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BACK TO SCHOOL

Lou Taylor, superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools, visits with students at Buckingham Elementary on the first day back Tuesday.

Berlin to go country on Saturday

Small Town Throwdown will deliver sound of Nashville to Main Street all afternoon

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Sept. 8, 2022) It's going to be a certifiable hootenanny on the streets of Berlin with the fifth installment of the Small Town Throwdown on Saturday.

The Nashville-themed, country music festival, which started in 2017, will feature musical artists Red Dirt Revolution and the Lauren Calve Band. Admission is free for all ages.

The annual concert, produced by Fager's Island and the Atlantic Hotel, See THROWDOWN Page 3



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

D.C.-based Americana country stalwarts Ruthie and the Wranglers groove out Main Street in Berlin during the Small Town Throwdown concert in 2021. This year's event will take place on Saturday.

Tax charges levied against Pines' ex-GM

Brett Hill accused of failing to pay \$900K in withholding

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Sept. 8, 2022) Former Ocean Pines Association director and general manager Brett Hill has been charged with 16 counts of willful failure to collect, account for and pay employment taxes to the IRS, acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General Stuart M. Goldberg of the Justice Department's Tax Division and U.S. Attorney Erik L. Barron for the District of Maryland announced last week.



Brett Hill

According to the indictment, Hill, of Parkton, Maryland owned and operated two telecommunications companies and was responsible for collecting and paying to the IRS income, Social Security, and Medicare taxes withheld from the wages of employees at both companies.

Hill allegedly collected such taxes from the employees of the two companies but did not pay those taxes to the IRS or file quarterly employment tax returns. In total, Hill did not pay to the IRS approximately \$900,000 in payroll taxes related to the two companies.

If convicted, Hill faces up to five years in prison for each of 16 counts of willful failure to collect or pay over employment taxes. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General Stuart M. Goldberg of the Justice Department's Tax Division and U.S. Attorney Erik L. Barron for the District of Maryland made the announcement.

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Judge advises Janasek, OPA to find compromise on ban

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Sept. 8, 2022) An evidentiary hearing in Snow Hill last month ended with presiding Judge Beau Oglesby setting a 25-day window from Aug. 26 to rule whether the Ocean Pines Association had the legal power to enforce a 90-day amenity ban on former director Tom Janasek.

If the ruling goes Janasek's way, it would enjoin OPA from carrying out the ban.

The ban was OPA's response to a May incident at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club that saw Janasek accost and verbally berate then-Director Josette Wheatley. Janasek does not deny that the incident occurred.

The lengthy testimony in the Snow Hill Circuit Courthouse featured multiple witnesses, including Janasek, Wheatley, OPA director Frank Daly, former OPA President Colette Horn and former OPA director Larry Perone.

In making his decision, Oglesby



Tom Janasek

referenced the August board elections as a reason for the 25-day window, in which the two sides of the lawsuit have the opportunity to work out a compromise.

Those elections shook up the OPA rank and file with the ousting of Wheatley and Amy Peck, who showed support for her colleague and the ban.

Director Doug Parks, who has been wary of a ban since it was voted on in June, has since taken Horn's place as president. At least two of the three new directors have questioned the validity of the ban as well.

Throughout the hearing, OPA attorney Megan Mantzavinos made the case that the board is not limited to the language within the association's governing documents, especially in matters of safety and protection.

Wheatley, in her testimony, minced no words in saying she feared what Janasek might do next during the altercation.

"I was scared out of my mind, quite honestly," she told Mantzavinos. "I've never seen him that way. He has deep blue eyes but they were black. He was in anger mode. And I

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Throwdown downtown Saturday

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will once again shut down Main Street to accommodate the expected crowds, beginning at 10 a.m. Although the event itself is from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Larnet St. Amant added that there will be beer and wine vendors on the streets as well as a handful of light-fare vendors.

Guests will also be able to enjoy an outdoor hotel bar and a Burley Oak beer truck, sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

"It's the start of our (offseason) events downtown," St. Amant said. "Summer's over and we're starting to have live music and events on the street, for locals and guests. The weather should be great and it's a good time to stand outside and enjoy some nice music and be on the streets of Berlin, which we can't accommodate during the summer since it's so busy."

Atlantic Hotel General Manager Laura Sterns said last year that the concept took hold after John and Michelle Fager visited Nashville in 2016.

"John likes country music," she said. "After seeing it in Nashville, he wanted to bring it to Berlin."

Sterns said past "Throwdown," events have drawn upwards of 1,000 people to Berlin.

"John does this to help bring business to the town," she said.

Parking will be available at Berlin Intermediate School located on Franklin Avenue, off Rt. 113. From there, concertgoers can take the free shuttle to the "Throwdown." The shuttle will be provided by Ocean Downs Casino.

Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

Brett Hill faces charges by IRS

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vestigating the case.

Trial Attorneys Shawn Noud and Catriona Coppler of the Justice Department's Tax Division are prosecuting the case.

Hill was an Ocean Pines director from Aug. 2016 to Sept. 2017 and benefitted from strong board support during a period of financial risk taking, employee resignation, employee surveillance and overall distrust.

He also served as the OPA general manager at the time, taking over for Bob Thompson, whom the board fired. He resigned from both jobs after his financial administration resulted in losses of \$1.6 million against the annual budget over two years.



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Gov. error at plant proves costly for county

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Sept. 8, 2022) The Worcester County Commissioners approved a \$540,000 intergovernmental grant for the Public Works Department on Tuesday to pay fees levied against the county by the state because of an Ocean Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant problem.

In making the request, Public Works Director Dallas Baker told the commissioners the money will be used to pay the Maryland Department of Environment's, or MDE's, required Bay Restoration Fee.

The MDE assesses the fee annually to wastewater treatment plants that miss their discharge permit limits, and in Ocean Pines, the limit of 3.0 mg/L of nitrogen was breached. The plant's average was 4.3 mg/L, and if the fee is not paid in a lump sum, MDE will charge every user \$60 for the year, or \$15 per quarter.

Baker told the commissioners the limit was not met because of a clogged pipe, which was discovered in January 2021 by crews performing maintenance.

Crews use rakes to clear floating debris, and one of the rake heads broke off and got jammed in the pipe.

Baker said he believes an employee was using the rake when the head came off the handle and fell into the treat-

ment unit. Nobody reported the incident, he said in a memo to the commissioners, so they are unsure when it broke off or who did it.

Making matters worse, the weather in January was cold and when crews added microbes back into the tank after it was refilled, they didn't start working their magic until March, according to Baker, which is when the correct nitrogen levels were reached.

Ted Elder moved to have the roughly \$540,000 paid from a reserve fund set aside for use in Ocean Pines. Commissioner Chip Bertino, though, saw otherwise.

Bertino said it needs to be understood that the problem that occurred was not natural or due to equipment failures. Instead, he said, it was due to the "irresponsibility" of a public works employee who was using a rake when the head fell off and jammed the pipe, and the employee did not report the problem. If that person had reported the issue, Bertino said, the situation could have been corrected before the fees racked up.

Bertino told the other commissioners and Baker that he did not think it was fair to pay the fee from money earmarked for Ocean Pines because it was a "government screwup." He argued that the money should come from the county's general fund, rather than an

Ocean Pines-specific account.

He gave an example of residents who may have a leak in a water line that goes unnoticed. The resident, Bertino said, is required to pay for the water even if they do not know it is being used.

"It's their responsibility to pay that," he said. "Just as it's the government's responsibility to pay for an employee's screw up."

Bertino commended Baker for taking responsibility for the incident, but said he thinks the government needs to step up and take responsibility for the mishap.

"It's grossly unfair," he said.

