



SEND IN BEE TEAM

Taylor House hive of activity until it's relocated so work on roof can get underway

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) Builders replacing the roof on the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum hit the pause button last Thursday so a decades-old beehive could be removed and relocated.

Taylor House Museum President Melissa Reid said the site's cedar roof

has been long overdue for attention.

"The roof on the house now was put on in the eighties," she said.

Reid said a colony of honey bees has lived inside the museum's roof for quite some time.

"Certainly there have been bees up in the pitch of the roof probably since the mid-'80s," she said.

Reid said museum officials were aware of the bee inhabitants but left the workers, drones and queen well enough alone as the insects failed to cause any harm.

"You can stand on the front walk of the museum and look up and you'll see the bees as they come out of the hive," she said.

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Honey bees mob a hive lodged deep inside the Taylor House Museum roof until renovations at the Berlin historical structure necessitated relocation procedures undertaken by BayBees Honey and Burley Building Company last Thursday.

Farr candidacy issue goes to hearing Mon.

Judge Oglesby to consider property ownership debate

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) Legal proceedings begin Monday in Worcester County Circuit Court for disqualified Ocean Pines Board of Directors candidate Rick Farr.

Last week, Judge Beau Oglesby scheduled a preliminary injunction hearing at 11 a.m. on Aug. 30.

Farr went to court after he was disqualified after a hastily convened special meeting on Aug. 5.

Board Secretary Camilla Rogers, who had deemed Farr a qualified candidate at the onset of the election this spring, reversed course heading into the election's final weeks after receiving an anonymous tip involving transfer of property ownership through a family trust.

On Aug. 6, Rogers said Farr failed to meet candidacy eligibility requirements, which require candidates to be a Pines property owner of record on Jan. 1 of the election year.

Rogers said Farr was classified as a successor trustee on the property deed until after his mother died in May.

What direction the court proceedings head, either to accept election results or restage the contest, remains unknown until Oglesby examines both Farr's complaint and the board response prior to scheduling a conference with all involved parties.

Farr retained attorney Bruce Bright to file suit prior to the ballot submission deadline on Wed. Aug. 11.

Last Monday, Oglesby issued a temporary restraining order to stay the election until after a hearing to determine if Farr qualifies as a property owner.

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Rick Farr

Private schools adopt similar mask policies

By Mallory Panuska
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) Masking policies similar to the one that divided Worcester County Public Schools parents last week are also set for implementation at private institutions when students return to classrooms.

Officials with Worcester Preparatory and Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic schools released plans last week that map out a series of policies,

protocols and guidelines for bringing teachers and students back for the 2021-22 school year. Within the plans, both schools are leaving masking decisions up to the parents or guardians of the students.

John McDonald, the Head of School at Worcester Preparatory School, said last week that officials are following guidelines from the state education and health departments and "strongly encouraging"

masks indoors, but not mandating them.

He said the same cleaning and sanitizing strategies that were in place last year will be implemented and students will be distanced 4 feet apart when they return. With small class sizes — the school has fewer than 450 students total in kindergarten through 12th grade — distancing has always been easier at

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Representing the Ocean Pines Board are attorneys Anthony Dwyer and Steve Craig.

Among the actions the judge might take, according to Bright, is scheduling a court hearing or holding a telephone conference with involved parties.

The current board election was between four candidates — Farr, Daly, Stuart Lakernick and David Hardy — vying for two open seats.

Until the court decision is reached, Daly and Frank Brown, who was appointed to fill the vacancy after former Director Steve Tuttle resigned, will continue to serve as directors.

Association bylaws section 5.01 says board members serve three-year terms that expire once successors are selected.

Police Briefs

Gleniece Marie Walker, 50, of Salisbury was arrested by Ocean City Police at approximately 1:15 p.m. on Aug. 17 near 59th Street for charges related to forging a check and attempted theft for an amount between \$1,500 and \$25,000.

Police were dispatched to a bank in that area, and when they arrived, they were presented a photocopy of a counterfeit check for \$2,897.31 connected to an Ocean Pines Association Inc. account, and payable to Walker.

Detectives contacted the treasurer of the association who said the check number on the forged document was originally written to another company for a “much more significant amount than \$2,897.31,” according to court documents.

Walker initially walked into the bank to cash the check, police said, though tellers at the bank flagged the check due to the way it appeared and did not hand over any cash.

Police added that Walker was apprehended near 65th Street and admitted she knew the check was counterfeit.

Correction

Last week’s article about the Sam Wilkinson Award misspelled the honor’s namesake. We apologize for the error.

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Taylor House roof work paused for beehive removal

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Reid said the hives were located after Burley Building Company began the roofing work.

“We were able to get up into the peak through the inside,” she said.

Upon closer examination the beehive was spotted tucked inside a roughly six inch by 20 foot boxed off area under the roof shingles.

Museum officials were adamant that the hive be maintained, albeit in a different locale.

“We felt very strongly that we wanted to remove these bees and relocate them to a hive that is not inside our roof,” she said.

Luckily, Burley Builders were able to enlist expert support from Whaleyville-based BayBees Honey for the undertaking.

Co-founder Lauren Pascarella, and her husband, Fred Kelly, visited the museum last Thursday to accomplish the task. Pascarella said BayBees Honey promotes backyard bee keeping and conducts educational campaigns for children.

The BayBees Honey team suited up in protective gear and to maintain calm amongst the hive inhabitants employed “smokers,” prior to lifting up and removing the entire hive.

After gently moving the hive to ground level, Pascarella took the reins



and carefully sliced it into sections that were placed inside wooden frames.

In short order, Pascarella located and packed up the queen for relocation.

Pascarella said the queen was moved to a farm in Bishopville, with the rest of the hive bound to follow.

Reid said conversations are underway about a future re-introduction of bees near the museum.

For now, Reid said with all bees removed, replacing the wooden shingle roof could resume.

“The museum always has some strange thing happening,” she said. “It’s never straightforward or easy.”



(Above) Fred Kelly with BayBees Honey passes off a beehive to Nate Reister with Burley Building Company after carefully lifting it from inside the roof at the Taylor House Museum last Thursday. (Below) Reister employs precise balance to carry a decades-old beehive unearthed from the roof at the Berlin museum last week.

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Parents divided on mask policy for local schools

By Mallory Panuska
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) While a handful of parents who spoke last week about Worcester County Public Schools officials' decision not to mandate masks for the return to school were not all in agreement, they did have one common goal: protecting the health and safety of their children.

Some believe the best way to do that is by requiring masks for everyone, while others argued that the face coverings cause more harm than good.

"I am aware that Worcester County public schools successfully returned to in-person learning last spring and I applaud you all for that," said Rebecca Peters, a parent of two young children entering Ocean City Elementary School, during a call-in board of education meeting Aug. 17.

"I'm also aware that masks were required for all adults and students," she continued. "There's no doubt that masking contributed to this success with in-person learning."

Peters' said her youngest son has Down syndrome and she is concerned that he is more susceptible to complications from covid.

For Karen Abbott, the potential

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Worcester Prep.

School officials will not be mandating vaccines for teachers or students who are eligible when school starts, but McDonald said vaccination statuses will be recorded for contact tracing purposes. He has also said that a large percentage of staff and students who are eligible are vaccinated at the school.

McDonald added that officials will continue to review the data and recommendations to ensure the health and safety of everyone.

On Aug. 31, students in grades 9 through 12 will have their first full day of school at Worcester Prep. On Sept. 1, students in grades 6 through 8 will have their first day, and on Sept. 2 lower school students will return. Then on Sept. 7, all students will return for the year.

At Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, Secretary for Catholic Education Luis P. De Angelo released a letter Wednesday detailing the plans for students' return to school.

In terms of masking, the statement said: "The Diocese of Wilmington will delegate the mask-wearing decision to parents and guardians in Maryland parish and diocesan schools, religious education programs, and CYM sports and activities."

The introduction for the letter also

said that officials will use "layered prevention strategies to reduce exposure and transmission" and continue to monitor the situation.

The mask decision came on the heels of Gov. Larry Hogan reiterating last week that he is not planning to institute any indoor mask mandates given Maryland's high vaccination rates and low covid case numbers.

Classes begin at most Blessed Sacrament for all students Sept. 7.

In Delaware, schools under the Diocese of Wilmington require masks indoors for all students. Gov. John Carney announced earlier this month that masks would be required for all students in kindergarten through 12th grades. Diocese officials took the directive one step further and are also requiring them for younger students as well at Delaware schools.

Worcester County Public Schools

officials also released the district's return to schools plan last week, which "highly recommends" that all students and staff wear masks indoors, but does not require them.

Parents both for and against the directive spoke out during a Board of Education meeting last Tuesday.

Superintendent Lou Taylor said officials will continue to watch the case numbers and implement the same screening protocols, which includes daily questionnaires, that were in place last year.

He said he expected the county's high covid positivity rates, which were up over 11 percent last week, to dwindle once the tourist season dies down. As of Tuesday, the case rate was 8.86 percent, according to the Maryland Department of Health.

Students are also set to return to county public schools Sept. 7.



PHOTO COURTESY MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Physical education teacher John Haskell helps a student at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School last year. The Diocese of Wilmington is leaving masking decisions up to parents and guardians at the school for the upcoming 2021-22 year.

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Opinions vary about safety measures for delta variant

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health complications from wearing masks were more concerning.

“This is breathing in your own carbon dioxide which is neither safe nor effective,” she said. “If the school were to mandate it, it would be causing more physiological and psychological effects, social isolation, loneliness ... Also contributing to the mental health.”

Karen Bontempo was “appalled” last year when washing her teenagers’ masks because of how “disgusting” they were, indicating they were breathing in the filth all day. She also cited data stating the very low rate of covid infections among children and said reports show that the masks that are worn are not effective in protecting against very small viral particles.

Ray Russell, a parent with a kindergarten starting at Showell Elementary this year, expressed concern over the surge of the delta variant and the fact that children cannot be vaccinated.

He and other mask advocates cited recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and American Academy of Pediatrics that everyone wear masks indoors — vaccinated or not — in areas with substantial and high transmission rates. Currently, Worcester County is in the high transmission category based on the number of recorded cases.

