's Bar and Grill location in Ocean Pines is not open yet, but the owners already have a violation on file with the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners.

The Pickled Goose, which is set to open eventually at 1107 Cathell Road, recently received a stop work order after county officials learned that demolition work was going on inside the building.

The action reportedly went against the licensing board's rule prohibiting alterations to the property and commissioners had a hearing on July 21 to address the allegation.

Ultimately, the owners said they were unaware of the approvals needed and apologized for the misunderstanding, but left with a letter of reprimand and a stern warning.

"You're not getting a fine today ... you could have," Chairman William Esham said at the close of the hearing. "You could be suspended today. You now have a violation on your file before you've ever opened."

The Pickled Goose was already off to a rough start with the licensing board after concerns were raised during an alcohol license transfer hearing over the winter.

The commissioners postponed an initial hearing — which was set for December — to transfer Whiskers' Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor license to new owners Shereen Ramadan and Dina Sbih citing concerns about whether the pair knew what they were getting into.

After clearing up some miscommunications, commissioners went forward with the hearing in January, but were met with concerns from another business owner about a past violation associated with the Ramadan family.

Despite the concerns, commission-

ers decided to grant the transfer request, with the understanding that it is for a restaurant and not retail sales. The approval also included a provision that the new owners must serve 51 percent food at all times, give monthly reports on the sale of food and alcoholic beverages, give monthly reports on those purchases, keep the layout the same, and provide tax returns at the end of each year.

Board members made it clear that Ramadan and Sbih were not to perform any alterations to the building, which is what brought the pair, along with manager and consultant Brad Mogan, to the hearing last week.

Liquor License Administrator April Payne explained that the owners told her that they were only doing minor work, such as replacing ceiling tiles, painting the walls and replacing flooring.

But then she learned that they had applied for a demolition permit, which

prompted her to send someone to check on the property.

"That's when we saw more work was going on than ceiling tiles and flooring and paint," Payne said.

Attorney Pete Cosby, who represented the owners, said that his clients were unaware that they were doing anything wrong and assured that no actual construction work was underway at the property.

And while the demolition was not expressly forbidden, it was not approved either, which is what prompted the commissioners to give the team a violation instead of something harsher.

"If they rebuild one damn thing going forward, we can revoke their license," Esham said. "We can revoke the license if anything happens going forward ... If this happens again, if they build anything without coming down here, I guess it would be next month, then I'm going to be more than tired of it."



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# Higgins to retire as Worcester admin. officer

After 25 years, government official prepares to step down from post Aug. 20

(Aug. 5, 2021) Chief Administrative Officer Harold L. Higgins, CPA received accolades from the county commissioners after announcing his upcoming retirement from Worcester County Government effective Aug. 20 after 25 years of service.

“While many jurisdictions nationwide faced economic uncertainty during the 2009 economic downturn and the worldwide covid-19 pandemic, Worcester County remained on solid financial footing thanks to Harold’s prudent financial leadership,” Commissioner Joe Mitrecic said. “He is a good friend, and I hope he will spend much of the retirement he has earned out on the golf green improving his swing.”

Higgins began serving as finance officer in 1996, and then stepped up to the helm as the chief administrative officer in 2013. Higgins led all aspects of county government operations. He played key roles in navigating the county through a period of national economic decline and the worldwide covid-19 pandemic.

His prudent management secured the county’s solid financial standing, resulting in clean opinions from TGM



Chief Administrative Officer Harold L. Higgins, CPA, received accolades on Tuesday from the county commissioners after announcing his upcoming retirement from Worcester County Government, effective Aug. 20 after 25 years of service.

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Higgins also oversaw key construc-

tion projects, including the Berlin Branch Library, Showell Elementary School, and Snow Hill High School.

Worcester County is stronger today and better positioned for healthy growth in the future thanks to the leadership Higgins has provided, county official aid.

Higgins and his wife, Theresa, are looking forward to spending more time traveling and visiting with their four adult children and seven grandchildren, with an eighth on the way. He is passing the torch of leadership to incoming Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young.

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To celebrate Park Place Jewelers' 25th anniversary on May 20, owners Todd and Jill Ferrante donated a portion of sales to local charities, including the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation. Pictured, from left, are Sophia, Todd and Jill Ferrante; Michael Franklin, AGH president and CEO; Steve Green, AGH Foundation Board chair; Toni Keiser, AGH vice president public relations; and Caroline Phillips, AGH development officer.

# Park Place Jewelers marks 25 years on shore

To celebrate benchmark, owners donate \$20,000 to several local charities

(Aug. 5, 2021) Park Place Jewelers celebrated its 25th anniversary on May 20. In honor of this milestone, owners Todd and Jill Ferrante announced that a portion of sales would

be donated to local charities. Park Place Jewelers presented \$20,000 in donations last week to four charities – Atlantic General Hospital (AGH), Believe In Tomorrow Children's Foundation, the Rebecca and Leighton Moore Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit and the Worcester County Education Foundation (WCEF).

Each charity was gifted a \$5,000 donation, representing a portion of Park Place Jewelers' sales during the month of May. Park Place Jewelers has two locations – one on the Boardwalk at Second Street in Ocean City and in West Ocean City at the Park Place Plaza. "We are very excited to be able to celebrate this milestone with the Fer-

rante family," said AGH Foundation Board Chair Steve Green. "Their continuous support of Atlantic General Hospital displays their dedication to serving the Eastern Shore community. We sincerely thank Todd, Jill and Park Place Jewelers for their generosity, and giving us the opportunity to be a part of their 25th anniversary celebration."

# OP Pickleball Club makes charitable efforts

Racquet sports group gives to Mary Mac and NAMI Del.

(Aug. 5, 2021) The Ocean Pines Pickleball Club, in its continuing commitment to giving back to the community, announced its two most recent charitable contributions: to NAMI Delaware and the Mary Mac Foundation. NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization

dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. The Mary Mac Foundation each year raises funds for local and regional youth programs to honor Mary McMullen (1948-2012), a special education instructor at Severna Park High School and Ruth Eason School in Millersville, Maryland. During the 1970s, she also helped established the Ocean Pines Recreation

and Parks Department. The Pickleball Club handles organizing all pickleball activities, including daily drop-in play, clinics and lessons, various tournaments, charitable events, and social activities. "Our club has made a commitment to allocate a portion of our cash to various charities, and our plan is to make ongoing charitable contributions monthly," club Treasurer Ron Kurtz said. Ocean Pines has eight permanent,

outdoor pickleball courts at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center, on 11443 Manklin Creek Road. The center is open to the public and all players are welcome. The daily drop-in fee is \$7, without a pickleball membership. For more information on the Ocean Pines Pickleball Club, email club Vice President Claire Walker at 1111claire@comcast.net, or visit <https://oppickleball.shutterstock.com>.