When the commissioners voted on issuing the half-million-dollar grant, the vote was 5-2 with Bertino and Commissioner Jim Bunting opposed.

Wheatley recalls feeling unsafe

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had seen that before, and I said, he's going to hit us."

Wheatley went on to claim that Janasek could be heard over the live music and up to 1,000 feet away, according to her own research.

Bruce Bright, Janasek's attorney, said there are a "whole host of reasons" that Mantzavinos's argument doesn't hold water, but declined to elaborate, pending the exchange of closing arguments between their camps.

As far as their case, Bright said the evidence he wanted to present at the trial was presented. His witness questioning included nearly three hours on Horn alone. Bright's argument generally revolved around that, de-

spite Janasek's colorful language and aggressive demeanor, the board simply lacks the authority to ban him because the governing documents don't contain any justification to do so.

Bright also brought up the fact that Janasek went against the board majority in its pursuit of disqualifying director Rick Farr from the board last year, indicating that the ban at hand was retaliation for his position back then.

On Tuesday, Bright said his closing argument was already prepared. The two sides have until Sept. 20 to make a deal before an official decision.

A request for comment from Mantzavinos was not immediately returned.

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Food composting advocate requests zoning ordinance

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Sept. 8, 2022) One of the founding members of an organization focused on removing food waste from the waste stream of Ocean City to have it converted into compost received a favorable recommendation from the Worcester County Planning Commission last Thursday to establish zoning for future food composting facilities.

At a meeting with the commission, Garvey Heiderman of Go Green OC said his organization has been operating under a transient use permit for the last two years. That permit, he said, is about to expire.

When the transient use permit was issued, there was no precedent for operating a composting facility, and now that Heiderman's composting program has been in place for two years, he saw it fit to have zoning code in place for future expansion.

Heiderman and his organization has had an agreement with Ocean City since last year to pull food waste from a handful of restaurants, including his own, The Hobbit, as well as Mother's Cantina, Raw Organics, and Fish Tales.

Removing the waste from the stream saves the county money, especially when it comes to landfill expenses. Ocean City's waste is transported off the island to a facility in Pennsylvania, and since his program has been in place, Heiderman explained, the city has saved money.

"We are scratching the surface for what we can do, but every little bit helps," he said.

Since the transient use permit was issued, Heiderman also said, there have been no complaints and no required oversight from the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Getting a zoning ordinance in place that allows food waste composting facilities not only paves the pathway to success for the current facility, but it also paves the way for future composting facilities to be created countywide.

Mary Knight, a member of the commission, spoke highly of the program, telling Heiderman, "I know the citizens and I thank you for it."

Knight moved to give a favorable recommendation to establish zoning for food waste composting facilities – her motion was unanimously approved.

OPA asks public for input on new Racquet Sports amenity

(Sept. 8, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association has released a short customer satisfaction survey about the Racquet Sports amenity. The survey should take about three minutes to complete.

This is the latest of several surveys planned for Ocean Pines amenities, to gather input on the development of a strategic plan for Ocean Pines. Individual responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

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Conor Pelling, of Berlin, will serve as this year's ambassador for Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore's inaugural "Walk With Me & 5K Fun Run Salisbury" event. Pelling depends on Easterseals children's therapy services to continue to meet his milestones.

Berlin youth selected to be
ambassador for annual 5K

(Sept. 8, 2022) Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore announces that Conor Pelling, of Berlin, will serve as this year's ambassador for its inaugural

"Walk With Me & 5K Fun Run Salisbury" event. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m., at the Salisbury Elks Lodge #817, located at 401 Churchill Avenue.

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"We were thrilled that Conor was asked to be the ambassador for the inaugural Walk With Me event in Salisbury," Conor's mom, Donna, said. "We are excited to help raise money for Easterseals so they may continue providing vital services to those on the lower Eastern Shore."

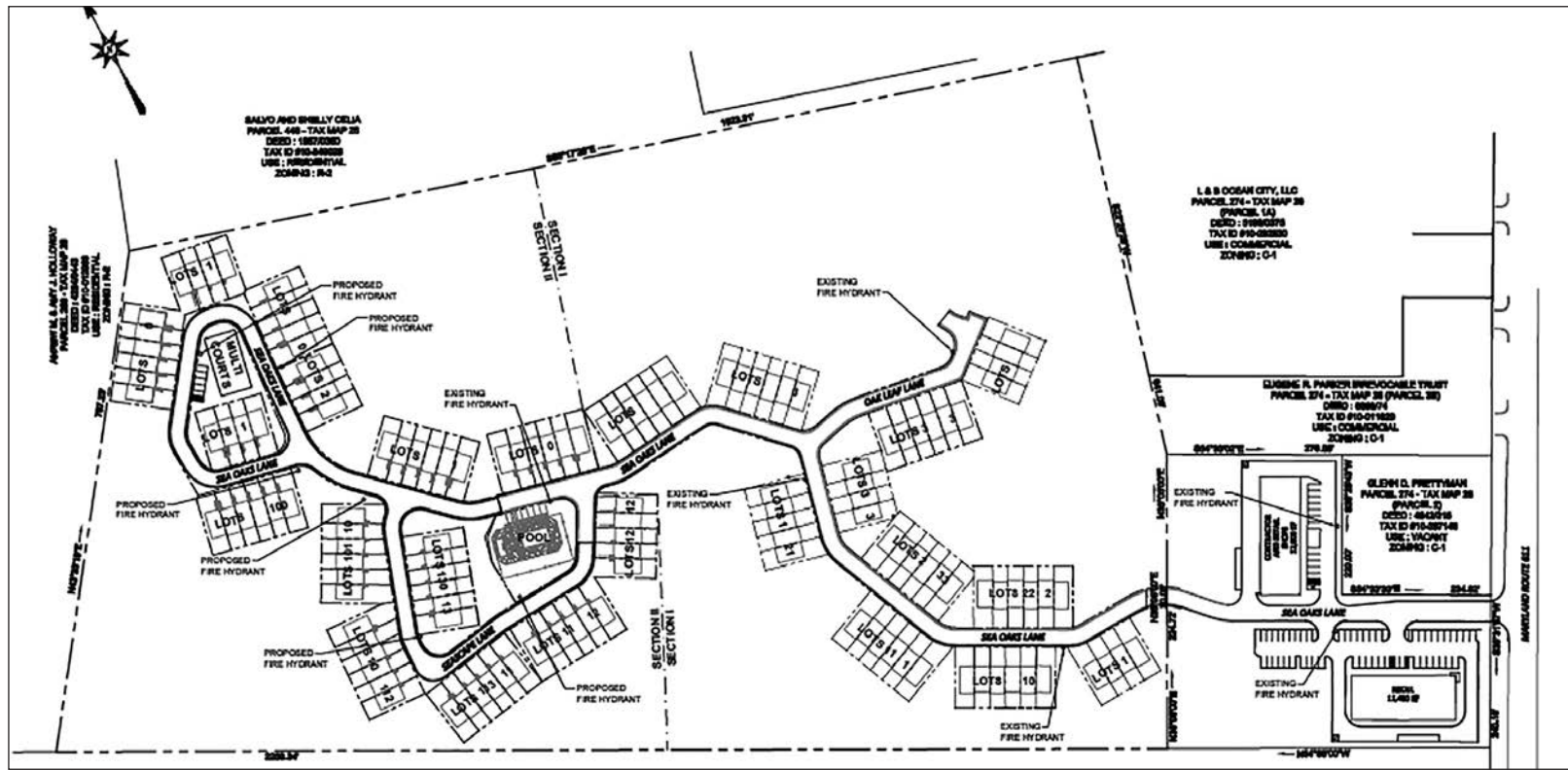
Nine-year-old Conor, who has been receiving children's therapy services since he was 2 years old, and his twin brother, Will, are often found reading a book and singing along to their favorite songs.