Superintendent Lou Taylor and members of the board of education listened to the comments and said they will take them all into consideration.

Officials released the return to schools plan the morning of Aug. 17, just before the public portion of the board of ed meeting. And while the plan is not a board action item, mem-

bers of the public were able to speak on it during the meeting.

The plan includes guidance not only for masking — which officials “highly recommend” but do not require indoors — but also for distancing, cleaning, ventilation, screening and other precautionary measures.

It is an updated version of the plan released last school year when students first returned to the classrooms from virtual learning.

The initial approach staggered their return and included strict distancing guidelines as well as mask mandates for everyone at all times except during lunch. As numbers began improving, students were permitted to remove their masks outdoors.

The school year ended with mask mandates still in place, but rules were relaxed for students and staff at summer academies because of vaccine availabilities and low case numbers.

Over the summer, students were distanced 3 or 6 feet. And for anyone who is not vaccinated, including students under 12 who are too young to get the shot, it was “highly recommended” that masks be worn. However it was not required and officials were not policing it.

Virtual school will also be offered this year in Worcester County but the deadline for students to opt in has passed.

According to a presentation during last week’s meeting, the number of students who signed up for the option, which will more closely mirror a regular classroom than before, was low, with 25 students in kindergarten through fifth grades and 53 in sixth through 12th grades signing up.



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Assateague long-term plan contemplates next 20 years

By Mallory Panuska
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) For years, Assateague Island has been a getaway spot for residents and vacationers who want to escape from the hustle and bustle of the main Ocean City strip.

That's why, every two decades or so, officials with the National Park Service release an updated management plan to keep the 37 miles of beach, and surrounding dunes, wetlands and marsh, a clean, viable destination.

The latest plan — a more than 400-page document filled with guidelines for everything from maneuvering expected climate change effects to protecting the horseshoe crab population — is complete and ready for viewing.

Officials recently released an abbreviated version of it, which includes summaries of four options for preserving the island for the next 20 to 25 years, as well as a record of decision that detail the chosen option.

"This is part of a long-term planning process," said Hugh Hawthorne, the superintendent of Assateague Island National Seashore. "This is something that all national parks go through every 20 to 25 years, so it's not a crazy change. It's just helping guide us into the future."

The four options were introduced

roughly five years ago and members of the public and representatives from affected government and other organizations were given time and opportunities to comment on the contents. Officials then took the comments and developed the record of decision.

The four possible options ranged from doing nothing to address climate change or natural shifts in the land, to taking aggressive steps to prevent natural changes from occurring. The option that was chosen fell somewhere in between.

"It's basically a plan to be adaptable rather than fighting Mother Nature," Hawthorne said.

The plan does not call for any major changes to the island in the short term, but anticipates relocating areas like the oceanside campground as the land naturally moves.

"You'll see campgrounds moving to the east, you'll probably see parking lots moving to the east," Hawthorne said. "And as we move, instead of building hard structures, we will move towards structures that themselves can be moved going forward."

Hawthorne said he does not anticipate the OSV (over-sand-vehicle) beach moving or changing unless something unexpected warrants it.

The plan also includes a solution for if the Verrazano Bridge, which serves as



MALLORY PANUSKA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Officials with the National Park Service recently released an updated management plan for Assateague Island's 37 miles of beach and surrounding dunes, marsh and wetlands.

the main access way to the island, washes away someday. Hawthorne said he does not anticipate that happening anytime in the near future, but as a "worst case scenario" a ferry would be used to transport vehicles to the beach.

The plan also addressed the horseshoe crab population, which warranted some debate between wildlife conservationists and representatives of the commercial crabbing industry.

The plan ultimately said members of the Assateague Island National Seashore will work with state officials and community members in both Maryland and Virginia to find the best solution for harvesting or preserving the species.

Ocean City's North End Restoration

project — a long-running plan that the National Park Service and Army Corps of Engineers developed for dredging the inlet — was also a part of the Assateague plan. The project helps replenish the Assateague beach area with sand, and officials with the seashore group are in favor of it.

"That's a long-standing project and our commitment is as long as the Corps of Engineers wants to do that, and as long as we have funding for it, we will support it," Hawthorne said. "Because it supports getting sand on our beaches."

The plan also addresses Assateague's proposed wilderness study area status, costs for accessing the island in the future, and safety measures for roads and trails. Hawthorne said the efforts aim to make the island as safe as possible for people, but that wildlife — such as the wild horses that roam the area — benefit from them as well.

"I would say everything we do safety-wise helps the horses a little bit but the horses are not the driver of our safety changes," Hawthorne explained. "It's pedestrians and bicycles more than anything else. Anything we do along this line, the streamline things we do, help the horse safety."

The Abbreviated Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and record of decision can both be found online for viewing at: parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=26140.

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Initial rendering for Forgotten 50 Distilling located at 10103 Old Ocean City Blvd. in Berlin.

Forgotten 50 Distilling gets approved by Berlin Planning

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) Berlin alcoholic beverage options are in line to expand after the Planning Commission approved site plans for Forgotten 50 Distilling on Old Ocean City Blvd. during its meeting last Wednesday.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the new craft distillery is slated for a more than half-acre parcel previously occupied by Chesapeake Utilities.

“They have done a lot of expensive remodeling inside to get ready for the proposed use as a distillery,” he said.

Engelhart said site plans include a tasting room totaling just under 2,200 square feet, with a distilling area measuring approximately 2,300 square feet.

“There will be an outdoor seating area on the east side of the building,” he said.

Developers also plan to install an open-air kitchen.

Prior to pursuing the Planning Commission’s endorsement, developers EJF Real Estate sought and received a parking variance from Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals.

“Our code would require, according to the square footage of tasting area 34

parking spaces,” he said. “They were given a parking variance down to 25 parking spaces.”

Engelhart said the State Highway Administration required project developers to eliminate parking spots in front of the building.

The current site layout allows vehicles exiting the location to enter Old Ocean City Boulevard directly from the parking lot blacktop.

Chairperson Chris Denny said the sole adjacent neighbor is former Berlin Mayor Gee Williams.

“He’s all about it,” he said.

Eric Fiori with EJF Real Estate said project designers intend to use the eliminated parking spots as green space.

Steve Engel with Vista Design said the SHA is requiring curbs and sidewalk along the front of the property.

Fiori said once exterior site improvements are approved, the developers are ready to proceed.

A partner in the venture is Matt “Cody” Miller, head distiller at Seacrets for the last six years.

Fiori said largescale distilling equipment from manufactures including Columbia Boiler and Revival Stillworks

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Berlin Planning signs off on amplified music at commons

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) Less concerned about the musician count than decibel levels, the Berlin Planning Commission voted 6-1 last week to permit amplified music at Berlin Commons community space between Gay and Jefferson streets.

The sole opponent during the meeting last Wednesday was commission member Newt Chandler.

The Berlin Commons project proposed by Buzz Meadery owners Brett and Megan Hines was approved in May by the Planning Commission after receiving the go-ahead from the Berlin Historic District Commission earlier that month.

The Hines, who launched the Buzz Meadery last June to produce and distill “honey wine,” converted the triangle-shaped dirt lot to a public space for special events and outdoor dining.

Since then, Berlin Commons has generated considerable foot traffic and been well received by neighbors, Megan Hines said.

The Buzz Meadery owners have been hosting gatherings, which in some instances have included musical accompaniment, on Thursdays and Fridays from 4-9 p.m. and Saturday

from 2-9 p.m.

Although the venue had been allowed to host non-amplified performers, hearing them hasn’t been easy, Megan Hines said.

“We’ve tried individual musicians with either a guitar, violin or keyboards and it’s been tough to hear them,” she said. “Even on the small property that we have.”

Chatter from adults and children, passing delivery trucks and general traffic flow has tended to drown out music, she said.

Hines said although the pair’s intention is to limit entertainment to as few performers as possible, allowing musicians to use amplifiers will make

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Forgotten 50 Distilling representatives, from left, Matt “Cody” Miller, Steve Engel with Vista Design, and Eric Fiori with EJP Real Estate, are all smiles after getting greenlighted by the Berlin Planning Commission last week.

Berlin craft distillery coming soon

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should be fully in place within weeks.

Forgotten 50 Distilling owners are also securing quotes for process piping.

“We had a mid-October opening planned, but now it’s probably the beginning of the year,” he said.

Fiori said acquiring the full array of

distilling equipment and required permitting would likely take several months.

After gaining site plan approval last week, Fiori launched a Forgotten 50 Distilling Facebook page that drew a fast following.

“We have 800-plus followers al-

ready,” he said.

Aware the craft distillery is bringing an unheralded offering to Berlin, Fiori said the intent is to assure the operation is fully functional before welcoming the public for a sip.

“We don’t want to open up and not be ready,” he said.



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Buzz Meadery owners gain approval to notch up volume

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delivering the music easier.

“I’m not looking for a rock band or something really loud,” she said.

Hines said the initial reception from neighboring property owners appears to be positive.

“We have spoken with the neighbors [and] a lot of them have been our customers,” she said. “They express a lot of support for the property and like what we’ve done.”

Hines said most residents have failed to take issue with weekend music at the site.

“They didn’t see a problem as long as it’s over early enough so it’s not a noise hazard,” she said.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said no public comments were received about the amplification request.

Commission member Newt Chandler, who also voted against approving the public space in May, said the site should not be allowed to host a larger ensemble “blaring,” music audible in the nearby vicinity.

Hines replied that the couple’s plan is to turn up the volume just enough to allow the music to be heard comfortably.

Although Chandler asked if Hines would allow the Planning Commis-

sion to regulate the volume of performances, Engelhart replied that would be the province of the police or planning departments.

“It’s going to be complaint driven through the [Berlin] Police Department or [Planning] Department,” he said.

Engelhart said law enforcement would respond to noise complaints while his department would be responsible for enforcement.

Berlin Economic & Community Development Director Ivy Wells said the Berlin Commons stage was oriented so it would project sound towards the commercial corridor.

“I have been there, and it was hard to hear,” she said.

Commission member Pete Cosby suggested the amplification request be granted on a trial basis, with the exact number of players not specified.

“The noise level is not dependent on the number of people,” he said. “I’m willing to be reasonable because you can make this work.”