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HOGAN VISITS

Maryland's First Lady Yumi Hogan recently visited the Worcester County Developmental Center in Newark to meet with clients and interact with them as they worked on art projects. WCDC provides day programming, residential services and community-based support for adults with intellectual disabilities. Pictured, from left, are Pat Schrawder, Sen. Mary Beth Carozza's district representative; Mark Cerbo WCDC board president; Hogan; Jack Ferry, WCDC executive director; Cathy Gallagher Friends of WCDC President; and Sen. Carozza.

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AGH virtual autism event in August

(Aug. 5, 2021) Atlantic General Hospital is sponsoring the fifth annual Autism Awareness Conference on Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 4-6 p.m.

This event is free to the community; internet access is required to join the conference.

Katie Dorsch, registered dietitian at Atlantic General and the Regional Cancer Care Center, will be dis-

cussing "Autism and Nutrition."

Maureen van Stone, Esq., director of the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) at Kennedy Krieger Institute, will discuss "Return to School during the covid-19 Pandemic for Students with Disabilities."

Dr. Deepa Menon, assistant medical director at the Center for Autism

and Related Disorders (CARD) at Kennedy Krieger Institute, will lead "School Re-Entry Post-Covid: Supporting Families and Children with Autism."

Advance registration is required by Aug. 9. Call 410-641-9268 or email gblake@atlanticgeneral.org to register. The Autism Conference is free of charge.

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# Keener appointed Wor. director of permitting

(Aug. 5, 2021) Jennifer Keener has been named the new director of Development Review and Permitting for Worcester County, the county commissioners announced this week.

Keener joined department in 2006 and served as a review and permitting specialist until being promoted to zoning administrator in 2009 and deputy director in 2020.

“Growth isn’t a one-and-done effort, it is a process, and Keener is well-suited to lead her team, as they provide a range of services to assist the public with their planning needs,” Commissioner President Joe Mitrecic said.

“As an expert planner, she brings the education, experience, and professional leadership skills necessary to

lead her team in providing the planning support necessary to meet the challenges that come with growth throughout our diverse communities.”



Jennifer Keener

Keener, a member of the American Planning Association and a certified planner brings 16 years of planning and site plan review experience to this position. In her former roles, Keener oversaw the Technical Review Committee, Planning Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals.

She approved commercial site plans, reviewed and issued commercial and residential permits and con-

ducted commercial zoning and nuisance inspections.

She also develops the department’s annual budget and drafts local legislation in response to changes in state and local planning and zoning laws. Most recently she drafted Bill 21-3 Public Safety - Animal Control and Bill 21-4 Zoning – Commercial Kennel, which strengthened the animal protections in commercial kennel operations.

“I want to thank the commissioners for the opportunity to step into this leadership role,” Keener said. “And, I look forward to the collaborations that will be a part of our future planning efforts, our promotion of positive growth, and our protection of the natural beauty that Worcester County has to offer.”

She earned a bachelor of science in geography and environmental studies, with a minor in sociology and geology, from Gustavus Adolphus College in 2005. In 2008, she earned a master of science in environmental management from the University of Maryland University College, and in 2018 she earned her American Institute of Certified Planners designation.

Keener took over for former Director Ed Tudor, who retired in July after 28 years of service to Worcester County.

“I’ve worked with Jennifer for 15 years and am pleased to see her assume this position,” Tudor said. “There is no one more qualified or prepared to take on the duties of this position.”

## Golf tournament to support county education programs

(Aug. 5, 2021) The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation will host its annual golf tournament at the Ocean Pines Golf Club, this year scheduled on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said the event was canceled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but organizers are excited to get back to normal.

The annual tournament is the foundation’s major fundraiser for education programs.

“Through the cooperative efforts of the Worcester County Board of Education and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, every fifth-grade student in Worcester County participates in a field day trip to the Veterans Memorial,” Gilmore said.

During the program, volunteer docents talk about the sacrifices of veterans and the founding of each branch of military service, and instruct on flag etiquette. Junior ROTC cadets from Stephen Decatur High School, Snow Hill High School and Pocomoke High School assist in teaching the younger

students proper flag handling and flag folding.

“The lessons learned are reinforced with an activity guide that each student takes home,” Gilmore said. “They are encouraged to continue the conversation with their parents, and thus learn of their family’s contributions and military service history.

“We are so grateful for the opportunity to raise funds for this award-winning program,” she continued. “We hope you will support our event by becoming a sponsor, or providing a prize for our tournament or silent auction.”

Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$2,000 and help pay for costs related to the program, including paying for the buses and drivers that bring the students to the memorial in Ocean Pines.

The foundation is also seeking gifts and gift certificates for the silent auction, and prizes for golfers.

To download a sponsorship form, visit <https://oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/WCVMF+2021+sponsorship+form.pdf>.

Mail completed forms to WCYMF,

## Motorcyclist killed Friday after crashing into Jeep

By Greg Wehner  
Staff Writer

(Aug. 5, 2021) One man died on Friday night after crashing a motorcycle into an SUV that was crossing Route 50 near Hall Road.

Maryland State Police were notified of a crash at the intersection of Route 50 and Hall Road near Whaleyville at approximately 11:30 p.m. on Friday, and when troopers arrived, they found two vehicles were involved.

A preliminary investigation indicated Randy L. Miller, 25, of Whaleyville drove a Jeep Cherokee across the highway at Hall Road, and as he did so, he crossed into the path of a motorcycle heading

westbound.

The motorcycle – which was driven by Jason T. Eanes, 27, of Delmar – struck the SUV, and Eanes was ejected from the bike, landing in the median.

A state police helicopter was dispatched to the accident, but EMS personnel from the Berlin Fire Department pronounced Eanes dead at the scene.

Police said the investigation into the crash is continuing, adding that nothing is being ruled out regarding contributing factors.