Not surprisingly, the twins spend a lot of time together and thanks to the services provided at the Easterseals therapy center in Salisbury, Conor is meeting his developmental milestones.

"We love Easterseals and are so thankful Conor has been able to continue with his therapies there. Conor is thriving at school and life thanks to his therapies and the support he receives from his family, teachers, and friends," Conor's dad, Tom, said. "He has made tremendous strides because of the therapies at Easterseals. We would not have access to all of the resources Conor needs to progress without Easterseals. Conor loves his weekly therapy sessions."

When Conor started receiving therapy he was barely able to hold up his head and needed support sitting up. Therapists worked diligently to help strengthen his core so he could become more independent.

Later, they worked with Conor to prepare him for school "by challeng-
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Phase 2 of the Sea Oaks Village development will include an additional 76 townhome units, recreational space, and pool facility. PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PACKET

Sea Oaks Village clears hurdle for project's Phase 2

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Sept. 8, 2022) Developers of the Sea Oaks Village residential planned community cleared another hurdle toward entering Phase 2 of the project last week, after the Worcester County Planning Commission last Thursday unanimously approved the site plan review.

Ronnie Carpenter of Carpenter Engineering presented plans for the project, which call for 76 townhome units on top of the 59 previously approved back in 2019.

The proposed 76 units will be located on the west side of Stephen Decatur Highway, or Route 611, just north of Sinepuxent Road in West Ocean city.

The existing entrance on Route 611 will continue to be used for the additional units, according to Carpenter.

In addition to the new townhomes, Carpenter said there will be space for active recreation, a playground near a pool facility, and more.

Three areas will be established for rain runoff, with one located near the wetland in the back of the development, one near the pool house, and one on the southwest side of the development.

The developer is also proposing to create a court area for pickleball, which would be low maintenance with an impervious surface. The reason for the impervious surface under the court, Carpenter said, is so later down the road if people want something other than pickleball, the space can be re-used for something fitting of the times.

The new pool house will have a changing area, water fountain and

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MDOT beginning drainage project on Rt. 50 Monday

(Sept. 8, 2022) The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration will start a project Monday, Sept. 12, to improve drainage on westbound Route 50 between east of Route 611 and Keyser Point Road in West Ocean City.

The \$144,000 project should be complete by early October, weather permitting.

Work includes repairing drainage ditches and inlets and replacing pipes. Motorists can expect single right-lane closures on westbound Route 50 overnight, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday evenings into Friday mornings, for about three weeks.

SHA contractor David A. Bramble, of Chestertown, will use barrels, cones and construction signs to safely guide motorists through the work zone.

For a list of all major SHA projects, go to Project Portal or visit roads.maryland.gov. For a look at real-time traffic conditions, go to md511.maryland.gov.

Local youth ambassador for 5K

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ing him and pushing him to do his best.”

Raising funds in the Salisbury area is critical to address the need for services for local children, according to Mark Granger, Easterseals board member.

“Last year, Easterseals subsidized the cost of therapy services for each child served in Salisbury by approximately \$895,” he said. “Fundraising events, like Walk With Me, help raise vitally needed funds to continue supporting the children and families of our community.”

Registration for this year’s Walk With Me Salisbury event is available at www.walkwithme.org/salisbury. For more information, contact Missy Baker at mbaker@esdel.org.

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Expansion includes rec. space

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green space for picnics when the pool is open.

The commission asked about amenity parking, and Carpenter said there was already one open parking space area that complies with code, and he plans to create an additional seven guest parking spaces near the pool and five near the court area, all labelled, “Guest Parking.”

Mary Knight also asked about emergency response times, which she said is never provided with the applications.

Knight said she would feel more comfortable approving the applications if emergency response data was provided, though she understood it is not required under the current process.

She also asked about short term rentals, and was told in Sea Oaks Village, they are allowed for a minimum of one week at a time.

Knight moved to have the site plan approved, which garnered unanimous support.

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Council exhibit for local artists open on Friday evening

(Sept. 8, 2022) During September, the Worcester County Arts Council will present an exhibit featuring artwork by two local artists: Margaret Bradach and Jiyeong Yun.

The exhibit's free and open-to-the-public reception will be held on Friday, Sept. 9, from 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Exhibit will be on display through Sept. 30.

Selected pieces of artwork, donated by featured artists, are available for bidding during the silent auction to benefit the Arts Council's Arts Scholarship program.

In addition to the featured artists' exhibit, new artwork created by 30 artists and members of the Co-Op Gallery are on display and available for purchase.

Visit the Arts Council's Gallery, located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin, Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to view the exhibits and place a bid.

For more information, visit: www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support, promote, and encourage visual, performing, and literary arts in Worcester County.

As designated by the Maryland State Arts Council County arts agency, the Worcester County Arts Council is committed to fostering the excellence, diversity, and vitality of arts, artists, and arts organizations and increasing access to the arts for all members of our community.

The Worcester County Arts Council is funded by a Maryland State Arts Council grant and supported by memberships, donations, and local sponsorships.

Maryland Capital Enterprises taking award nominations

(Sept. 8, 2022) Maryland Capital Enterprises has begun accepting nominations for the 11th annual MCE Palmer Gillis Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

The awards presentation will be held at MCE's annual celebration being held Thursday, Oct. 13, at Salisbury University in the Assembly Hall of the Patricia R. Guerrieri Academic Commons Building from 6-9 p.m. Nomination deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16.

The winner will receive the MCE Palmer Gillis Entrepreneur of the Year Award and a check.

Award Eligibility Criteria:
See BUSINESS Page 10

Flax joins realtor association as CEO

(Sept. 8, 2022) The Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) announced that Bernie Flax, CRS, WHC, RSPS has joined its staff as the new chief executive officer to lead the association's staff and serve its over 1,000 local Realtor and affiliate members.

Flax brings 17 years of local Maryland and Delaware real estate brokerage experience as well as many years of volunteer leadership within the community.

As a member of Coastal Association of Realtors, she has served on committees as member, chairperson, director on the board through the executive board serving as president in the 2018-2019 term while serving as a director on the Maryland Realtors Board of Directors.



Bernie Flax

Flax has also served on CAR's strategic planning, search and opportunity and nominating committees and has been chairperson of the Coastal Realtors Charitable Foundation since it was created in 2018.

Flax was a 12-year member of Coastal Delmarva Women's Council of Realtors with two years as president and served Maryland State Women's Council of Realtors as a state director and state secretary.

"I am humbled and very excited to have been selected by the National Association of Realtors to be interviewed and then selected by my peers for this position," Flax said. "I look forward to working with the board, membership and Coastal staff as a team by providing exceptional service and valuable resources to our membership to continue assisting consumers obtain safe afford-

able housing and homeownership."

In welcoming Bernie, Grace Masten, president of the CAR Board of Directors said, "Bernie Flax offers the 'fresh eyes' we were looking for to help move the association into the future. Bernie's expertise and the commitment she brings to our members is a 'win-win' for the association. We are so proud and so very fortunate to have Bernie as our (executive) and I sincerely hope you will take a moment to welcome Bernie aboard."

For more information about CAR, call 410-641-4409 visit www.coastalrealtors.org.

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OPMGA announces Match Play and Senior champions

(Sept. 8, 2022) The Ocean Pines Golf Club recently hosted two major tournaments of the Ocean Pines Men's Golf Association: the Match Play Championship and the Senior Championship.

After nine rounds of play, the 2022 OPMGA double-elimination Match Play Championship concluded when Bob Long beat Bill Stafford 4-3 on Sunday, Aug. 21.