Cosby said any noise complaints generated would be referred to the Planning Commission, which could revoke its approval.

“Keep the neighbors happy,” he said.

Berlin Briefs

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) The Berlin Town Council approved adult tennis clinics at Stephen Decatur Park and replacement windows for Town Hall during its meeting on Monday.

Tennis clinics

Worcester County Recreation and Parks Program Manager Myro Small sought approval to hold a pair of adult “stroke clinics,” at the Stephen Decatur Park tennis courts.

Both clinics will run from 6-7 p.m. and take place Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, with registration open to ages 14 and above.

Small said a professional tennis instructor would conduct the clinics.

“We have held this program for the last two or three years and average 15 participants,” he said.

Clinic participants are required to pay a \$3 drop-in fee.

Windows

The council awarded a contract to J.T. Construction for \$48,635 to replace more than three dozen windows in Town Hall.

Fleetwood said the town received a handful of bids that ranged from \$48,000 to \$98,000.

The work order includes replacing any rotting wood in window frames, along with painting both exterior and in-



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Berlin Public Works Superintendent Jimmy Charles displays a sample Anderson window that the council approved for replacement purposes at Town Hall on Monday.

terior surfaces to match existing colors.

Tyndall said the new Anderson windows are sorely needed.

“They actually open and shut — that’s a novelty,” he said.

Fleetwood said the project would likely begin early next year.

“All the contractors I spoke to said there’s a four- to six-month lag time on windows right now,” he said.

In total, 37 windows are slated for replacement at Town Hall, pending approval from the Historic District Commission.

“They’re functional, so I think they’re going to look much better,” Tyndall said.



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Residents' voices heard at hearing for agritourism bill

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) After months of debate, the citizens of Worcester County finally got their chance to go on record about the much-debated agritourism bill last Tuesday.

Out of that public hearing came a 5-2 vote in favor of adjusting two components of the legislation: reducing the 100-foot setback to 50 feet and increasing the 20 percent usable acreage for agritourism to 30 percent.

Several residents, a former commissioner and state Sen. Mary Beth Carozza took the opportunity to address the county commissioners with their take on the bill that aims to reform the zoning code, currently defined as "agritainment," to attract more business to the A-1 and A-2 agricultural zones of the county.

Four business-owning farmers who spoke supported the legislation to varying degrees — with a couple taking exception to the 100-foot setback and percentage of usable acreage allowed under the bill.

David Casto, owner of Castle Farms in Snow Hill, said he's been hosting weddings for five years, ever since people started noticing how beautiful the large barn on the property is.



State Sen. Mary Beth Carozza speaks during last Tuesday's public hearing regarding the agritourism zoning bill in front of the Worcester County commissioners. Proponents of the bill point to pluses like keeping up with other counties and giving farmers much-needed additional revenue sources.

"It's blossomed into something big," Casto said. "We got together with (our attorney) and we (secured) an adjustment on the code and got an exemption to be able to do special events on agricultural land on a temporary basis ... We're one of the only facilities in Worcester County that can do weddings on a legitimate basis."

Casto said the barn is just "background decoration" and that the weddings they hold are limited to a tent that is at the mercy of the weather. Multiple times, weddings days have

been "ruined" by a storm.

"I would like to be able to have a 'Plan B' and move everyone into my barn (if need be)," Casto said. "I've been asking zoning and planning or the fire marshal for alternate answers to be able to make this happen. It's always just been codes and regulations the same old way. But somehow all the other counties in this area are doing it."

Jeanie Mariner, of the fifth generation in her family to farm the land that Berlin's Windmill Creek Vine-

yard and Winery sits on, implored the commissioners to give local farmers this way to keep their farm in their families as her family has done.

"I'm hoping that you all will take that into consideration when you're looking at local farmers, and saying that nobody around here wants this kind of activity on their farm, that the farmers aren't for it," Mariner said. "Because I'm telling you, you're one generation away from your farming being gone."

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Several laud agritourism economic benefits

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“Every family farm that goes is another housing development or strip mall that’s going in because family had to sell. So give us the ability to use our farms in any way you can. That’s not going to hurt anyone else.”

Jack Lord, owner of Costa Ventosa Winery and Brewery in Whaleyville, took issue with the 100-foot setback, saying that he liked the bill but the commissioners “need to tweak it.”

Sinepuxent Brewery owner Paul Carlotta said his Berlin property is like a “puzzle piece” and that both the setbacks and acreage allowed, as written, were an issue for his business. But he said he supports the bill.

“This puts us in position to expand immediately,” Carlotta said, adding that it allows them to move forward on planned expansions.

Carlotta said he’s like to add gazebos, a walkway and items of that nature to his property, which the bill along with adjustments to setbacks and acreage would allow.

Former Commissioner Virgil Shockley, who has made his voice heard opposing the bill’s structure, spoke about looking to other counties for precedent and keeping in mind where the commissioners want

Worcester to be in the future.

Shockley provided some numbers for the commissioners that he said indicates that the county, in any given year, annually earns about \$80 million to \$90 million in corn, soybean and chicken farming.

“You don’t want to lose what you already have, because that’s \$80 to \$90 million,” Shockley said. “On the upside is the fact that you have all these people that are coming to Ocean City, and they really want to do something besides sitting on the beach and getting sunburned ... especially if you’re a family. So you need to give them something to do. So take a look at what is already in place in other counties that has worked for them. Then mix it in with what you’re trying to do.”

Shockley said he’d like to see the commissioners take a little more time to figure the issue out instead of pushing through this legislation now.

“We’ve gone this far, (another) month is not going to kill you,” he said.

State Sen. Mary Beth Carozza spoke in support of the bill, pointing out the benefits of similar legislation in other counties she represents and the need to innovate the economic op-

portunities in Worcester.

Carozza also said that for state legislation to move forward on the issue, what she and her colleagues look for is a bill that does more to allow than restrict.

“I can tell you from a standpoint at the state level, we much prefer that we have a bill that is more inclusive instead of having the county coming to us on a case by base (basis),” Carozza said.

The legislation in Wicomico and Somerset Counties were frequently cited during the public hearing, especially in terms of business that Worcester loses to its neighbors. When asked by the commissioners for more details on their legislation, Carozza said she didn’t have that information at hand.

Carozza, like Shockley, said there isn’t a rush to put this legislation through. The state assembly won’t be in session until January.

“I’ve seen other counties do this more broadly which I think prevents (individual legislation issues),” Carozza said. “If we can’t settle this today with what you’d like us to go forward with as a delegation, we still have plenty of time before we have to submit legislation.”

Though he admitted he’s likely outnumbered, Commissioner Jim Bunting isn’t backing down.

“I’m offended that we’re comparing Worcester to Wicomico,” Bunting said. “They have twice the property tax rate and the highest tax rate they’re allowed to have. We keep taxes low here. I don’t care what Wicomico does. I care about Worcester.”

He added that the motion put forth by Nordstrom reducing the setbacks was a big problem.

“This (bill) is wrong but it really upsets me about the setbacks,” Bunting said. “There are a lot of uses that farmers do that will affect anything that’s going on if you have a 50-foot setback like (Nordstrom) suggested.”

Echoing Shockley, Bunting said that the A-2 zone was created to keep the A-1 zone “pure” and that any reform talk should be limited to the A-2 zone.

“We intended to keep the A-1 zone pure and that’s what we did ... It seems like we aren’t anymore,” he said. “I know I’m probably on the losing side of this but I’m not supporting this.”

A vote on the bill has not yet been scheduled.

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Commissioners hear sports complex pitches for county

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) The idea for a state-of-the-art sports complex in Worcester County is shrouded in plenty of mystery — down to where one would even go — but the county commissioners are moving along with hearing proposals from potential developers.



Chip Bertino



M.B. Carozza



Joseph Mitrecic

On Tuesday, representatives from AstroTurf and Sports Facilities Companies (SFC) pitched their open-ended ideas for a sports complex that would give the county a major leg up in the sports tourism industry.

“If you build it, they will come” is one of the biggest mistakes you see,” SFC advisor Eric Sullivan said to the commissioners. “In this space, what we want to do is build it and know that they’re coming, because we’ve built the relationships. While we bring the facility out of the ground, we’re building the operation, reselling the events, so that when we open, we can open in full and maximize the impact.”

Each company’s pitch focused on the success they’ve had in building similar facilities across the country.

A focal point of Sullivan’s pitch showed how the companies would look to design multipurpose sports fields.

“We have the opportunity to look at some different considerations with some flexible designs and how we could accommodate the most programming,” Sullivan said. “That would serve a wider reach ... and have more activities that we could program. The other thing that it does is naturally round out our shoulder months that are inherent to the seasonality of sports. It allows us to do more programming throughout the entire cal-

endar year.”

Despite the county having talked to an undisclosed property owner and finishing one of two appraisals needed to receive funding from the state’s Program Open Space, that property is not committed to a sports complex in any way, shape or form, according to Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino.

After the meeting, Bertino reiterated the concerns he voiced on Tuesday about why the commissioners are hearing sales pitches before a property has been secured. “There has been no conversation between the county and the owner of the property owner at all (since finishing the first appraisal),” Bertino said.

During the meeting, Commissioner Jim Bunting asked Sullivan how they foresaw funding for the project.

Facilities they have overseen often enter public-private partnerships, Sullivan said. But they vary from county to county based on the resources available.

“What we can do is provide scenarios of how this comes together, but the reality is there’s no one silver bullet because every community (makes their own decisions),” Sullivan said.

AstroTurf Vice President of Design and Production Steve Coleman followed Sullivan with his own presentation that shed some light on the construction itself, including drainage base construction, which he said would strive to employ existing basins.

Commissioner Joe Mitrecic raised questions about traffic and if AstroTurf is considering them.

“When you sit down with SFC and (determine how much land you have and) how many fields you can put into this location, part of that consideration will also be ... how many actual parking spots we need and what’s the (traffic) flow look like,” Coleman replied. “Will it impede current areas of the community? Is that a concern? Those things can all be adjusted in figuring and what to do and how to do it.”

Sullivan added that, ideally, events would be staggered so crowds aren’t leaving multiple events at once.