Charges are pending, and once the investigation is complete, it will be handed to the State’s attorney for review.

P.O. Box 1576, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

To download a registration form to play in the tournament, visit <https://oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/WCVMF+2021+player+form.pdf>.

The Worcester County Veterans Me-

morial is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, entirely supported by membership and donations. Donations are tax deductible. The federal EIN number is 20-3130695.

For more information on the foundation, visit [www.opvets.org](http://www.opvets.org).



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# Obituaries

## ERIC WALLACE CROPPER

Bishopville

Eric Wallace Cropper, age 48, died on Friday, July 30, 2021, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.



Eric Cropper

Born in Salisbury, he was the son of the late Wallace S. Cropper, Jr. and Catherine "Diane" Casper Cropper.

He is survived by his wife, Bess Cropper, and children, Eric Cropper, Jr., Grace Cropper and Sara Cropper, all of Bishopville.

Also surviving, are his brothers, Greg Pepper of North Carolina, and Wallace S. Cropper, III of Berlin; sisters, Melinda Cropper of Berlin, and Kelly Joy of Florida, several nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Mr. Cropper, was a Class of 1990 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School and a 2002 graduate of Wilmington College.

He was employed as a real estate agent with NAI Coastal in Salisbury. Mr. Cropper was currently serving as President of the Board of Education for Worcester County.

He was a fifth generation member of Taylorville United Methodist

Church.

With a servant's heart, Mr. Cropper devoted his life to caring for others, and was a member of many civic organizations including Evergreen Masonic Lodge #153 AF & AM.

A devoted husband and father, he enjoyed fishing with his son, Eric, Jr., going to his baseball games and attending his daughter's dance competitions.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Aug. 6, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Taylorville United Methodist Church, 11252 Adkins Rd, Berlin, Maryland 21811. Rev. Bill Littleton will officiate.

Friends may call on Thursday evening from 5-7 p.m. at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, and also 9-11 a.m. on Friday morning at the church.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to: Worcester County Education Foundation, P.O. Box 32, Berlin, Maryland 21811. Letters of condolence may be sent via: [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com)

## ROBERT POREMSKI

Ocean Pines

Robert (Bob) Poremski, 77, of Ocean Pines, Maryland, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2021, at his home surrounded by family after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Bob was born on March 22, 1944 and was the son of Thomas B. Poremski Sr. and Marie M. (Goralski) Poremski of Baltimore, Maryland.



Robert Poremski

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn, of 56 years, and his two daughters, Christine Kuzmick of Thousand Oaks, California, and Cindy Giannini and her husband, Steve, of Ocean Pines, Maryland.

He has three grandchildren that were the light of his life, Jacob and Ashley Kuzmick and Chase Giannini.

He is preceded in death by his older brother, Bernard Poremski, and survived by his brother, Thomas Poremski, and sister, Joan Coe.

He is survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bob graduated in 1962 from Polytechnic Institute in Baltimore, and graduated from John Hopkins University with a Bachelor of Engineering Science degree.

He worked for several engineering companies before relocating to the Eastern Shore in 1985. He then started a custom home building business (Poremski Homes), which he enjoyed for over 20 years.

He also had a lifelong career in real estate.

Bob was a devoted family man and loving father and Pop Pop. He lived

life to the fullest and was interested in many things including reading and learning, playing tennis, pickleball, platform tennis, kayaking, sailing and watching sports.

He also loved sitting on his back deck enjoying the beautiful views and wildlife, while listening to music. But most of all, he loved his family, grandchildren and his cat, Misty. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Arrangements are in the care of Eastern Shore Cremation and Funeral Service, 504 Franklin Avenue, Berlin, Maryland 21811. To send condolences to the family, please visit [www.easternshorecremation.com](http://www.easternshorecremation.com).

## Town of Berlin Public Notice



### NOTICE

Pursuant to the Code of the Town of Berlin Section 108-165, "Variances", the Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals will consider a request for a Variance received from Erving and Christina Truitt of 2 Nelson Street, Berlin, MD to construct a covered front porch addition which would represent an encroachment of 6 feet into the prescribed front yard setback, during its meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM in the Mayor and Council Chambers of Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin, MD.

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### NOTICE

Pursuant to the Code of the Town of Berlin, MD Section 108-165, "Variances", and Division 3, "Off-Street Parking", Section 108-788(4) "Requirements", the Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals will consider a request for a Variance to reduce the required number of parking spaces for a Distillery/Tavern received from EJF Real Estate, LLC and Forgotten 50 Distilling located at 10103 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin, MD at its meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM in the Mayor and Council Chambers of Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin, MD. The request represents a reduction from the required 34 parking spaces to 25 parking spaces.

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# Snapshots



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## DAWG TEAM

The Kiwanis “Dawg Team” can be found at events grilling hot dogs and often hamburgers in addition to selling snacks and drinks to raise funds that benefit local youth. Pictured during the July 24 car show at the Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines, from left, are team members Diane Sparzak, team co-chair Candy Foreman, Tom Foreman, Tony Winter, Suzanne Foley, team chair Roy Foreman, Ed Ahlquist and Tom Southwell.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## LIVE MUSIC

Songstress Marcella Peters livens up the evening with an array of tunes at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Sunday.



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## FIRST PLACE

The Worcester County Commissioners commended Stephen Decatur High School senior Houston Phillips on June 15, for earning first place in three regional championships and four state championships in the Stock Market Games (SMG) hosted by the Maryland Council on Economic Education in 2020 and 2021. Phillips set the state record by turning \$100,000 into over \$290,000 in the SMG, thereby dominating the competitions and becoming the most decorated SMG competitor in the history of Worcester County Public Schools. He is pictured with Decatur Principal Tom Sites.



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## SPONSOR

Elks Lodge 2645 of Ocean City pledged to sponsor bedroom No. 7 in the Macky & Pam Stansell House, which has been identified as “To Our Absent Members, Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645” (to remember its members that have died). The Elks have been sponsoring Coastal Hospice since 2012 when it started donating in honor of, and then in memory of, Kathy Mathias. The Elks presented The Macky & Pam Stansell House with a \$7,500 check on June 21. Pictured are Bruce Martinek, Charlie Loane, Susan Caldwell-PER, Treasurer Jim Flaig, and Charity Committee Chairperson, Peggie Ball. Not pictured: committee member Carroll Wagner.