Stafford defeated Long 1-0 in the eighth round, forcing the final match. The field of 28 players began match play in late May. That number was cut in half after three rounds of play and was then halved again after the fifth round, when only seven players remained.

Long eliminated Dave Hanna in round six, while third-place finishers Darin Stuiber and Larry Perrone defeated Mark Watts and Bob Kessler, respectively. Hanna, Watts and Kessler will share fifth-place prize money.

The 2022 OPMGA Match Play Championship winners were:

- First place: Bob Long
- Second place: Bill Stafford
- Third place (tie): Darin Stuiber and Larry Perrone
- Fifth place (tie): Mark Watts, Dave Hanna and Bob Kessler

The OPMGA held its Senior Championships on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Participants in the event were assigned flights by age. The Super Senior Division for those 80 and older played from the red tee boxes, while the Senior Division played from the traditional gold tees.

In all, 44 OPMGA members participated, including eight from the Super Senior Division.

Of the Super Seniors, both Tom Cronin and Bud Humphries carded gross scores of 78 that were tops in that age group. Cronin was awarded Super Senior Champion based on a match of cards, while Humphries received the award for low net with a net score of 71.

Bill Stafford was the closest to the pin winner for the Super Seniors. That contest happened on the 16th hole.

In the Senior Division, Scott Kimmel shot one-under-par 35 on the front nine on the way to a gross score of 77 to win the OPMGA Senior Championship.

Bob Long was one stroke behind with a 78 and took home the overall senior low net award with a net score of 67.

Craig Binetti won the seniors' prize for closest to the pin, playing on the seventh hole.

Senior Championship flight winners were:


- Flight A (ages 80 and up): Bill Stafford (low gross) and Joe Pantone (low net).
- Flight B (ages 74-79): Walt Lischak (low gross) and Ron Sieka (low net).
- Flight C (ages 68-73): Fritz Lahner (low gross) and Bill Dixon (low net).
- Flight D (ages 50-67): Craig Binetti (low gross) and Darin Stuiber (low net).

Business accolade nominations

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- Must be a small business owner/majority partner involved in daily operation of the business.
- The business must be located in the Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot, Caroline or Dorchester County.
- The company must employ 100 employees or less.
- The business must have been established locally for two years.
- It must be a "for profit" business.
- The business must be good standing with the State of Maryland <https://marylandcapital.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2022-Nomination-Form.pdf>.

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Diakonia is planning to expand its offerings at a new facility on Stephen Decatur Highway in West Ocean City. The new 4.4-acre property will include 42 long-term housing units for people to live in for at least a year, and buildings providing a thrift store, food pantry, outreach offices and counseling services.

Diakonia obtains favorable recommendation

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Sept. 8, 2022) The Worcester County Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation to allow Diakonia to expand its offerings on a 4.4-acre property located on Stephen Decatur Highway in West Ocean City.

With a focus on helping homeless men, women, families, and veterans, Diakonia not only offers food and clothing, but also shelter and programs to help people get back on their feet.

On Sept. 1, Ronnie Carpenter of Carpenter Engineering LLC met with the planning commission for a site

plan review.

Diakonia is planning to build a new hub at 9601 Stephen Decatur Highway that includes space for services they already provide – things like a thrift store, food pantry, outreach offices and counseling.

But on top of that, Diakonia is looking to have three buildings constructed with 42 long-term housing units for people the organization serves. Each of the units will require tenants to stay for at least one year.

The plans call for some relief from the minimum number of parking spaces, and according to Carpenter,

the relief is being sought because the organization does not anticipate much traffic in and out of the facility.

Several concerns brought up about the plans previously were addressed in Carpenter’s plans. For instance, commercial buildings are not permitted to have flat roofs except where equipment is stored. Carpenter’s plans show a flat roof over an area where equipment is stored.

“That space,” he said, “Will be completely screened from view.”

Code also requires facades to have clear base, body, and cap and typically pertains to three- or four-story build-

ings. This particular building is only one-story, therefore, the requirement would not pertain to this project.

Diakonia’s new site will have pedestrian and bike paths, space for recreation, and buildings that fit in with the other buildings in the area that give off a traditional seaside building look.

Sanitary capacity is still being worked out, and Bob Mitchell, the director of environmental programs, asked that a conditional approval be given based on the sanitary capacity.

Ultimately, the approval was granted upon conditional approval.

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Snapshots



BACK TO SCHOOL

Worcester Preparatory School students returned in stages starting with Upper School (ninth to 12th grade) on Tuesday, Aug. 30; followed by Middle School (sixth through eighth grades) on Aug. 31; and Lower School (Pre-K to fifth grade) on Sept. 1. (Left) Worcester Preparatory School second grade teacher Abby Harrison welcomes student Ian Laroche to her classroom during the Meet the Teacher event. (Center) Best friends Parker Moreland, left, and Romie Creveoeur are reunited on their first day of kindergarten. (Right) Head of Lower School Dr. Sara Timmons and Head of School Dr. John McDonald welcome first grader Jacque Hillion on the first day of Lower School.

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WELCOMED GUEST

Atif Gaddis, BSA officer for Taylor Bank, recently spoke to the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club about elder abuse and fraud. Pictured, from left, are Gina Shaffer, Dan Harris, Dr. Larry Michnick, Gaddis, Margaret Mudron, Arlan Kinney and Steve Gragert. The club meets every other Wednesday at the Residence Inn in Ocean City. For more information, email ocberlinrotary@gmail.com.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Sierra Club of the Lower Eastern Shore Chair Cindy Dillon was the guest speaker during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City on Aug. 24. She is pictured with Kiwanis Club President Tim Lund.



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GRANTS PRESENTED

The Coastal Association of Realtors Foundation recently gathered representatives from local community-driven organizations to present grants for their respective programs. In attendance were representatives from Atlantic General's Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) program, which received a \$250 grant. These funds will go toward the training of more certified SAFE nurses who provide vital services to abuse victims in the community.



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Using a \$1 million grant from the State of Maryland, Worcester County Public Schools was able to purchase two RVs and outfit them as mobile classrooms to go into the Pocomoke and Snow Hill communities. The 2022-23 school year is the first year the RVs will be utilized for the Worcester on Wheels program.

Worcester on Wheels hits road for 2022-23

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Sept. 8, 2022) Worcester Public Schools has a new tool in its arsenal that will allow teachers to take learning to students, while also providing guidance counseling and college preparation to pupils in the far reaches of the county.

The school district won a competitive grant for \$1 million for a proposal to outfit two recreational vehicles, or RVs, as mobile classrooms with the goal of teaching students in their community while also building relationships.

Both RVs are ready to hit the road

for the 2022-23 school year.

“It’s a school on wheels,” Teacher of the Year Kristin Cashman said last week. “It brings tears to my eyes because the possibilities are absolutely limitless.”

It took Cashman and the district a year and a half to get their hands on one RV. Not only did covid-19 put a kink in their plan, but many people took up RVing during the pandemic, making it difficult to find a vehicle to outfit.

Today, the district has two RVs that will participate in what’s called, Worcester on Wheels, or WOW. One of the RVs is in Snow Hill and the

other is in Pocomoke City.

The goal of WOW, Cashman said, is to build community partnerships and provide education to family and community members who may not have had the best experience in a brick-and-mortar school. With these vehicles, she added, they can take the mobile classroom to the communities.

Each RV is 31-feet-long and can fit up to 10 people inside.

Some of the features of the mobile classrooms include internet hotspots and tablets that can be used for college preparation and learning, HDMI connections to plug into and stream video calls or lectures, and thousands and thousands of books.

“Whatever the community needs, we’ll be sure to provide it,” Cashman said. “The wow factor is actually the RV. Now that we have it ... I want people chasing after me like the ice cream truck.”