As he did after the meeting, Bertino
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Bylaws cmte. reviews work group proposals

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) The Ocean Pines Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed proposed tweaks in the language of governing documents during its virtual meeting on Friday.

A bylaws work group has produced a list of updates to association rules and regulations that will be passed along to the board of directors and, providing they clear muster there, go before the public in a referendum.

First up on the group's agenda were provisions that reference materials outside the association's bylaws or charter. Committee Chairman Jim Trummel said the workgroup found four such instances.

Bylaws section 9.02C, for instance, grants the general manager authority to maintain the "Personnel Policy Procedures Manual," which could be out of date, Trummel said.

Committee member Keith Kaiser suggest that an easy fix for that would be to lowercase the reference, thus making it a general statement instead of a formal one.

Trummel agreed, as did committee member Lora Pangratz, who said the generic approach would prevent the need for future updates as association leadership changes.

"It will last longer in our bylaws," she said.

Turning to budget-related areas, Trummel said the work group proposed adding references to association financial policy or procedure management manuals to three bylaws provisions.

"There are two manuals for financial management," he said.

Trummel highlighted section 8.04B, which permits the general manager to transfer budget items within departments, and section 5.14E/F, which establishes limits on board purchases and the withdrawal of funds.

Trummel said those manuals date back to August 2006 and have been long under consideration for updates.

Trummel said the Budget and Finance Committee has discussed updating both manuals later this year.

"Either or both manuals could be used ... but both are well out of date," he said.

The next work group matter discussed was an addition to section 4.04 notice of meetings.

The work group suggested adding a provision to bylaws section 4.04 stating that annual meeting notices are to be mailed to members' addresses of record.

Subsection five of that entry includes requirements for association members to receive notice of annual meeting, regardless of voting eligibility.

"The provision says notice to all

members for annual or special meetings," he said.

Trummel said roughly three years ago the Elections Committee noticed annual meeting announcements were not being sent to members ineligible to vote and took measures to assure non-ballot mailers were being issued.

Kaiser recommended revising the proposed 4.04C addition to remove the reference to mailing meeting notices to "address as it appears on records of the association," as well as including single notice requirements regardless of voting eligibility.

Concurring with those suggestions were the entire array of members present, including Trummel, Pangratz and Bob Hillegass.

The committee turned next to bylaws section 5.10 that cover informal actions taken by the board.

Under current bylaw language, any board action required or permitted for meeting consideration could be done without convening in public through unanimous written consent of directors.

Details of the consent and action are required to be filed with minutes of the next board meeting.

The bylaws work group suggested revising the provision to read "any action required or permitted to be taken by the [board] may be taken without meeting as noted in Article 2-408C of

the Maryland Code for corporations and associations."

Trummel said the problem noted with current bylaws language regarding unanimous written consent involves the procedure for filing consent and action in subsequent meeting minutes.

"The consent and action wording in bylaws is subject to being read the first thing every director has to consent is taking the action without meeting," he said.

Trummel said the current wording fails to specify the same standard for the action voted on outside of meetings.

"The code says it has to be unanimous," he said. "The way it is written that action ... does not require unanimous just majority voting on the matter."

The proposed revision seeks to eliminate confusion on the two-step approval process for non-meeting actions by referring to Maryland code.

Trummel said state code says unanimous consent is required both to bypass meeting requirements and approve actions.

Kaiser and Hillegass voiced support for the proposed revision.

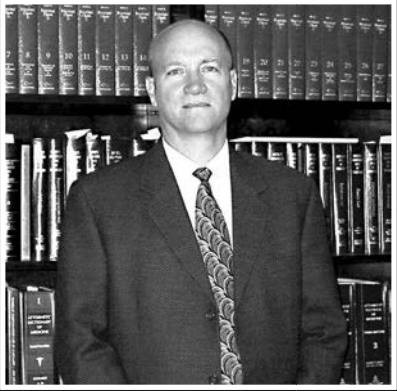
"I think it's clear and concise," Hillegass said.

The recommendations will be forwarded to the bylaws workgroup for consideration.


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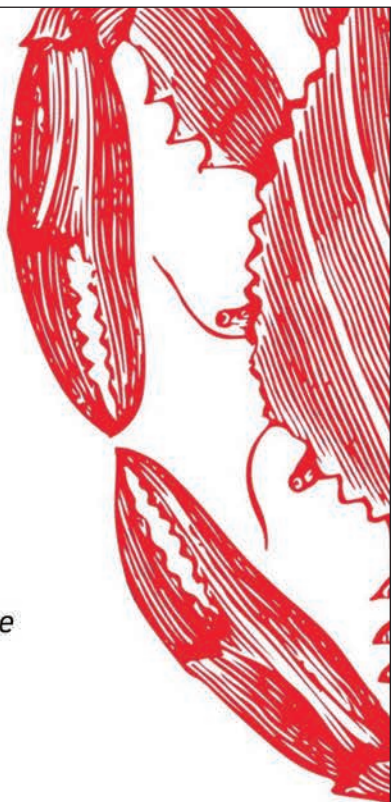
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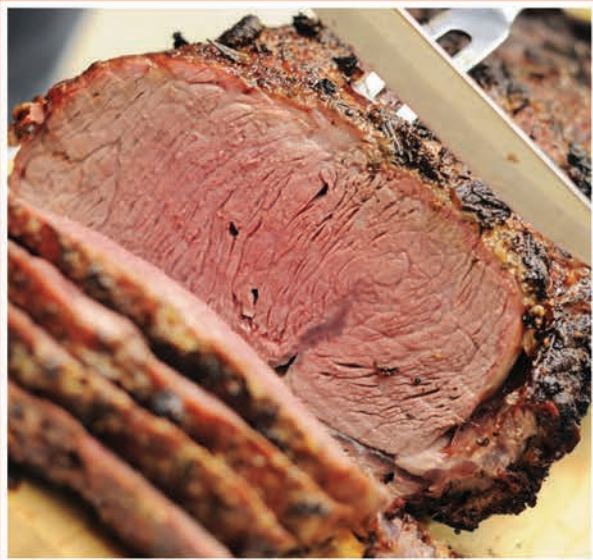
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Flooding, traffic concerns pause Mapledale

Second housing project on Maple Avenue delayed to consider potential impacts

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) Concerns about flooding and the possibility of worsening traffic congestion kept the Berlin Planning Commission from approving site plans last week for a proposed 33-townhome community on Maple Avenue.

Maple Avenue of Berlin LLC and UTR Ventures LLC representatives presented the “Mapledale,” project to the commission last Wednesday.

Attorney Mark Cropper, representing developer Bobby Kitchens said the site plan involves three parcels on 4.5 acres by Maple Avenue and Elizabeth Street, which is in the multi-family R-3 apartment zone.

Berlin’s Board of Zoning Appeals granted developers a conditional use last month so they could build townhomes in an R-3 zone. They also gave the project a special exemption to reduce minimum widths of the units from 18 to 16 feet.

Kitchens told the planning commission the project’s aim is to provide housing for reasonable cost.

“If they can afford rent, this would be an ownership opportunity,” he said.

If plans are approved, the engineering phase would start immediately, with construction beginning within a year, Kitchens said.

“We’ll probably do it in phases with two clusters at a time, depending on market conditions,” he said.

Townhouse sizes would total roughly 1,400 square feet with two or three bedrooms and at least two bathrooms.

The project’s site plans show a single point of ingress/egress from Maple Avenue.

Commission member Phyllis Purnell, however, said she’s worried about flooding in the area, and noted the heightened flooding connected to the development of Willows at Berlin at the end of Maple Avenue.

“It’s a river there when it rains,” she said.

Located on an eight-acre parcel at 312 Maple Ave., the Willows project entails 66 housing units varying between one to three bedrooms.

Purnell said the Willows project has increased a traditionally troublesome stormwater management issue in the neighborhood.

“All the water from Flower Street runs down Maple,” she said. “The stormwater management problem has never been addressed.”

Purnell said recent rain storms have caused flooding damage to homes in the immediate vicinity.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the increased flooding problems are tied to storm drains the Maryland Department of the Environment mandates stay covered in silt fabric while projects are underway.

“The water doesn’t have anywhere to go as fast as it’s building up,” he said. “We have been out there several times but we can’t get MDE to let us open up those storm drains.”

The state regulations are intended to prevent runoff from the under-construction Willows site going into storm drain system.

“I know it’s been wet there on Maple Avenue for many years,” he said.

Engelhart said the water problems also stem from a ditch located at the end of Maple Avenue that hasn’t been maintained in nearly half a century.

“That’s the property owner’s responsibility, not the town’s,” he said. “It’s not a town ditch”

While the current construction has caused more flooding, Engelhart said the situation should improve when the housing project is finished.

“It won’t be that bad forever,” he said. “It’s going to be a slower drainage area until the end of the project.”

Purnell said the clogged ditch should have been cleared before the Willows broke ground.

“Maple Avenue can’t stand another project on that street,” she said.

Cropper balked at the prospect of his client’s project being penalized because of someone else’s work.

“The developers of the Willows shouldn’t be able to prevent the development of this site,” he said. “That’s basically imposing a moratorium of new development on Maple Avenue.”

Russell Hammond, site planner for Mapledale, said the project would not add to stormwater issues, as all internal roads drain toward the property’s exterior and not Maple Avenue.

Berlin resident Gregory Purnell also voiced concerns.

“The issue is the road grade on Maple in general,” he said.

Despite the Willows project gaining approval from the town, Purnell said problems have arisen that could increase if Mapledale proceeds.

Purnell, who was born and raised on Maple Avenue, said the area is now becoming more hectic with traffic comparable to Flower Street.

“Is this area conducive to building all these projects?” he said. “Shouldn’t there be a comprehensive plan from the Town of Berlin.”

Purnell noted both current water problems and future traffic issues.

“Development is good but it’s where you develop that makes the difference,” he said.