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## PRESENTATION

The Ocean City Lions Club recently enjoyed a special presentation about the history and tales of the Assateague Island hunting lodges. Pictured, from left, are OC Lions President Scott Stark, with presenters Ed Phillips, Rick Savage and Allen Sklar.



# Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto:editor@baysidegazette.com) by 5 p.m. Monday.

## OPA board tries it all to guarantee Daly win

In one of the more blatant attempts to guarantee an election, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last week declared Rick Farr, who had been running for a board seat, candidatum non grata.

That is to say the directors decided, midway through this year’s election, more than two weeks after ballots were mailed and votes were cast, that Farr was not a candidate after all. And, to those who voted for him in the two weeks preceding this astonishingly self-serving order, the board said sorry, folks, your votes don’t count. Better luck next year.

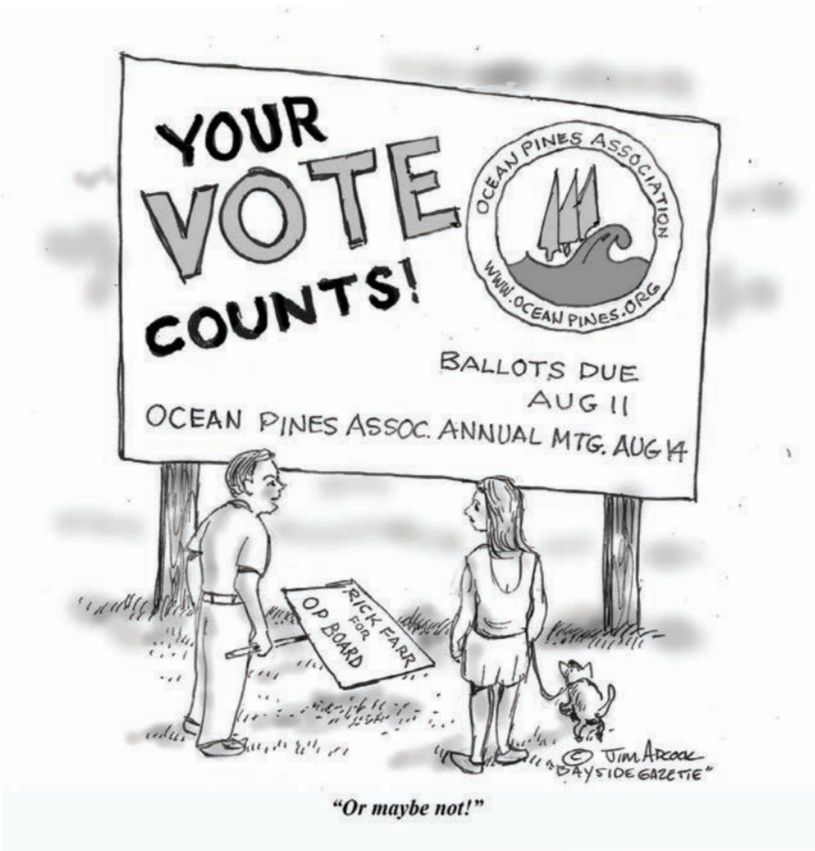
Farr’s downfall as a candidate was the nefarious business of ... estate planning. Because his residence is owned by a family trust set up by his father, now deceased, and because Farr did not become the primary trustee until May, even though he paid the assessments as a successor trustee, he is not a property owner. Or so the board decreed.

In other words, if your Ocean Pines home is owned by a corporation you and your family founded, and the shares are jointly owned, and, for reasons of family harmony you serve as executive vice-president, you are not a property owner, according to the board.

This hair-splitting on the matter of homeownership is bad enough, but the reason for it makes the board’s actions outrageous. The directors — the cabal at the center of this anyway — desperately want incumbent Frank Daly to win reelection so they can continue to hold the majority.

There’s no other way explain it, considering that someone spent considerable time to tweeze through public records to find a way to force out Farr, and then furtively deliver this information as a last-minute tip to the board.

Add to that the poison pen emails that sought to damage the candidacy of Stuart Lakernick and were reportedly sent from administration office computers, and you don’t have a governing body, you have an out-of-control confederacy of self-important individuals, who no longer have the perspective the job demands.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### OP book sale big success

Editor,

Last weekend was the largest event that is held at Ocean Pines Library every year.

The volunteer organization “Friends of the Ocean Pines Library” prepares a book sale that encompasses over 20,000 books, DVDs, audio books and music CDs divided into approximately 25 categories.

They are sold for 50 cents to \$2 over a three-day period, with all proceeds going to benefit the Ocean Pines library and is used for buying equipment, sponsoring programs offered at the library and supplement the budget provided by the Worcester County Commissioners.

This year was the 20th Annual Book Sale and was put together by nearly 80 volunteers,\* donating more

than 500 hours to make this sale possible.

Throughout the year, people donate 95 percent of the books, DVDs and CDs that are sorted, evaluated and categorized for the sale. This year’s sale was the largest ever with about 1,300 people attending and garnered approximately \$14,000.

On behalf of the FOPL and the Ocean Pines Library, we would like to thank all those who donated books throughout the year, the volunteers who assist with the library every day and at the sale, the staff of the OP library, who are so gracious with our activities and to all of you who came out to support the sale that benefits the library, its programs and everyday needs for reading, copies and information.

Donations will again be accepted starting Aug. 2. Hope to see you all next year.

Eileen Leonhart and

Jim Meckley  
Book Sale Co-Chairs  
Ocean Pines

#### Bemoans those still unvaccinated

Editor,

My wife and I did our homework, waited for vaccine appointments for several weeks and got both our shots. Then we thought we were finished with the masks.

Our county – Worcester in Maryland – had one of the best positivity rates in our state, and it was going down. Now the Delta Variant has hit and, because of morons who refuse to get their shots, we are being asked to mask up again.

Those who refuse to get vaccines are totally irresponsible and don’t care about children, the elderly and their fellow citizens!

Bob Faszczewski  
Berlin

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RELIABLE & LOCAL NEWS





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### CAR FUN

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City held its first car show on July 24, at the Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines. Over 125 cars were entered. Pictured, from left, are Division 5 Lt. Gov. Christine Johnson, Kiwanis Club President Steven Cohen, Capital District Gov. Dennis Baugh, and Division 5 Past Lt. Govs. Robin Marks and Charles Marks.