Before the RVs were obtained, Cashman said, she would go into the communities herself to provide the same services now provided in the vehicles.

Just like she’s been doing, she will

continue to provide services to the Pocomoke City schools and area communities. Cashman plans to visit with churches, local politicians, and community members to find out what the community needs.

“I know how to bring the fun, but also want to bring necessary things to the community,” she said.

A large portion of the \$1 million grant is still available for Cashman and the district to use. So far, the grant has helped with things like obtaining the RVs, wrapping them, and outfitting them with technology and supplies.

As the program continues, the money will help pay for gas and other expenses. In 2023, the grant will be up for renewal, Cashman said, and up to this point the district has not put any money toward the program.

Pocomoke City community members can be on the lookout for the WOW RV at local events. So far, Cashman and the vehicle have made appearances at Fourth Friday, Springfest, and the Mayor’s Old Fashion Christmas, all in Pocomoke City.



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County students earn accolades from Wor-Wic

Certificates, degrees gained by pupils from Worcester in 2021-2022 school year

(Sept. 8, 2022) The following Worcester County students completed their program requirements to graduate with a certificate (CT), associate of applied science (AAS), associate of arts in teaching (AAT), associate of science (AS) or associate of arts (AA) degree from Wor-Wic Community College this past fall and spring.

Berlin: Terri Adkins, AAT, Edu-

cation; Jurgita Blake, AS, Nursing; Gabriel L. Bradley, AA, General Studies; Nicholas Burak, AAS, Physical Therapist Assistant; Gavin Bussard, CT, Criminal Justice; Dinongu Chilengi, AAS, Business; Zachary Thomas Conway, AA, General Studies; Christopher David Cooke, AAS, Physical Therapist Assistant; Gionna M. DePasquale, CT, Nursing; Robert Marshall Dixon, CT, Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Management; Hannah Rose FauntLeRoy, AS, Nursing; Allison P. Hunter, AA, Business; Allison Marie Johnston, AA, General Studies; Amanda Kimball, AA, General

Studies; Sophia Victoria Kokkinos, AAT, Education; Christine M. Komlos, CT, Nursing; Michele L. Lewis, AAS, Business; Albert M. Linamen, CT, Criminal Justice; Conor Samuel Perry, AA, Business; Brianna Romersa, AAT, Education; Michael O. Sidell, AA, Business; Alivia Frances Spagnola, AS, Nursing; Thomas R. Stoltzfus, CT, Criminal Justice; Madison L. Thumma, AAS, Radiologic Technology; and Michael T. Todd, AAS, Education.

Bishopville: Jamie L. Walsh, AS, Nursing.

Girdletree: Victoria N. Makuchal, AA, General Studies.

Newark: Lauren E. Lewis, AS, Nursing; and Mohammad Humayun Nawaz, AAS, Criminal Justice.

Ocean City: Jillian B. Alascio, AS, Nursing; Joya Canfield, AS, Nursing; Shelby Lynne Evans, AA, General Studies; Jayna L. Griffith, AA, General Studies; Rachel L. Hreshko, AA, General Studies; Nolan W. Kilchenstein, CT, Criminal Justice; Devon R. Kramer, AAS, Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Management; Jessica S. Lavelle, AAS, Physical Therapist Assistant; Miranda A. Luby, CT, Nursing; Kevin A. Murillo, CT, Criminal Justice; Matthew J. Porada, CT, Criminal Justice; Jenna L. Radford, AS, Nursing; Samuel Edward Rakowski, AA, Business; Brenda Bernice Smith, CT,

Nursing; Daniel Frank Stepic, AA, General Studies; and Hailey Alexandra Turk, AA, General Studies.

Pocomoke City: Patrick L. Gior-dano, AA, General Studies; Gary E. Hillard, AA, Computer Studies; Kiera Jubilee, AA, Business; Latashia Antonett Kellam, CT, Criminal Justice; Kacy D. Lynch, AAS, Office Technology, CT, Business; Logan J. Marsh, AA, General Studies; Stacey M. Morton, CT, Criminal Justice; and Toi Stewart, CT, Nursing.

Snow Hill: Connor Bauer, CT, Criminal Justice; Miranda Desiree Carter, AAS, Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Management; Amber E. Dale, CT, Criminal Justice; Teasia P. Duncan, CT, Criminal Justice; Kristen Nicole Elzey, AAS, Occupational Therapy Assistant; Drew Elizabeth Harper, AS, Nursing; Eric Hunter, AA, Business; Yasmine R. Jenkins, AAS, Criminal Justice; Nikolas B. Johnson, AA, General Studies; Tiffany R. Mills, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Kayla Nicole Purnell, AAS, Criminal Justice; and Samantha L. P. Stewart, CT, Education.

Stockton: Skyler Lee Atkinson, AA, General Studies; Christina Burkhead, AAS, Radiologic Technology; Rachael M. Northam, CT, Criminal Justice; and Brock A. Payne, AS, STEM.

Whaleysville: Jane Claire Failla, AS, Nursing.

Worcester GOLD celebrates ‘25 Years of Dignity’ in Oct.

(Sept. 8, 2022) Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, will host its 25th anniversary gala at the Ocean City Fontainebleau Resort on Oct. 7.

Honorees include past and present GOLD board members; Community Impact Award recipient Worcester County Bar Association; Volunteer Engagement Award winner the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City; and Excellence in Service Award recipient Lillian Wilkinson.

“For 25 years, GOLD has worked alongside numerous community partners to bring dignity to Worcester County residents,” said Shannon Wright, GOLD Board of Directors president. “This gala will not only cel-

ebtrate how far GOLD has come and the people who have made it possible, but also all that is still to be done to achieve GOLD’s mission. On behalf of GOLD, we would like to invite everyone who has been involved, in any capacity, with GOLD to join us for this milestone celebration at the 25th anniversary gala on Oct. 7.”

Tickets cost \$125 per person and include a cocktail hour with open bar, passed hors d’oeuvres, three-course plated meal and silent auction.

GOLD is seeking event sponsors and items to be utilized in the silent auction. All proceeds benefit Worcester County GOLD. Visit Worcester-GOLD.org for event details, sponsorship opportunities, and to purchase tickets.

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In the pages of OCToday and Bayside Gazette



The National Aquarium released two Kemp's ridley sea turtles, Bassoon and Cello, on Aug. 18 at Assateague State Park. This was the first public release since 2019. Pictured are Sen. Chris Van Hollen and Rehabilitation Manager Caitlin Boveri with Cello.

National Aquarium hosts sea turtle release on Assateague

(Sept. 8, 2022) The National Aquarium recently hosted its first public sea turtle release since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic.

The National Aquarium released two Kemp's ridley sea turtles, Bassoon and Cello, on Aug. 18 at Assateague State Park. This was the first public release since 2019.

Bassoon and Cello, along with 28 other sea turtles, were rescued off the coast of Massachusetts in November. The two turtles came to the aquarium suffering from varying injuries and pneumonia.

Bassoon notably received acupuncture treatments and physical therapy treatments while in the aquarium's care, in addition to typical supportive care with antibiotics, fluids therapy, and dietary supplements.

Both turtles have made a full recovery and were returned to their ocean home.

Although sea turtles are federally protected, and despite the high costs associated with sea turtle stranding response and rehabilitation, there's inadequate direct federal support for the dozens of organizations that rescue and rehabilitate endangered sea turtles.

For the last two years, the National Aquarium has led a national effort to increase federal funding for sea turtle stranding response and rehabilitation.