After examining pictures from recent

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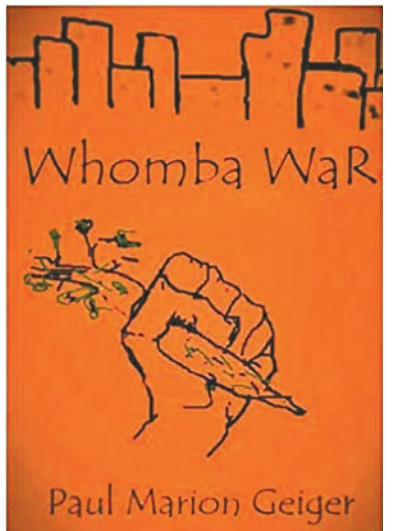
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We Heart Berlin representatives, Tony Weeg, left, and Adrian Bowen Sr., propose a donation of basketball equipment to revitalize the courts at William Henry Park during the Town Council meeting on Monday.

We Heart Berlin boost Henry Park basketball courts

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) The Berlin Town Council accepted the donation of basketball equipment from the nonprofit We Heart Berlin and approved an unveiling ceremony for a pending paint job at basketball courts in William Henry Park on Monday.

We Heart Berlin members Adrian Bowen Sr. and Tony Weeg offered a donation of half a dozen backboards, rims and pole pads for basketball courts at William Henry Park.

Weeg said since the nonprofit last appeared before the council in late July to approve a court painting project, further funding has been found for additional work.

“We’re back here again because ... we raised another \$17,000,” he said.

Between the custom color scheme planned and equipment upgrades, Weeg said the courts would be greatly enhanced.

“It will look like an entirely new court,” he said.

Tyndall agreed installing new rims and backboards would improve playing conditions.

“You do get a lot of vibration from the rims and backboards that are there now,” he said.

Weeg said acquiring the equipment would take about a month.

Council member Dean Burrell asked if the replacement gear measures up to industry standards.

Weeg said the court painting artist, Shelton Hawkins, recommended the equipment manufacturers.

“I believe it exceeds all standards,” he said.

Weeg said Hawkins has seen sim-

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Berlin residents near Flower Street eyeball development

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flooding on Maple Avenue, commission chairperson Chris Denny agreed residents have cause for concern.

“I wouldn’t want to live here,” he said.

Commission member Pete Cosby, however, asked about the potential for future development in the adjacent area.

“Are there other large parcels that are going to be coming at us with more projects?” he said. “If we have a mass of land out there that’s going to be accessed by Maple, then the town needs to do a traffic study.”

Denny concurred a traffic study would be appropriate.

Commission member Newt Chandler said Berlin should foot the cost.

“It should be on the town to do the study and improve the street if they re-

zoned this land for this kind of development,” he said.

Cosby took the opposite angle, arguing the town should take responsibility for hiring a traffic engineer, regardless of who pays the bill.

“You want the engineer working for the town,” he said.

Cropper said traffic study costs would hurt his client’s bottom line and could make the project infeasible.

“That kind of study would be extremely expensive,” he said.

Commission member Ron Cascio dismissed those concerns.

“With all due respect, that’s not our problem,” he said.

The commission agreed to table site plan approval to research traffic study costs.



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OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan, fifth from right, joined the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Assateague Island National Seashore staff, and other guests at Assateague State Park on Aug. 20, urging island visitors to drive carefully and “Give Wild Horses a Brake,” part of a new outreach campaign designed to reduce horse injuries and #ProtectOurPonies. See story on page 24.



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LIVE MUSIC

The Beach Bandits band will be playing at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club this Sunday from 6-10 p.m.



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BREAKFAST

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City “Dawg Team” member Mike Castoro prepares eggs for breakfast wraps during a recent event.



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RIBBON CUTTING

The Buzz Meadery in Berlin held a ribbon cutting on Aug. 19 in the new commons area.

Jay Leno’s show in OC canceled; refunds available

(Aug. 26, 2021) Ocean City Concerts regrets to announce that Jay Leno’s Ocean City October appearance has been canceled.

Beginning Aug. 26, all tickets will be refunded. Those wishing to receive a refund need to contact the original vendor of the ticket – either Ticketmaster or the box office at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street.

Leno, a long time car enthusiast, was set to appear in conjunction with the annual Endless Summer Cruisin’ Ocean City event. The car show, held Oct. 7-10, will still take place.

For more information, visit <https://specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin>.

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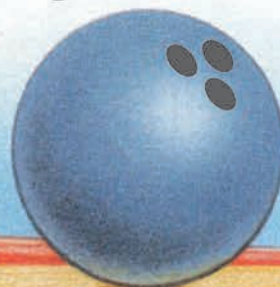
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Charity basketball game bringing big names to county

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Aug. 26, 2021) The star-studded Bubba's Charity Basketball Game will tip off Saturday from the Worcester County Recreation Center with a veritable list of who's who in attendance.

The festivities are set to kick off with a fan fest at noon, followed by the game at 5 p.m.

Bubba Almony, the event organizer and its namesake, said the event will feature Dr. Khalilah Camacho-Ali — legendary boxer Muhammed Ali's second wife — former NFL stars Terrell Owens, Domonique Rodgers-Cromartie and Jacoby Jones, and a slew of other figures.

"I'm so thankful for the recreation center," Almony said. "They have been so helpful in planning this. They've been very helpful. It's nice to work with people like that. They don't give you a hard time and they see the blessing that's going to come out to the shore."

The event is both indoors and outdoors. Masks are strongly recommended for the indoor component of the event.

Local and state officials, as well as representatives from every branch of the military, are also expected to attend the charity fundraiser that's focused on bullying, mental health and cancer.

Multiple commendations are set to be handed out for those who have made a charitable impact on the Worcester County area.

Snow Hill Mayor Dr. Jennifer Jewell is expected to proclaim Aug. 28 as "Bubba Almony Day" in the town.

Almony called Camacho-Ali's address one of the event's most important features. He said he became acquainted with Ali's second wife and her son Muhammed Ali Jr., through his bodyguard work.

Camacho-Ali said events like these



PHOTO COURTESY BUBBA ALMONY

Bubba Almony, far right, poses with, from left, personal trainer Easa Taha, Dr. Khalilah Camacho-Ali and Muhammed Ali, Jr. Camacho-Ali is slated to speak before Bubba's Celebrity Basketball Game on Saturday. The charity event, focused on raising funds for bullying and mental health awareness as well as cancer, tips off at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill at 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.

are crucial to hammer home messages that everyone should hear.

"For someone who has a platform to come to a small town or area in which a lot of the children need to be united and to get some kind of inspiration, it's important," she said. "As a little girl when I was around leaders and officials, meeting great leaders back in the day — Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, James Bowen — people of that era were so important. When I heard them, I was excited. I was excited to meet Cassius Marcellus Clay (Muhammed Ali) at that time. I was inspired to see people take their time and come and say something, deliver a message. That was the most exciting thing for me."

The Chicago native said the issue of bullying is close to her, as it's an experience she grew up with.

"I was bullied a little bit as a kid and, most importantly for those who don't understand bullying, (we'll be) telling them what it means and teaching them that they are valuable assets to the world

themselves," Camacho-Ali said. "I'll try to give them the most highlighted points of what it means to be alive, to be kind, what is the reward for being kind, things like that. We want to open doors for them and give them direction, show them how to get guidance."

If Muhammed Ali were alive today, Camacho-Ali said he would have loved this event.

"I've seen the shine on his face when he sees young people being in a place where they get excited and the adrenaline starts kicking up," she said. "Even to see him, seeing people look at him, they just shine. He would enjoy the fact that I've continued this legacy because when everybody is inspired by Muhammed Ali, you have to understand he was inspired by me as a young girl. That sent him on a train to success. He patterned himself around me to be excited."

Tickets for the event cost \$10 and can be purchased by calling 443-462-0696. For more information, visit <https://bubbaalmony.com>.

Henry Park courts getting upgraded rims, backboards

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ilar equipment installed at other courts.

"It's a clear acrylic backboard that has holes punched in it so that actually disperses some of the energy coming from the ball," he said. "It gives it a truer bounce."

Additionally, Weeg said the introduction of break-away rims should prevent the backboard from shattering when players dunk the ball.

"It's also heavy acrylic, so it's made for this," he said.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood and Public Works Superintendent Jimmy Charles recently inspected the site and said the work appeared to be "a fairly simple retrofit."

The council also approved a second request from We Heart Berlin to hold an unveiling ceremony on Sept. 26 for the basketball court painting project approved last month.

Weeg said the all-day affair would kick off at noon and include an unofficial tournament.

"We're putting together a small one versus one, three versus three and later on in the evening two five-man teams going against each other," he said. "Call it a tournament if you will ... it's the first year."

Weeg extended an invitation for the mayor and council to christen the site.

"We're hoping the mayor and council attend the opening at noon and take some of the first shots," he said.

Tyndall joked that the council should begin practicing.

"Our next meeting will be held there, and it will last all night," he said.

Although this is just one project, the event could spawn bigger plans.

"I would love to see this turn into a Flower Street festival," Weeg said.

The inclusion of food and vendors would also be considered in the future, Weeg said.

Weeg said special approval from the council is required because the event will take place in less than 60 days.

Bowen said the court festivities would wind down around sunset with an "OG" game slated at 7:30 p.m.

"I wanted to get together some older gentleman who used to play out there when I was a kid," he said.

In the event of inclement weather, a rain date has been set for Oct. 2.

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Snow Hill brings Pollitt on as town manager in Sept.

(Aug. 26, 2021) The Snow Hill Mayor and Town Council have hired a new town manager, Rick Pollitt Jr. of Allen, Maryland.

Town officials said Pollitt brings to the position decades of experience as a municipal manager, long-term professional connections to business leaders and local, state, regional and federal officials, and a reputation of integrity.

Pollitt served as a city manager for more than two decades between the cities of Fruitland and Crisfield.

He also was elected and served two, four-year, terms as the first county executive in Wicomico County.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Washington College, and has served on numerous boards and commissions, one of them being past president of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo).

Pollitt also has an extensive track record in supporting initiatives of diversification and environmental protection, town officials said.

Pollitt was selected as the next town manager through a competitive national search.

Mayor Jennifer Jewell has been performing town manager and mayoral duties concurrently since taking office in June.

A Town Manager Search Committee was formed by the mayor, consisting of five residents representing varying interests, including a business owner, town employee, and Councilwoman Melisa Weidner.