## Ribbon cutting and outdoor movie night at Showell Park

(Aug. 5, 2021) Worcester County Recreation & Parks staff invite the community to participate in a free outdoor movie night on Aug. 6, at the Showell Park ball fields.

Festivities and concessions for snack and drink purchases will open at 8 p.m., followed by a ribbon cutting for the new concession stand at 8:30 p.m., with free popcorn to be passed out.

At 9 p.m. the movie classic, “The Sandlot,” will play on a 40-foot screen and be followed by a laser show.

Families should bring chairs or blankets to sit in the outfield.

Showell Park is located at 11281 Racetrack Road in Showell, Maryland.

For more information, contact Allen Swiger, at 410-632-2144, ext. 2520 or [aswiger@marylandscoast.org](mailto:aswiger@marylandscoast.org), or visit [www.marylandscoast.org](http://www.marylandscoast.org).

## OP Chamber hosts annual Flounder Tournament Aug. 7

(Aug. 5, 2021) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host its 14th annual Flounder Tournament and Auction on Saturday, Aug. 7. The Ocean Pines Association and Gateway Subaru are the main sponsors this year.

The tournament will have larger cash prizes and calcuttas. Participants must be registered by noon, Friday,

Aug. 6. Weigh-in will take place at the Ocean Pines Marina and Yacht Club. Sponsorships are available.

Information and registration can be found at <https://business.ocean-pineschamber.org/events/details/14th-annual-flounder-tournament-12667>, call the Ocean Pines Chamber at 410-641-5306 or email [info@oceanpineschamber.org](mailto:info@oceanpineschamber.org).

## US Coast Guard basic boat safety course Aug. 7 in OP

(Aug. 5, 2021) The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering the Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course on Aug. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Library.

This class is designed for boaters who are not able to attend the three-evening courses.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland.

Those attending the class, and passing the test will receive a Maryland

Boating Certificate which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

The cost is \$20. The library is located at 11107 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines. Register or get more information by calling Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or email [CGAUXOC@gmail.com](mailto:CGAUXOC@gmail.com).

Checks should be made payable to: USGCAUX 12-05 and mailed to: USGCAUX 12-05, P.O. Box 1682, Berlin, Maryland 21811. Payment via PayPal is also accepted.

The next three-evening courses are scheduled for: Sept. 7-9, Oct. 5-7, Nov 2-4.

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# Calendar

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## Thurs., Aug. 5

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

**MERRY MAKERS**  
Merry Makers will experiment with Do-It-Yourself Sea Glass paint on glass bottles and jars, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Kit reservations: 410-208-4014. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events, 410-632-2600.

**FAIRY TALE GARDENS**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join the group outside to create your own fairy garden to take home. Ages 5 and older. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

**MARLIN FEST**  
Third Street Bayside Ballfield, Third Street, Ocean City, 3-9 p.m. Watch the White Marlin Open weigh-ins in real time on the big screen in a festival atmosphere. Vendors,

food, drink and entertainment for the entire family. Admission is free. <https://marlin-fest.com>, 410-289-9229.

**ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS**  
Worcester County , These classes uplift and improve mood. This is a webinar style program, 4-5 p.m. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

**COMMUNITY GARDEN FAMILY NIGHT**  
Pocomoke Community Garden, 327 Clarke Ave., Pocomoke City, 6-8 p.m. Learn about plants and pollinators, help weed and garden and play on the outside chess board. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://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>.

**CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA**  
Ticketed concert streamed on Zoom, 7-8 p.m. Ticket and artist information: [www.chamber-musicbythesea.com](http://www.chamber-musicbythesea.com) or [www.wced.foundation](http://www.wced.foundation). Suitable for children of all ages.

**SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS**  
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring “British Invasion Experience” (Beatles tribute). Admission 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

**SNOW HILL FARMER'S MARKET**  
*Thursdays through October* - Sturgis Park Pavilion on the Pocomoke River, noon to 5 p.m.

**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>

27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 8:30-11:59 p.m. Featuring “The Secret Life of Pets 2.” Weather permitting. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

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**FREE FIRST FRIDAY ART OPENINGS**  
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Opening four new shows with exhibitions also taking place at the Princess Royale Oceanfront and Coffee Beanery. Shows are on display until Aug. 28. [www.ArtLeague-ofOceanCity.org](http://www.ArtLeague-ofOceanCity.org), 410-524-9433

**FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT**  
Showell Park Ball Fields, 11281 Racetrack Road, Showell, 8-11:59 p.m. Festivities and concessions open at 8 p.m. Ribbon cutting at 8:30 p.m., with free popcorn passed out. Movie, “The Sandlot” at 9 p.m., followed by a laser show. Allen Swiger, 410-632-2144, Continued on Page 30

## NOW PLAYING

**CAPTAIN'S TABLE**  
15th Street and Baltimore Avenue, Located in The Courtyard by Marriott  
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**COCONUTS BEACH BAR & GRILL**  
In the Castle in the Sand Hotel  
37th Street Oceanfront, Ocean City  
410-289-6846 / [www.castleinthesand.com](http://www.castleinthesand.com)  
Aug. 6: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; The Dunehounds, 5-9 p.m.  
Aug. 7: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, noon to 4 p.m.; Rule G, 5-9 p.m.  
Aug. 8: Heather Vidal Solo, noon to 3 p.m.; Rick & Regina, 4-8 p.m.  
Aug. 9: Sean Loomis Solo, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m.  
Aug. 10: Matt Tichon Solo, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Keith White Duo, 3:30-7:30 p.m.  
Aug. 11: Heather Vidal Solo, noon to 3 p.m.; Smooth & Rhythm, 4-8 p.m.  
Aug. 12: Kevin Poole Solo, noon to 3 p.m.; Lime Green Band, 4-8 p.m.

**COINS**  
28th Street and Coastal Highway, Ocean City  
410-289-3100 / [www.coinspub.com](http://www.coinspub.com)  
Aug. 6: Full Circle Band, 8 p.m. to midnight  
Aug. 7: Jim Long Live, 3-6 p.m.  
Aug. 8: DJ Wax, 10 a.m.  
Aug. 11: DJ Wax, 10 p.m.  
Aug. 12: Ricky Laricci, 5-9 p.m.