"The National Aquarium has rescued and rehabilitated sea turtles for over three decades, but over half our patients have come in over the last eight years," said National Aquarium CEO John Racanelli. "The science suggests that sea turtle strandings are only going to increase in the years ahead, along with the costs of rescuing, caring for, and releasing them.

Absent sustained and direct federal funding, it is unclear how long non-profit first responders like us can continue to provide this service to the nation."

U.S. Sen. Chris Van Hollen, who has been a champion of sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation funding in Congress, was in attendance.

Thanks to the leadership of Sen. Van Hollen, more than three dozen members of Congress have already endorsed calls for funding sea turtle stranding response and rehabilitation in the federal budget, including Sen. Benjamin Cardin, and representatives Anthony Brown, Jamie Raskin and Kweisi Mfume.

For the first time ever, the 2022 federal budget encouraged NOAA to provide direct support to organizations who respond to and rehabilitate sea turtles.

Sen. Van Hollen is leading the charge to make sure NOAA has the funding to do so. The Senate's proposed 2023 budget includes \$1.5 million for sea turtle stranding response and rehabilitation grants.

Building on this momentum, Congress recently introduced the bipartisan Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Act, cosponsored by Sen. Van Hollen, to create a permanent federal grant program to support organizations responding to and caring for threatened and endangered sea turtles.

Ultimately, this new grant program will allow for more stable and sustainable funding that will ensure more sea turtles recover and return to their ocean home.

"Sea turtles are an endangered species, and protecting them helps maintain healthy ocean habitats. The National Aquarium's work on this

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Comptroller Peter Franchot recently presented the annual William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award for Worcester County to Assateague Island Alliance for its efforts advocating for the island's wild horses. Pictured are Boy Scouts from New Jersey that were visiting the Assateague Island Visitors Center (where the event was held) that the comptroller invited to participate in the ceremony. (Below) Franchot is pictured with Lynn Fisher, vice president of the AIA.



Franchot presents annual award to county for horses

(Sept. 8, 2022) Comptroller Peter Franchot recently presented the annual William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award for Worcester County to Assateague Island Alliance for its efforts advocating for the island's wild horses.

The alliance works with the Assateague Island National Seashore to promote the awareness and protection of the island's wildlife and natural resources for the enjoyment of

current and future generations.

The William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award was created to honor the legacy of public service exemplified by former governor, comptroller and Baltimore City Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

One winner is selected annually from each of Maryland's 24 jurisdictions. This is the 10th year that Franchot has presented Schaefer awards throughout Maryland.

Turtle release on Assateague

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front has been pivotal – and the release of Bassoon and Cello highlights their success,” said Sen. Van Hollen. “We must continue to invest in protecting this species, and I’ll keep fighting to provide the necessary funding to support the organizations that are leading these vital recovery efforts.”

Since the bill’s introduction earlier this summer, 49 institutions from 24 states and territories have called on Congress to pass the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Act and fund sea turtle

stranding response and rehabilitation.

The National Aquarium is a non-profit organization focused on changing the way humanity cares for the ocean planet.

Through unparalleled exhibits, science-based education programs and hands-on field initiatives, the aquarium is creating a new community of hopeful conservationists, driven by our mission to inspire conservation of the world’s aquatic treasures.

For more information on the National Aquarium, visit aqua.org.

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Opinion

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Directors had to act in confrontation case

The legal question notwithstanding, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors' decision to punish former director Tom Janasek for his outburst at the Yacht Club in May was something it had to do.

When one member of the association accosts another in a community-owned facility and unleashes an unrelenting verbal assault on that individual, the board can't sit on its hands and say, "Oh well." It has to show that such behavior will not be tolerated on its property.

A different argument might be made if two people got into an argument that escalated into a screaming match, but in this instance Janasek got in the face of and berated an unsuspecting club patron — then-Director Josette Wheatley.

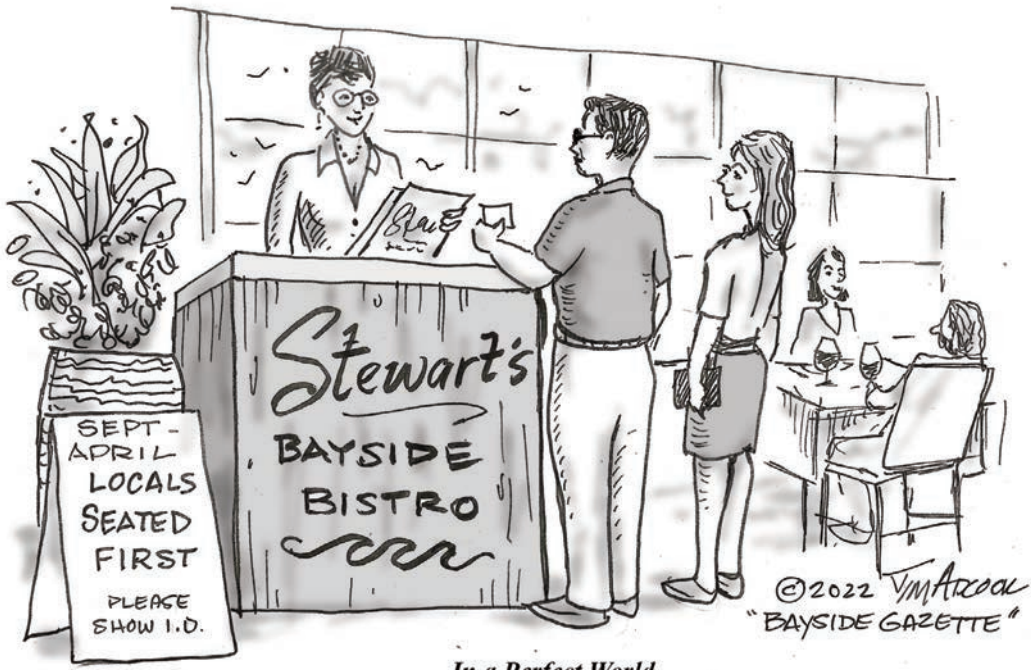
Special circumstances do not apply because Wheatley was on the board. She was just as entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of this amenity as anyone. It is a given that elected officials will be subjected to more verbal abuse and criticism than the average person — especially these days — but that doesn't mean society or the board, in this instance, should adjust their definition of acceptable behavior to reflect these increasingly confrontational times.

Maybe the board's decision to revoke Janasek's amenity privileges for 90 days was too much and maybe it wasn't, but the severity of the punishment isn't the argument before the court in Janasek's lawsuit.

The question is whether the board has the authority to do anything beyond a public reprimand. If the parties fail to reach some kind of settlement in this debate, as ordered by Circuit Court Judge Beau Oglesby, he will decide what the board can and can't do.

What the court will not decide, however, is whether the board has a moral responsibility to protect all citizens under its jurisdiction from aggressive and threatening behavior from other citizens. It absolutely does.

Again, the extent of its reaction to this circumstance may be debatable, but its responsibility to take some kind of action is irrefutable ... even if the court sees things differently.



In a Perfect World

SHA done \$3.6M project on Rt. 376

(Sept. 8, 2022) The State Highway Administration recently completed a \$3.6 million project to improve safety and access on Route 376 (Bay Street) between Route 113 and Flower Street in the Berlin area of Worcester County.

The project improves traffic flow with the addition of a new lane on Route 376 and the lengthening of the southbound Route 113 left turn lane.

Improvements should help

alleviate traffic congestion during peak travel periods during the heavy summer travels to Assateague State Park and businesses along the route, state highway officials said.

The project began in spring 2021 and included:

- Strengthening intersection efficiency with the extension of the left-turn lane on southbound Route 113 to Route 376.
- Addition of a new left-turn lane on eastbound MD 376 to

Flower Street

- Enhanced pedestrian access with construction of American with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalks.