The search committee worked independently of the mayor to narrow down the pool of over 27 candidates.

The final candidates were invited to spend a day in Snow Hill, visiting businesses and touring the town, as well as meeting with staff, interviewing with both the search committee and the mayor, and finally making a public presentation in which all attendees were invited to ask questions of the candidate.

Comments were gathered from the public, staff and search committee, and presented to Jewell, who then reviewed the candidates with the council.

After discussing the information gathered and qualifications of the candidates, the council then voted unanimously to offer the position to Pollitt.

Officials believe the town is in position to see exponential progress in strengthening municipal infrastructure and boosting economic development, given the recent announcement of two significant financial awards and the launch of the new paddleboat, the Black Eyed Susan, managed by Washington's Inc.

Pollitt will begin his new role as Snow Hill town manager on Sept. 8.



Rick Pollitt Jr.

Obituaries

JUDY ANN EICHELBERGER
York

Judy Ann Eichelberger, 80, passed away peacefully at her residence on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021.



J. Eichelberger

She was the wife of Ronald P. Eichelberger, sharing 60 years of marriage.

Judy was born in York, Pennsylvania, Nov. 14, 1940.

Her father, Dale E. Good, died when she was very young. She was raised by her mother, Mary Mae (Good) Smith and her adoptive father, Dr. Philip A. Smith.

Judy graduated from William Penn Senior High School, Class of 1958. Following graduation, ambitious and aided by her commercial, business education she quickly found a job at the Carew Steel Corp in York.

There, she rose through the ranks to become the executive secretary to the company president. Also, it was at this company that she later met her husband to be, Ron, during a business meeting. After their marriage in 1961, Ron's company transferred them to Atlanta where they acquired many new and lasting friendships.

After four years they were transferred back to York during a great revival in the game of tennis. Being small, but athletic, she quickly acquired the necessary skills,

and joined the Wynfield Tennis Club where she was an active player and participant in local tournaments for many years.

In 1998, Judy and Ron acquired a house in Marina Village, a new development within Ocean Pines, Maryland. There she perfected her golfing skills, kayaking, and pursued all of the benefits of oceanside living.

Judy was a good conversationalist and loved to regale friends with hilarious stories of their lively toy poodle, Barney. Later she doted on their standard poodles, Bert and Ernestine.

In addition to their dogs, she and husband, Ron, shared a love of automobiles. They were proud owners of vintage cars and won many awards at regional car shows. They enjoyed being spectators at sports car racing and made annual treks to Daytona and Limerock.

In addition to her husband, Judy is survived by her brother, Michael Smith and his wife, Sharon, of York and nephews, Christopher M. Smith of Wenonah, New Jersey, and Sean M. Smith of Eagle, Idaho.

She also leaves half-siblings, Arlene Barnhart, David Smith and Cara Smith, as well as brother-in-law, Robert Eichelberger and his wife, Rebecca, of Hoschton, Georgia; niece, Audrey Bowen of York, and nephews, Jeffrey Eichelberger of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, and John Eichelberger of Atlanta, Georgia.

She will be missed by her "pretend" family, Larry Diehl, wife, Kristine, and their children, Grace and Julian of Wilmington, Delaware.

Judy also leaves six cousins, Deanna Redinger, Stuart Stabley, Jay Frey, Greg Frey, Steve Kinneman and Jeffery Frey, to cherish her memory.

A funeral service was held on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, at the Etzweiler Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 1111 E. Market St., York, with burial in Mount Rose Cemetery.

To reflect Judy's love of animals, memorial contributions may be made to the York County SPCA, 3159 Susquehanna Trail North, York, Pennsylvania 17406.

The family wishes to thank caregivers from Guiding Hands Elder Care and Memorial White Rose Home Health & Hospice for their services.

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Opinion

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Play it safe as new school year begins

Although the covid-19 pandemic feels like it’s over to many area residents, as shops, restaurants, offices and other indoor venues seem to be overwhelmingly populated by maskless individuals, this scourge isn’t finished with us yet — not by a long shot.

As much as we want it to be done and gone, the coronavirus continues to evolve and survive, and while this area doesn’t come close to experiencing the travails being visited upon communities in the deep south, the numbers of local cases and hospitalizations have been going up, according to the CDC.

As of this past Sunday, again according to CDC data, Worcester saw eight new hospital admissions and a continuing rise in the number of hospital beds occupied by covid-19 patients. This follows a relatively uneventful June and July that created the impression that we were on the way to being free and clear of the pandemic.

But no, and now as the county’s schools, public and private, prepare to resume classroom instruction in a week or so, this resurgence of the disease is something parents of school-age children need to keep in mind.

The schools locally did a remarkable job of providing instruction last year under extreme circumstances, and the safety protocols they have in place for this year’s reopening certainly reduce the risk of student exposure to the virus.

They do not, however, eliminate it, which is why parents should strongly consider having their children vaccinated if they are in the age brackets deemed eligible. The Pfizer vaccine has been approved by the FDA for use by all individuals 16 years of age and older, and has been given emergency use authorization for children from 12 to 15 years of age.

And masks? The schools won’t be requiring students to wear them as schools open, but are leaving that decision up to the parents. Looking down south where thousands of children have been sent home because of exposure to covid-19, this is something parents here might want to think about as well.



A colony of honeybees, long time residents of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum in Berlin, were relocated to Bishopville last week. We wish them well in their new location.

Unveiling Briddletown historical sign

(Aug. 26, 2021) The public is invited to join the Worcester County commissioners and members of the Briddell family, as they unveil the Briddletown Road historical landmark signs on Friday, Sept. 3, at 3 p.m. at 10752 Flower Street.

Flower Street, from Seahawk Road to MD Route 376, runs straight through the heart of Briddletown, which was named after the Briddell family.

Land records indicate that the history of Briddletown dates back to 1866, following the close of the Civil War. Thirteen individual property titles – with parcels ranging in size from one to four acres lining the main road along Flower Street in and around the Kitts Branch tributary of Trappe Creek east of the Town of Berlin – make it possible to track the community’s development.

“This is where my ancestors first bought land,” said Sharon Briddell-Fowles, a fifth-generation descendent of George and Martha Briddell, the first African Americans to purchase property in that era on lands that for more than a century have been recognized as Briddle-

town.

“We felt like Briddletown was getting away from us, and there was nothing here to mark my ancestors and my great-grandfather’s contributions to the county,” Briddell-Fowles said of her ancestors. “Our family saw a need to preserve Briddletown and to have a documented legacy of our ancestors’ accomplishment. They helped establish and build St. Paul United Methodist Church. They also started the first black cemetery here, Evergreen Cemetery (now known as St. Paul Cemetery), out on Assateague Road in Berlin.”

In 2017 Briddell-Fowles and her sister, Sandra, presented a proposal to Worcester County for a marker. That marker became a reality on Aug. 28, 2018.

Under a sunny sky, with temperatures soaring well into the 90s, county officials and Briddell family members unveiled the Briddletown interpretive sign.

That panel, which is located on Flower Street beside Stephen Decatur Middle School, is accessible to the public. It maps the development of the Briddletown community and is part of a larger

collection of African American interpretive panels that identify sites of historic significance to Worcester County that serve to educate the public and preserve local history.

“We’re taking Briddletown back,” Tourism and Economic Development Director Melanie Pursel said. “And, we hope to see you here celebrating the rich African American heritage of this historic family and their lasting contributions to Worcester County.”

The sign unveiling will take place in conjunction with the 40th annual Briddell family reunion. For more information, contact Kim Moses, public information officer, at 410-632-1194.

AGH breaks ground Tues.

(Aug. 26, 2021) Atlantic General Hospital will hold a formal groundbreaking for the new Gudelsky Family Medical Center on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 2 p.m.

Members of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System’s administration, Board of See GUDELSKY Page 23

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Gudelsky Family Medical Center

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Trustees, Foundation Board of Directors and its volunteers and associates will gather with local dignitaries, members of the Gudelsky family and other donors to the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future, and community members to commemorate the beginning of construction of the organization's new outpatient medical center in Ocean Pines, near 10550 Racetrack Road.

The new 53,000-square-foot Gudelsky Family Medical Center, conveniently located near the communities of Ocean Pines and Berlin, will include an outpatient surgery center, lab and imaging services, an additional AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacy location and space for multiple specialty care practices.

The project will allow Atlantic General to provide care in a less costly setting that is also more accessible to the community's aging population. Construction is expected to be completed in 18 months.

The funds raised during the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future are allowing Atlantic General Hospital to undertake \$35 million in capital projects. In addition to the new Gudelsky Family Medical Center to be built in Ocean Pines, work has included completion of the Women's Health Center in West

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Ocean City in 2017, the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center in 2018, and the modernization of the hospital's inpatient care areas in 2020.

The Gudelsky family donated \$4 million toward the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future, which helped the organization surpass its fundraising goal by \$2.5 million. The \$4 million donation is the largest single private gift Atlantic General Hospital has ever received.

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Hoen provides financial advice that is anchored in a solid understanding of client needs and expectations and is delivered in one-on-one relationships with his clients.

For more information, contact Hoen at 410-629-0947 or visit the Ameriprise office at 9928 Old Ocean City Blvd., Suite 5, in Berlin.

New positions

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore recently announced two promotions and a new addition.



Katerra Marshall



Lauren Zarin

Katerra Marshall has joined the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore as office coordinator.

Marshall will lead the foundation's front-facing operations, customer service, meeting and conference coordination, and will offer executive office support.

Lauren Zarin has been promoted to program officer. In her new position, Zarin will continue to increase her leadership role with all aspects of the grants, scholarships, and nonprofit capacity building programs.

Pam Heying has been promoted to



Pam Heying

accounting officer. This new position includes additional involvement in the foundation's finance department and additional support of both the development and programs departments.

"We are so fortunate to have such talented staff at the Community Foundation," said CFES President Erica Joseph. "We pride ourselves in employing individuals who are experts in their respective fields, allowing us to offer the continued standard of excellence the foundation is known for."

Honors

Nancy Reither, of Coldwell Banker Realty in Ocean City, was recently named as being among the top half of the Realogy Brokerage Group's Top 1,000 Sales Associates for the second quarter of 2021.