**JOHNNY'S PIZZA**  
56th Street Bayside, Ocean City  
410-723-5600 / [johnnyspizzapub.com](http://johnnyspizzapub.com)

Aug. 12: Open Mic Night w/host Troy Hanna, 6-9 p.m.

**OCEAN CLUB**  
101st Street, Ocean City  
Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel  
410-524-3535 / [www.clarionoc.com](http://www.clarionoc.com)  
**Ocean Club**  
Aug. 6-7: First Class, 7 p.m. to midnight  
**Lenny's Beach Bar**  
Aug. 6-15: On The Edge, 5-10 p.m.

**OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB**  
1 Mumfords Landing Road, Ocean Pines  
410-641-7501 / [www.opyachtclub.org](http://www.opyachtclub.org)  
Aug. 6: Over Time, 6-10 p.m.  
Aug. 7: Kittyback, 6-10 p.m.  
Aug. 8: The Rockaholics, 6-10 p.m.  
Aug. 12: Lauren Glick, 6-10 p.m.

**SEACRETS**  
49th Street and the bay, Ocean City  
410-524-4900 / [www.seacrets.com](http://www.seacrets.com)  
Aug. 6: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; 9 Mile Roots, 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.; The Event Horizon, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
Aug. 7: DJ Tuff, noon to 1:50 a.m.; Stealing Savannah, 1-5 p.m.; 9 Mile Roots, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Liquid A, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; APS, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
Aug. 8: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.;



**FIRST CLASS**  
**Ocean Club: Friday-Saturday, Aug. 6-7, 7 p.m. to midnight**  
Triple Rail Turn, 5-9 p.m.; New Direction, 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.; Cherry Crush, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
Aug. 9: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Crash the Party, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.  
Aug. 10: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.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.  
Aug. 11: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; My Hero Zero, 10 p.m. to 1:35 a.m.  
Aug. 12: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; John McNutt Band, 5-9 p.m.; Jah Works, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Kristen & the Noise, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

**THE VIEW AT THE CAMBRIA HOTEL**  
13 St. Louis Ave., Ocean City  
443-856-4158 / <https://www.choicehotels.com/maryland/ocean-city/cambria-hotels/md310>  
Every Tuesday: Karaoke, 7-11 p.m.



# Cuisine

## Rockfish with cauliflower puree, veggies

(Reprint from Aug. 1, 2019) One of the great joys of summer at the beach is sunset over the Assawoman Bay. Granted, it is nothing like a sunset over the Pacific, but there is something alluring about it, nonetheless.



Whether it is the bright orange colors stri- a t e d throughout the clouds, or that occasional purple hue that floods the skies, it always leaves me calm, even on the busiest of evenings. Even in Pittsville at the restaurant, we get our share of beautiful sunsets, but they pale in comparison to anything that happens over water; it's just the dolphin in me.

Last weekend, we catered a private event on the bay at a stunning residence, and as busy as we were, it was nice to place a course on the table, step outside and enjoy the sunset. Even if it was just for a few minutes, and knowing that we had a mountain of dishes to wash by hand (certainly not a favorite task of mine), the sunset was a reset. It always has been for me.

I guess sunset and sunrise have always had special places in my soul. Since I was a kid watching them over the Chesapeake Bay or Shenandoah Mountains, they have always meant a sort of reboot, if you will. Sunrises mean a whole new day is here, and sunsets mean that a good day has past... or that a bad day is close to being over if it isn't already, and tomorrow's a new day.

There is a lot to be said for looking forward to a new day while basking in the present. That is something that most of us can't do all of the time. However, when we can, it's a wonderful feeling.

As a chef, one of the best feelings is when I cook a dish that is in actuality very simple, but knowing that it will please the guest.

It's satisfying when I cook something that I'm sure about, as most of us cooks kind of hope that some things work.

This dish is a tried and true classic. It is simple, delicious and uses our ubiquitous resources down here, and that is a wonderful thing, all in itself. Pairing this with a Sancerre and a gorgeous sunset is about as glorious a thing as one can imagine.



### Seared Rockfish

*serves 4*  
4 pieces fresh rockfish, skin on  
Blend of melted butter and olive oil, as needed  
Trimix, as needed  
1 pint blistered tomatoes (recipe follows)  
1 quart cauliflower puree (recipe follows)  
1# Roasted asparagus (recipe follows)  
1. Pat the filets dry with a paper towel and season with the trimix on skin and flesh.  
2. Heat a saute pan with the oil and butter until very hot but not smoking and carefully add the rockfish filets flesh side down. Sear the presentation side first. I have learned over the years that many people prefer either no skin or skin side down, so you can make the call.

3. Cook for about 3 minutes and turn with a spatula to finish the second side. Unless you have an absolute monster rockfish, it should be done at this point. If not, you can throw it in the oven to finish, so as to not scorch the outside.  
4. Remove and let rest for a few minutes while you assemble the plates.

5. Place the puree on the bottom, add the roasted asparagus and then add the tomatoes and rockfish.  
6. You can drizzle any butter/oil from the pan over the fish as well, finishing it off with a grilled lemon as a garnish.

### Blistered Tomatoes

*for 1 pint*  
1 pint heirloom grape tomatoes  
1 Tbsp. EV Olive oil  
1 Tbsp. Whole, unsalted butter  
Trimix, as needed  
1. Heat a saute pan with the butter and oil until very hot but barely not smoking.  
2. Carefully dump the tomatoes in, spreading evenly and season.  
3. Allow to blister for about 45 seconds and then move them around one time.  
4. Cook for another 45 seconds and remove to a bowl or plate until ready to use  
5. You can store these in the refrigerator and heat them up as you need them

### Cauliflower Puree

*Makes about 1 1/2 quart*  
1/1 head cauliflower, core removed  
1 1/2 c. chicken stock  
1 1/2 c. heavy cream  
Trimix, as needed  
1. Cut the cauliflower into small pieces, and place in a lidded sauce pan with the chicken stock and cream.  
2. Bring to a boil, turn down and simmer, covered, for about 30 minutes, or until the cauliflower is com-

pletely tender.  
3. Run a stick blender through the pan, or blend the mixture in a Vita-mix until smooth.  
4. Season to taste and set aside until ready to serve.