- Improvement of roadway drainage with installation of a new drainage system.

The work was done by contractor David A. Bramble Inc. More information at <https://mdot-sha-md376-us113-to-flower-st-w01555187-maryland.hub.arcgis.com>.

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Annual Jesse's Paddle held Sept. 17

(Sept. 8, 2022) Dozens of canoes, kayaks and paddleboards will leave the dock on the Pocomoke River in Snow Hill on Saturday, Sept. 17, to raise funds in support of the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund.

This 14th annual Jesse's Paddle brings together a community of supporters to spread the word that suicide is preventable, and that there is no shame in seeking help for mental health issues.

The paddlers will be collecting cards for Jesse's Poker Paddle, returning to the dock with hopefully a winning hand. There are prizes for winning Poker Paddlers, as well as for top fundraisers.

Boats are provided at no cost by the Pocomoke River Canoe Company, but participants can also bring their own. A minimum donation of \$30 is requested to participate in Jesse's Poker Paddle.

To reserve a boat, call the canoe shop at 410-632-3971.

Music will be provided by DJ Jeff McMahon; there will also be free hot dogs, chips and beverages for donors; and a silent auction of local services and items.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company, 2 River Street in Snow Hill, and Poker Paddle boats will all be on the river by 5 p.m.

"Jesse's Paddle has become

not only our most important fundraising event, but is a great evening for fun and fellowship," said Fund President Kim Klump. "It's wonderful to see so many people on the river and hanging out at the dock who value the work we have done to prevent suicide, and to help those who have lost loved ones to suicide."

For more information, visit www.jessespaddle.org/paddle. To donate, visit "Our Donor Page." Once at the crowdfunding page, participants can donate to an existing fundraising team, to a general account, or create their own team. Team leaders reach out on social media to ask others to join in the effort.

WCAC seeks applicants for local events and projects

(Sept. 8, 2022) The Worcester County Arts Council Grants Review Committee is seeking applicants for local art events and projects to be held in Worcester County for the period of Jan. 1 to June 30, 2023.

The Worcester County Arts Council's Community Arts Development Grants program is designed to assist local, non-profit community-based groups in producing and presenting art projects and activities in Worcester County and is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council.

This program aims to foster excellence, diversity, and vitality in arts offerings for Worcester County residents and to broaden opportunities for Worcester County audiences, artists, and arts organizations.

The deadline for application submission is Oct. 15.

Grant projects are evaluated based on the overall quality of cultural excellence, community outreach and public impact, and financial/administrative merit.

In the first six-month grant cycle, the Worcester County Arts Council has awarded \$23,440 in the Community Arts Development Grants program to 12 art projects and events to be presented by local nonprofit organizations in Worcester County.

The grant application form and guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcester-countyartscouncil.org.

For grant technical assistance, contact Anna Mullis, executive director at anna@worcestercountartscouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support, promote, and encourage visual, performing, and literary arts in Worcester County. As designated by the Maryland State Arts Council County arts agency, the Worcester County Arts Council is committed to fostering the excellence, diversity, and vitality of arts, artists, and arts organizations and increasing access to the arts for all members of our community.

The Worcester County Arts Council is funded by a Maryland State Arts Council grant and supported by memberships, donations, and local sponsorships.

OC Coast Guard safe boating course at OP library next week

(Sept. 8, 2022) Certified instructors from the Ocean City Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering the Maryland Safe Boating Course from 6-9 p.m. on Sept. 13, 14, 15 at the Ocean Pines Library, the organization announced this week. All the required material is covered along with time for questions.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state. Class participants who pass the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate, which is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and valid in all states.

A fee of \$20 covers the cost of the course and materials. Checks should be made payable to: USGCAUX 12-05 and mailed to: USGCAUX 12-05, PO Box 1682, Berlin, MD 21811 Payment via PayPal is also accepted

For additional information or to register contact: Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807 or E mail CGAUXOC@Gmail.com.

Calendar

Thurs., Sept. 8

RIGAMAJIG THURSDAYS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Drop in to use your imagination and build using the rigamajig STEM building kit. For ages 4 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME 'BACK TO SCHOOL'

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

PINE TONES CHORUS: HAVE FUN SINGING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 1 p.m. Inviting new singers, both ladies and gentlemen. 610-213-7472

FALL SALAD GARDEN

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Learn about your fall vegetable choices and take home some seeds to get started. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events" or call 410-957-0878.

READER'S THEATRE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:30 p.m. A building challenge for young scientists. Use the materials provided to make a propeller car. For ages 7 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-632-2600

REMEMBRANCE BEAMS OF LIGHT AND VIDEO TRIBUTES

Ocean City Firefighter's Memorial, 1 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. To commemorate 9/11, Remembrance Beams of Light will light up the town's skyline from 7 p.m. to daylight. Video Tributes will be shown from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Ocean City Fire Department.

BEACH SINGLES-55 PLUS

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or BeachSingles.org

Fri., Sept. 9

27TH ANNUAL WINE ON THE BEACH

Inlet Park, 899 S. Second St., Ocean

City, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission cost is \$35, includes souvenir glass, wine samples and live music. There will be craft vendors and fine artists. Bring blankets/chairs. Advance tickets: <http://winefest.com/tickets-beach.htm>. 410-280-3306

INTERACTIVE PUPPET SHOW 'THE THREE LITTLE PIGS'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Fun and interactive experience. Stay after for a craft. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'THE TASTE OF SUGAR' BY MARISEL VERA

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Monthly discussion. Books are available at the library. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

IN 3D!

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:30 p.m. Join the group for a '50s thriller starring Vincent Price in 3D. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ART EXHIBIT PUBLIC RECEPTION

Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists and enjoy complimentary refreshments. A silent auction benefits the Arts Council's Arts Scholarship program. Exhibit on display through Sept. 30. www.worcestercountartscouncil.org

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CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

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By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

There is something absolutely stunning about a properly smoked chunk of fish.

When I was a wee lad of only 16, I worked at a crazy place in Annapolis — Key West Shipping Company.

It was a great place, although the management would be considered a tad too renegade by today's standards.

Let it be said that I learned more about life at that ripe young age than I should have. Man, that was a fun time.

We had a 700-pound Southern Pride smoker (I have a 300-pounder in Pittsville now), and back then we didn't need to wait for a blue marlin to be tail-wrapped during the fight: They were caught and sold like other fish.

Nowadays, most captains will keep a marlin only if it dies during the chase, even though they could be kept legally on the regular.

But the practice of catch-and-release seems to be much more prevalent these days.

To be fair, I can buy Pacific pole-caught marlin and smoke it, but that will cost me about \$35 a pound, so it isn't even close to feasible from a wholesale-to-customer standpoint.

So, I must wait for friends and customers to take advantage of my smokers and let me get to work.

Years ago, we spent some time on Kauai, and as you can only imagine, we ate out almost every meal.

I personally don't understand why I would travel to another land (let's face it; it is not the states) and then cook for myself in my condo. No, I want to go where the locals go.

When I go to Costa Rica or The Bahamas or anywhere else, the same thing applies.

My only variance to this rule is when McDonald's sells Loco Moco, and of course I have to order it one time to make sure that it is not, in fact, Loco Moco. But, who am I to judge?

So on to the North Shore of Kauai we traveled, the night after an underwhelming birthday meal at a celebrity



chef's restaurant (that recurring theme is a tad tedious, isn't it?).

We ended up at Hanalei Gourmet, the wonderfully rhythmically named café, and lo and behold they had smoked blue marlin on the menu.

Now, the smoked blue marlin was one of three smoked fish on the platter that day, and I asked a strange request of our amazing server.

Me: "I know this is going to sound weird, but we are from Maryland and they don't like us to keep marlin and smoke them, so I haven't had it since the late '80s.