Nancy Reither

With more than 50,000 sales associates across Realogy Brokerage Group, the nation's largest real estate brokerage, this outstanding accomplishment has earned Reither an elite standing among her peers, for providing an unparalleled level of service to her

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OPEN HOUSES

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Business Briefs

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clients and being inspiration to her peers for her hard work, unwavering dedication as a sales leader in the nation's largest real estate brokerage.

Reither's achievements also include her consistently being one of the top agents in the Metro Baltimore region of Coldwell Banker Realty, taking the No. 1 spot for July and No. 2 year-to-date for 2021.

Duvall welcomed

Reid Tingle, president and CEO of Bank of Ocean City, along with the Board of Directors, welcomes Kimberly Duvall, branch manager of the Berlin office, as the newest addition to their staff.

Duvall joins Bank of Ocean City with over 13 years of banking management experience. She brings with her a vast array of knowledge in banking and leadership and is committed to providing an outstanding customer experience.

Duvall has relocated from New Jersey, where she worked for PNC and Unity Bank. She is looking forward to becoming active within her new local community, as she previously served Habitat for Humanity and the Rotary Club, in



Kimberly Duvall

several volunteer rolls, while residing in New Jersey.

Bank of Ocean City is a locally-owned, independent community bank. Established in 1916 and headquartered in West Ocean City, the bank has five offices; two in Ocean City, one in Ocean Pines, one in Berlin and a Delaware branch in Fenwick Island.

Joins AGH

Endocrinology Specialist Patricia Morales, CRNP, has joined Atlantic General Health System from Nanticoke Physician Network's Diabetes and Endocrinology Center, where she cared for patients with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, thyroid conditions, polycystic ovary syndrome and other endocrine conditions.

In her new role with Atlantic General, she will focus on diabetic care and thyroid conditions.

Morales has been a member of Delmarva's medical community for more than nine years, with a background in diabetes and endocrinology as well as urgent care and family medicine.

She received her Bachelor of Science in nursing at Salisbury University School of Nursing in 2006, subse-



Patricia Morales

quently working as an ER nurse at Peninsula Regional Medical Center while earning her Master of Science in nursing at Salisbury University and her nurse practitioner certificate.

Morales also holds a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from Universidad de Santiago de Chile. She is board certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and is certified as a medical interpreter for Spanish speaking patients.

Morales is currently accepting new patients at the Atlantic General Diabetes and Endocrinology Center. Appointments can be made by calling 410-208-9761.

Joins bank

John W. Breda, president and CEO of The Bank of Delmarva, recently announced Dawn Wagner has joined the Bank as a vice president – business development officer/relationship manager.

Wagner has 24 years of banking experience, including 15 years in commercial lending.

She has served as a board member for the YMCA, the American Breast Cancer Foundation and Carson Scholars Fund.



Dawn Wagner

She and her husband, Steve, have resided in Maryland for over 50 years, where they raised their six children. They enjoy participating in fundraising activities to help support their local community and businesses.

Appointed

Kate Patton, executive director of Lower Shore Land Trust, was recently appointed to the Chesapeake Executive Council - Citizens Advisory Committee by Gov. Larry Hogan.

This multi-state council aims to provide policy direction for the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay. Patton has served as the executive director of the Lower Shore Land Trust since 2006.

Lower Shore Land Trust protects and restores natural resources, wildlife habitat and working lands to support and connect healthy and vibrant communities.

She has led fundraising efforts, non-profit administration, land conservation, stewardship, marketing, and public education for the organization. In 2018, Lower Shore Land Trust received national accreditation through the Land Trust Commission.



Kate Patton

Yumi Hogan backs Assateague horse safety

(Aug. 26, 2021) Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan recently joined the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Assateague Island National Seashore staff, and other guests at Assateague State Park, urging island visitors to drive carefully and "Give Wild Horses a Brake," part of a new outreach campaign designed to reduce horse injuries and #ProtectOurPonies.

A freely roaming herd of wild ponies is one of the major attractions at Assateague, a barrier island that is divided into Maryland's Assateague State Park and the federal Assateague Island National Seashore.

Unfortunately, humans feeding the horses or otherwise encouraging them to come near campgrounds and vehicles has left the horses unafraid of people and cars, making them more susceptible to dangerous situations on the Assateague roads.

Hogan, Department of Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Hadaway-Riccio, Maryland State Senator Mary Beth Carozza, and members of the nonprofit friends group Assateague Island Alliance visited the State Park on Aug. 20. The Alliance also presented the First Lady with a conservation award for her

continued support and work protecting wildlife.

"The ponies of Assateague are a treasure to Maryland and the nation, but it can be easy to forget that they are wild animals," Hogan said. "I am pleased to see the efforts our park service is taking to help reduce harm. We urge drivers to be alert and observe the rules of the road and other park regulations to protect the ponies."

A vehicle strike even at low speed can cause serious and even fatal injuries for the Assateague horses. Drivers traveling at night or in low light along park roads can have difficulty seeing the horses. Unlike deer, which may dart across the road, horses regularly stand completely still in the road, giving drivers little opportunity to react.

Hogan and Riccio reviewed efforts to help protect the ponies. Both the Maryland Park Service and National Park Service have been working to reduce the risk for the horses. Assateague State Park has installed four speed bumps and expanded crosswalks in the park campground, and installed highway messaging signs along the Route 611 causeway/park entrance road.

The State Highway Administration

lowered the speed limit along the park entrance road across Verrazano Bridge to 25 miles per hour.

The National Park Service will add speed feedback signs, displaying driver speed, on the causeway and along Bayberry Drive and reduce speed limits to 15 miles per hour at several areas within the national park.

"Visitors to the island are reminded to drive slowly, follow posted safety signs, stay at least 40 feet from horses, store all food properly, and constantly be on the lookout for pedestrians, bicycles, horses, and other wildlife while driving through the park," Assateague Island National Seashore Superintendent Hugh Hawthorne said.

Visitors should also remember that close contact with the horses is dangerous, as the Assateague ponies can bite and kick, and like most wild mammals, can carry rabies.

Park officials urge visitors to Assateague to follow these rules:

Always stay at least 40 feet away from the horses, and if they approach, move away

Never touch, feed, or harass the horses

Keep all food and pet food securely stored in a closed cooler with a strap

or in a zippered bag- no open top bags. Horses can open coolers and will get into bags with food, drinks, pet food, or trash — creating a potential health risk that could be fatal to the horses.

Dispose of all trash properly — horses will eat plastic, wrappings, or even glass if it still contains food.

Drive slowly and always be alert for wildlife. Follow all posted speed limits and especially at night, go slow.

Use only designated parking areas to view wildlife.

DNR created new handouts this year providing information for safely viewing horses and directing visitors who pull over along the causeway to use approved parking areas.

Assateague State Park also hired additional seasonal rangers and reallocated staff and equipment — plus a team of two volunteer rovers — to conduct pony patrol activities.

The Maryland Park Service is also piloting the installation of campsite cooler storage boxes to keep food where horses are less likely to be attracted to them.

These boxes are modeled after those in the national park campground, and staff are monitoring their effectiveness.

Puzzles

THINK TWICE

BY AIMEE LUCIDO AND ELLA DERSHOWITZ / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Aimee Lucido, of Berkeley, Calif., is a full-time crossword constructor and an author of children's books. Ella Dershowitz, of New York City, is an actor. A mutual friend introduced them, and Ella says, "We bonded immediately through being artsy puzzle people." When Ella moved to San Francisco they became close. Now that she's back in New York, the two stay in touch by making puzzles together. — W.S.

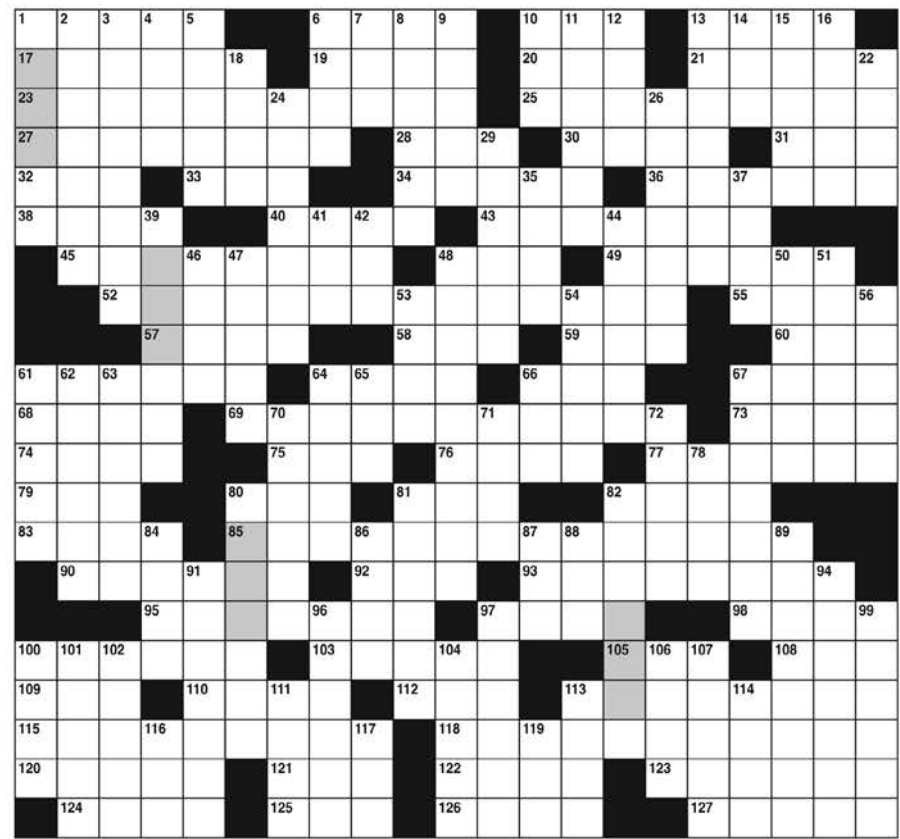
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1 Confound
6 Sarcastic internet laughter
10 Most Times Square signage
13 Performance check
17 Dark hair and a warm smile, for two
19 Samoan capital
20 To's opposite
21 Full-length
23 Something that bugs criminals?
25 Blabberer
27 Duplicitous
28 Musicianship
30 ____ dress
31 Pasture
32 Signed off on
33 Ukr. or Lith., formerly
34 Places for development
36 Corn kernel, e.g.
38 Actress Merrill
40 Genre for BTS or Blackpink
43 Added to the staff?
45 Alerts
48 ____ of lies
49 Aquafina : PepsiCo :: ____ : Coca-Cola
52 #\$\$%& and @%€!
55 Practice whose name means, literally, "union"
57 Words before "before"
58 "Deck the Halls" contraction