### Roasted Asparagus

*for 4 people*  
1# Fresh asparagus  
2 Tbsp. EV Olive oil  
Trimix, as needed  
1. If the asparagus is thicker than one of those large, grade-school pencils, carefully peel the outside to get rid of some of the fibrous skin.  
2. Toss in the olive oil, season and roast in a 400F oven for about 5-8 minutes, depending on the oven, turning every couple minutes.  
3. Remove once the asparagus is softened but still has a bite to it.

### \*Trimix

2 parts kosher salt  
1 part ground black pepper  
1 part granulated garlic  
1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl until as uniform as possible. Be ready to sneeze.

—Paul Suplee is a Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College and owner of boxcar40. Visit him at [www.boxcar40.com](http://www.boxcar40.com).



# Puzzles

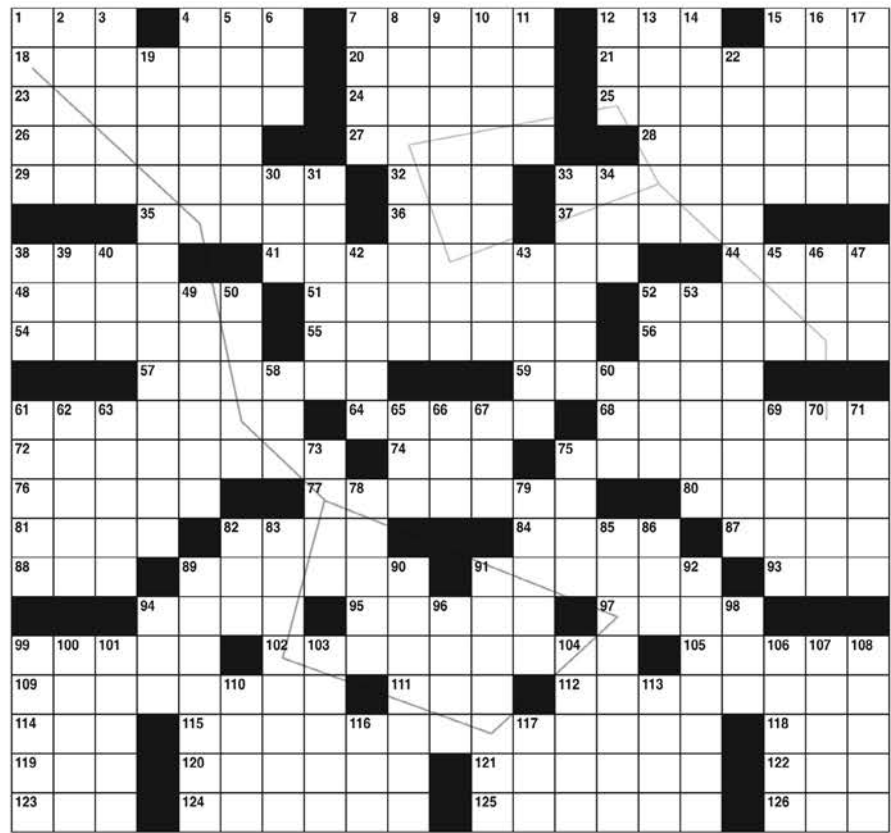
## STAR SEARCH

BY CHANDI DEITMER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Chandi Deitmer, of Somerville, Mass., is a social worker in the fields of psychiatry and geriatrics. She got hooked on crosswords in college via the AVCX puzzle in The Onion (which was only in print in those days). She started constructing a year or two ago, mainly for “indie” venues. This is her Times debut. The puzzle has a multilayered theme, whose subject is indicated by the designs in the grid. — W.S.

- ACROSS**  
1 Symbol of royalty in ancient Egypt  
4 Wouldn't stand for it?  
7 They have springs in the middle  
12 \_\_\_\_\_ Perez, former Democratic National Committee chairman  
15 Nutritional fig.  
18 Apple tablet option  
20 Popular analgesic  
21 Belgian city that hosted the 1920 Summer Olympics  
23 One of the rooms in Clue  
24 N.B.A. superstar Durant  
25 Voting “aye”  
26 Gilbert and \_\_\_\_\_ Islands (former colonial names of Kiribati and Tuvalu)  
27 Give way  
28 Levy of “Schitt’s Creek”  
29 When the Lascaux caves were painted  
32 Furthermore  
33 Much of Goya’s output  
35 Japanese beer brand  
36 San Francisco’s \_\_\_\_\_ Valley  
37 In which “Stella” means “star”  
38 Seaweed used to wrap sushi  
41 Descriptor of almost a million and a half Californians
- DOWN**  
44 Porridge, essentially  
48 Real surname for the authors Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell  
51 With a yawn, say  
52 Less certain  
54 Onetime material for tennis-racket strings  
55 “That much is clear”  
56 Symbol of Mexico  
57 Country with roughly 6,000 islands  
59 Where a pop-up leads  
61 Alpha and Beta Ursae (pointers to 68-Across)  
64 Noodle soup  
68 Guiding light  
72 Gentile figure of a French folk song  
74 Lord’s title  
75 Originally from  
76 Place to take a suit  
77 Executive producer of HBO’s “A Black Lady Sketch Show”  
80 Risk  
81 “\_\_\_\_\_ Lang Syne”  
82 Pesky insect  
84 Something to notice in passing?  
87 It’s between micro- and pico-  
88 Horace’s “Hymn to Mercury,” for one  
89 New York political family  
91 Fifth-century conqueror defeated in the Battle of the Catalaunian Plains  
93 Rap’s Lil \_\_\_\_\_ X  
94 Reliable supporters  
95 Glazer of “Broad City”  
97 Online source for film facts, in brief
- ACROSS**  
99 Repugnance  
102 Disguised  
105 Author \_\_\_\_\_ Carol Oates  
109 Wine that may be made spumante or frizzante  
111 Little  
112 Bested  
114 Gritty, in a sense  
115 Ones committing a party foul ... or the images depicted in this puzzle’s grid?  
118 Camping-gear brand  
119 Letters before an alias  
120 Surprising wins  
121 Jeu d’ \_\_\_\_\_ (witticism)  
122 Little one  
123 Female mallard  
124 Grommet  
125 Black-eyed \_\_\_\_\_ (flowers)  
126 Kind of protein in tempeh
- DOWN**  
10 Unforgivable acts, say  
11 iPhone button with an up arrow on it  
12 Duty  
13 About to enter the stage, say  
14 Subject of Hokusai’s “Thirty-Six Views”  
15 Delight (in)  
16 Go on and on  
17 Avant’s opposite  
19 Celestial figure depicted in this puzzle’s grid, in African American folklore  
22 Celestial figure depicted in this puzzle’s grid, in Babylonian folklore  
30 Joe and co., e.g.  
31 Sharing maternal lines  
33 Excoriated  
34 Akira Kurosawa film  
38 Peacock streaming inits.  
39 Italian time unit  
40 Utter nonsense  
42 Like five-star hotels vis-à-vis three-star ones  
43 Gather  
45 Rose of rock  
46 Nickname on a ranch  
47 Spanish title: Abbr.  
49 Tower topper  
50 Digital writing  
52 Buffoon  
53 Brawler’s memento  
58 Is at the Forum?  
60 Steamy place  
61 \_\_\_\_\_ Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China  
62 For all to hear  
63 Unit in thermodynamics  
65 Chump  
66 Unaccounted for, briefly  
67 Fumble  
69 Went into syndication, e.g.  
70 Singer Aguilera’s alter ego  
71 Star performances, maybe  
73 This is a test  
75 “Gee, that’s swell!”  
78 Like Vulcans, typically  
79 Central Asia’s \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains  
82 “Gloomy” guy  
83 “That’s just unacceptable”  
85 1969-74, politically  
86 Tree that lends its name to a programming language  
89 Matured, in a way  
90 Like the three-toed sloth, among all animals  
91 New wings  
92 Tweaks  
94 Clear, as crystal  
96 Like Parmesan, but not mozzarella  
98 Bouncy jazz genre  
99 Noted book-club leader  
100 Male mallard  
101 Certain caucus voter  
103 1938 prize for Pearl S. Buck  
104 Big name in trading cards  
106 W.W. I Belgian battle locale  
107 Green with the 2010 hit “Forget You”  
108 Enlighten  
110 Roger’s cousin?  
113 Ireland, poetically  
116 Smartphone network std.  
117 Home to the Nittany Lions, for short

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**HARD - 83**

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

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**Answers to last week’s puzzles**

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

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# Calendar

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**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., Aug. 7

**NAACP COMMUNITY YARD SALE**  
Stephen Decatur High School Parking Lot, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, 8 a.m.-noon. Vendor space is \$20. Tables will not be provided. Vendor reservations: 443-513-1745 or 443-944-6701.

**MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807 or CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

**43RD ANNUAL PINE'EER ARTISAN AND CRAFT FESTIVAL**  
White Horse Park, Ocean Pines, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. To participate in the festival, contact Jane Wolnik at jane.wolnik63@gmail.com for a vendor application. 410-726-8062

**CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA**  
Free family concert broadcast live on Facebook, 10:30 a.m. Artist information: www.chambermusicbythesea.com or www.wced.foundation. Suitable for children of all ages.

**CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA**  
Ticketed concert streamed on Zoom, 7-8 p.m. Ticket and artist information: www.chambermusicbythesea.com or www.wced.foundation. Suitable for children of all ages.

**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., Aug. 8

**SUNDAES IN THE PARK**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Enjoy free music. 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>.

**OC DRONE SHOW**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 9-9:30 p.m. Come experience Ocean City's new drone show. <https://www.ococean.com/events/oc-drone-shows2021>.

**BERLIN FARMERS MARKET**  
*Sundays through September* - Downtown Berlin, 9:00 AM - 1:00 pm. More than 30 farmers, bakers, distillers and more. Live music, live bunnies, real bee hive and free kids art projects. <https://www.berlinmain-tynd.gov>



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**FEATURED CRAFTER**  
The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines has announced Terry Devine as the August crafter of the month. Devine shares her time between Philadelphia, where she was born, and Ocean Pines, where she has had a second home for the past eight years. In March of 2020, just as the covid-19 pandemic was starting to cause lockdowns, Devine retired from the Temple University Health System, where she was director of accounts payable. She always enjoyed doing crafts of any kind, but when the pandemic forced her to spend more time at home, Devine joined an online class and started making acrylic paintings and glass art. The glass she primarily uses is the same chunky glass used in decorative gas fireplaces. She also breaks and cuts glass from colorful vases that she finds in thrift stores. Devine also enjoys travel, photography and gardening. Her son and daughter-in-law recently moved to Arizona, and she is looking forward to visiting them when the weather cools down in Ocean Pines. View Devine's projects and other handmade items at the Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park, on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. The shop is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[street.com/farmersmarket/](https://www.street.com/farmersmarket/)

## Mon., Aug. 9

**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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR 5TH ANNUAL AUTISM AWARENESS CONFERENCE**  
Held via Zoom and free to the community, Aug. 10, 4-6 p.m. Featuring several speakers on subjects relating to autism. Pre-registration is required: 410-641-9268 or gblake@atlanticgeneral.org by Aug. 9.

**MOVIE ON THE BEACH**  
27th Street Beach, Ocean City, 8:30-11:59 p.m. Featuring "Aladdin (Live Action)." Weather permitting. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

## Tues., Aug. 10

**FEATHERS AND HAIR**  
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 10:30-11:30 a.m. A celebrity reader from Assateague will introduce the group to the animal wardrobe. All ages welcome. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

**AN AFTERNOON WITH A SERVICE ANIMAL**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 2-3 p.m. Learn about service animals and how they can help our neighbors in the community. Meet some service dogs. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

**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, along with education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and more. Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765, [kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org)

**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 must pre-order on Monday or Tuesday morning between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pre-order: 410-524-7994.

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

**ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING**  
American Legion #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 7:30-9 p.m. Guests are welcome. Capt. Kerry Harrington will speak about his career and challenges of being a commercial fisherman. Ron Smith, [smitty3894@aol.com](mailto:smitty3894@aol.com)

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

## Wed., Aug. 11

**TEEN CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH HONOR MCELROY**  
Meeting via Zoom, 3:30-4:30 p.m. A place to write, collaborate, share and explore publication opportunities. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under events. 410-632-2600

**MOVIE ON THE BEACH**  
Carousel Hotel, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30-11:59 p.m. Featuring "Raya and the Last Dragon." Weather permitting. Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125, <http://www.oceancitymd.gov>

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