59 Symbol on the Connecticut state quarter
60 Stop along the highway
61 Quite
64 Finished brushing one's teeth, say
66 Racial-justice movement since 2013, in brief
67 "Really, though?"
68 Word in many font names
69 Betray ... or a hint to four answers in this puzzle
73 ____ the Cat (fictional feline of children's books)
74 Thin incision
75 Some \$200 Monopoly properties, in brief
76 Set of 50 on the Argo, in myth
77 Coaxed (out of)
79 Insurance giant bailed out in 2008
80 Word before cap or pop
81 Awesomest bud
82 Spirit in Arabian myth
83 Arizona county or its seat
85 Pushing up daisies
90 Neighbor of Mozambique
92 Nonwriting credentials for Conan Doyle and Chekhov, informally
93 Seller's need
95 Artificial habitat
97 Abolitionist Lucretia
98 The avant-garde "artists" Congo and Pierre Brassau

100 Hedy of the 1937 documentary "Bombshell"
103 Kind of chip
105 Question of perplexion
108 "The Raven" writer's initials.
109 Like
110 Big believer in the freedom of assembly?
112 Press ____
113 What the beleaguered are behind
115 Classic folk story that teaches a lesson of sharing
118 Be up for some biking?
120 Fast runners
121 Advanced math degree?
122 Ninny
123 Sternutation
124 Real cutup
125 Landscaper's supply
126 In the past
127 "As You Like It" forest

DOWN
1 Novelist Margaret
2 Absorb the beauty of, as a scene
3 Lacked the gumption to
4 Gladly, old-style
5 Jazzy James and Jones
6 First law-enforcement org. in the U.S. to hire a female officer (1910)
7 Nail-polish brand
8 List of performers
9 Star man?
10 Half of a '55 union merger
11 "That's enough arguing out of you!"
12 Lip-puckering
13 Things that may be rubbed after din-din
14 Playwright Will who was a 2005 Pulitzer finalist
15 Crew implement
16 One getting special instruction
18 Ink holders in pens and squid
22 "Just like ____!"
24 Like morning people vis-à-vis night owls, around dawn
26 Response to "How bad was it?"
29 Extends, in a way
35 Lead-in to call
37 Cause for an onslaught of yearly txts
39 "If the pessimists are right ..."
41 Stroke
42 East: Ger.
44 Wednesday, but not Friday
46 Accelerator particles
47 Overwhelm
48 Some tax breaks
50 Boos and cheers
51 Light
53 Latin list ender
54 Some Hershey candies
56 Bought in
61 Time-consuming assignment to grade
62 Xanax alternative

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- 63 Monthly publication of the National Puzzlers' League, with "The"

64 More convinced

65 "The Magic School Bus" was its first fully animated series

66 Sound at the end of December, appropriately?

67 Beach with a girl who "swings so cool"

70 Part of many a corsage

71 Bite site

72 Job to do

78 High-quality cannabis, in slang

80 "Success!"

81 Decorate

82 "I. Can't. Even."

84 Spain's Duchess of ____

86 Classic novel with the line "You must be the best judge of your own happiness"

87 Environmental opening

88 When repeated, a reproof

89 Overturned

91 Most chiffonlike

94 Figure out

96 Not thinking

97 The Supremes' record label

99 Bad temper

100 Makeup target

101 Where a "Married at First Sight" contestant meets his or her mate

102 Language in which "kia ora" is a greeting

104 Up on

106 Confused responses

107 Fight site

111 Long runs?

113 "A man's character is his ____": Heraclitus

114 "Suds"

116 Prefix with classical

117 Prof's degree

119 Post on Insta

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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

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CALENDAR

Thurs., Aug. 26

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Worcester County Health Department - Snow Hill, 6040 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill. Vaccines are provided free to all. Appointments: <https://www.worcesterhealth.org/./184-immunizations>. Info: www.marylandvax.org or 410-632-1100, Ext. 2009.

OCEAN CITY JEEP WEEK

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:05 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Featuring the Beach Crawl, KICKER Sand Course, Jeep Jam and Expo with Vendor Village. See the full schedule of events at <https://www.oceancityjeepweek.com/event-schedule>. 443-366-5944.

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>

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

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

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 7-8:30 p.m. Featuring “Groove Fish.” Pack a picnic and bring lawn chairs. Admission is free. [downtownpocomoke.com](http://www.downtownpocomoke.com), 410-957-1333, Ext. 111

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.

Fri., Aug. 27

OCEAN CITY JEEP WEEK

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 443-366-5944. 8:05 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Featuring the Beach Crawl, KICKER Sand Course, Jeep Jam and Expo with Vendor Village. See the full schedule of events at <https://www.oceancityjeepweek.com/event-schedule>.

4TH FRIDAY STREET FESTIVAL

Downtown Pocomoke, Market Street between Front and Second streets, Pocomoke City. 410-957-1333. 5-8 p.m., Theme is Sports Night. Featuring artists,

vendors, activities, live music by Iris and food and drinks. downtownpocomoke.com.

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. 28

OCEAN CITY JEEP WEEK

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 443-366-5944. 8:05 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Featuring the Beach Crawl, KICKER Sand Course, Jeep Jam and Expo with Vendor Village. See the full schedule of events at <https://www.oceancityjeepweek.com/event-schedule>.

CELEBRITY ANTI-BULLYING RALLY AND BASKETBALL GAME

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill. 443-462-0696. 12-8 p.m., Fanfest begins at noon and celebrity basketball game begins at 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 or \$40 for VIPs. See www.bubbaalmony.com our call Bubba Almony at 443-462-0696.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., Aug. 29

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Downtown Berlin, Pitts Street Pitts Street, Berlin. 410-973-2051. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays through September - Located in Downtown Berlin. This week the market will feature more than 30 farmers, bakers, distillers, food cultivator and more.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR 17TH ANNUAL KENNEDY-KING DINNER

Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City. 12 a.m.-11:59 p.m., On Sept. 13, the reception begins at 5 p.m. with call to dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations: soonerlanny@gmail.com or 410-600-0552 by Aug. 29. Cost for the evening is \$75 per person.

OCEAN CITY JEEP WEEK

Ocean City Boardwalk, 698 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. 443-366-5944. 8:05 a.m.-2 p.m., Featuring the Beach Crawl, KICKER Sand Course and Jeep Jam. See the full schedule of events at <https://www.oceancityjeepweek.com/event-schedule>.

2021 OCEAN CITY BRIDAL SHOW

Seacrets, 117 49th St., Ocean City. 410-289-7699. 1-3 p.m., Featuring wedding

vendors, lively music, entertainment and runway fashion show (2:30 p.m.). All brides receive a gift bag. Door prizes. Tickets are \$10 cash at the door or at www.roxbeachweddings.com.

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 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. More than 30 farmers, bakers, distillers and more. Live music, live bunnies, real bee hive and free kids art projects. <https://www.berlinmainstreet.com/farmersmarket/>

Mon., Aug. 30

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Worcester County Health Department - Pocomoke, 400-A Walnut St., Pocomoke City. 410-632-1100. 12 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Vaccines are provided free to all. Appointments: <https://www.worcesterhealth.org/./184-immunizations>. Info: www.marylandvax.org or 410-632-1100, Ext. 2009.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Worcester County Health Department - Berlin, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin. 410-632-1100. 12 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Vaccines are provided free to all. Appointments: <https://www.worcesterhealth.org/./184-immunizations>. Info: www.marylandvax.org or 410-632-1100, Ext. 2009.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. 443-880-8884. 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.

DELMARVA WOMEN’S A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00-9:00 p.m. All ladies that love to sing invited. Contact Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol Ludwig, 302-242-7062.

Tues., Aug. 31

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS TO THE 17TH ANNUAL KENNEDY-KING DINNER

Worcester County. 410-208-2969. 12 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Takes place on Sept. 13

at Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City. Reception begins at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$75. Reservations: Lanny Hickman, soonerlanny@gmail.com or Vicky Wallace, 410-208-2969.

KOFC SEAFOOD NIGHT

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-524-7994. 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.

DELMARVA HAND DANCE

Tuesdays - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, 5:30-9:00 p.m. Show proof of vaccination or wear a mask. A picture on your phone of your vaccination card is acceptable. delmarvahanddance@gmail.com, <https://delmarvahanddancing.com>

Wed., Sept. 1

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR 12TH ANNUAL PATRIOT DAY FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford Landing Road, Ocean Pines. 12 a.m.-11:59 p.m., To be held Sept. 16. Fashions are presented by Bruder Hill of Berlin. Cost is \$35. Register: www.gop-womenofworcester.org by Sept. 1.

STORY TIME “BARN YARD ANIMALS”

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-632-2600. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Stories and songs about barn yard animals. Also includes a fun activity. For children ages 2-5 years old. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

BOOK LOVERS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 410-632-2600. 12-1 p.m., Discuss the book, “Hello, Universe” by Erin Estrada Kelly. Books can be found on Hoopladigital.com. For ages 12-15 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

SEEKING PICKLEBALL PLAYERS AND SPONSORS

Players, and especially sponsors, are being sought for the annual Pickleball Round Robin tournament, scheduled Oct. 1 at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center. Hosted by the Ocean Pines Pickleball Club, the tournament is part of a quartet of local “Pink Ribbon Classic” events raising money for cancer research. Entry fee is \$35 by Sept. 27. Download an entry form or sponsorship form online at <https://oceanpines.org/documents/10184/1522417/Pickleball+Round+Robin+entry+and+sponsor+form.pdf>, or contact Chris Shook at 443-614-1504 or cshook09@yahoo.com for more information.

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