Is there any way that I can get two plates of the smoked fish special, but all marlin?"

Server: "uhh, I'll check, brudduh." [2 minutes later]: "We got you."

And all of a sudden, as though out of a dream, I had six little stacks of smoked blue marlin.

I still love the fact that they made little stacks instead of putting it all together. It's the little things in life that make me happy.

And since that day — the day on which I relived my love of smoked marlin — I have preached on the power of smoking this and bluefish alike.

But I was awakened recently but

another astonishingly simple yet amazing smoked fish: candied salmon. Yes, it's a thing.

Think candied bacon, and you will understand where I'm coming from. Mind blown.

Academy training down the drain. I am but an eternal student in this silly culinary universe. Candied Salmon; who knew?

Candied Salmon

makes about 3 pounds

3-pound filet fresh salmon, skinned

1 lb. Brown sugar

½ lb. Kosher salt

1 c. Authentic maple syrup

• Cut the salmon into 2-inch cubes and place in a bowl.

• Add the sugar and the salt and combine well.

• Cover and place in the refrigerator for at least 6 hours. If you use more salt, you will want to shorten that time so it is not too salty. However, with more sugar, and the name of the dish being "candied salmon," let it sit.

• Stir a few times to make sure that the fish is evenly coated.

• When the sugar has finished its work on the salmon, remove and

rinse with cool water and pat dry.

• Allow to sit uncovered in the icebox overnight, or for at least 8 hours. This creates the pellicle, which is the tacky surface to which the smoke will adhere.

• I like my candied salmon to be hot smoked, while some prefer it to be cold smoked. You do you.

• Set the smoker to 275 and place the salmon in there with some hickory.

• Water down the maple syrup just enough to make it easy to coat the chunks quickly. Over the period of the smoke, brush the chunks down with the syrup.

• Cook until it was a lovely dark color and the salmon has fully firmed up.

• Remove and cool completely and serve. This needs no sauce, in all honesty. It literally is candy and one of the best uses of salmon that I have run across. And of course, it makes a wonderful addition to any charcuterie board.

— Paul Suplee is the owner of boxcar40, boxcar on main, boxcar crafted events and sportfish catering.

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Obituaries

TONI LYN (BERHOSKY) ATKINS

Newark

Toni Lyn “Jessie” (Berhosky) Atkins, 54, of Newark, Maryland, passed away on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022, after a brief illness, surrounded by family members.



Toni Atkins

She is survived by her loving husband, Tom Atkins; mother, Donna (Berhosky) and stepfather, Edward Stover (Thomson, Georgia); brother, Brian Berhosky and his wife, Linda Range, (Coraopolis, Pennsylvania); brothers-in-law, Kevin Kline (North East, Maryland) and Bob Atkins (Selbyville, Delaware); mother-in-law, Olivia Kline and stepfather-in-law, Pete Kline (Angola, Delaware); step sister-in-law, Jenny Kline (Angola, Delaware); and step brother-in-law, Pete Kline, Jr. (Baltimore, Maryland), as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Berhosky, and her half brother, Wayne Czerwinski.

A 1985 graduate of State College Area High School (Pennsylvania) she went on to receive an Associates Degree in Baking and Pastry Arts from the Culinary Institute of America.

Toni had a warm, loving, bubbly personality and was a friend to everyone.

In her youth, she was a flutist for her school bands, and was a talented ringer for her church handbell choir.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Newark, Maryland, and sang in the church choir. She loved animals and was particularly fond of cats.

There are no plans for a funeral. Memorial contributions can be made to the North Shore Animal League, 25 Davis Avenue, Port Washington, New York, 11050; or Trinity United Methodist Church, 8355 Newark Road, Newark, Maryland 21841

DONNA LEE FITZGIBBON

Ocean Pines

Donna Lee Fitzgibbon, age 65, passed away from complications of COPD at Atlantic General Hospital on Monday, Aug. 1, 2022.

Born Oct. 17, 1956 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the



D. Fitzgibbon

late Michael Mackanin and the late Lois Thompson.

She is survived by her husband, Edward N. “Ted” Fitzgibbon Jr. of Ocean Pines, Maryland; mother-in-law, Alice M. Fitzgibbon and the late Edward N. Fitzgibbon Sr. of Annapolis; sister, Karen J. Curlett and the late Charles N. “Chuck” Curlett of Baltimore, her extended caring and loving family including numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Donna earned her RN degree at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and her bachelor’s degree in Nursing at La Roche College, and began her career at Mercy Hospital with tours in the ER and ICU, followed by years of work in the Cardiology Department.

She most recently served as corporate nurse for Three Lower Counties Community Services (Chesapeake Health Care) before her retirement.

Donna met her husband, Ted, while vacationing in Ocean City. She enjoyed deep sea fishing, pleasure boating, gardening and relaxing on the beaches.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Community Church at Ocean Pines. A reception will be held at Taylors Restaurant following the service.



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GUEST SPEAKER

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City welcomed Marlene Ott, associate broker with BHHS PenFed Realty, as its guest speaker on Aug. 31. She is pictured with Kiwanis Club President Tim Lund.

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Ocean City Boardwalk, 801 S. Boardwalk, 9 a.m.-noon. There will be prizes, raffles and vendors. Participate in person or virtually anywhere between Sept. 1-10. Registration cost is \$25. Register and/or donate: www.atlanticclub.org. 410-213-1007

STORY TIME AT THE FARMERS MARKET
White Horse Park, Ocean Pines. 9 a.m. Held during the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market. “Mr. Jake,” a youth services specialist with the Ocean Pines Library, will read books to local children. All are welcome. www.ocean-pines.org

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Carly Toulan, Environmental Scientist at Maryland Coastal Bays Program. Angler member Budd Heim will give a flounder fishing update and shark encounter story. All are welcome. 410-641-7662

FAMILY LIBRARY DAY ‘PLANTING BULBS’
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10 a.m. Learn all about planting bulbs. Plant a few in the library’s flower garden and take home a free sample. While supplies last. All ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories, cool props and live animals from Assateague Island National Seashore. A different adventure each week. For all ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

SATURDAY MATINEE
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Join the group for this drama about the Scripps Spelling Bee starring Laurence Fishburne. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION WITH MISS LIZY
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Join certified mindfulness and movement coach Lizy Maratea for some time to unwind after the week. For all ages. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600

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Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12-2 p.m. Bring a cutting of your favorite plant to share or a house plant you’ve been wanting to rehire. Take something new to spruce up your space. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY MOBILE HEADQUARTERS
Bishopville Park, 10602 Bishopville Road, 1-3 p.m. Information on Republican candidates and campaign signs and materials will be available.

SMALL TOWN THROWDOWN
Downtown Berlin, 2 S. Main St., 1-6 p.m. Free country music concert featuring live performances by Red Dirt Revolution and Lauren Calve Band. No cover. All ages. Bring a chair. Free shuttle from BIS. No outside coolers or alcohol permitted.

REMEMBRANCE BEAMS OF LIGHT AND VIDEO TRIBUTES
Ocean City Firefighter’s Memorial, 1 S. Atlantic Ave., 7 p.m. To commemorate 9/11, Remembrance Beams of Light will light up the town’s skyline from 7 p.m. to daylight. Video Tributes will be shown from 7:30-10 p.m. Sponsored by the Ocean City Fire Department.

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

FREE PLATFORM TENNIS LESSONS
Saturdays - Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 9:30 a.m. All abilities welcome and equipment will be provided. oppad-dle2020@gmail.com or 516-508-0313.

FREE KIDS CRAFTS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY
Saturdays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 11 a.m. Each week provides a different project to complete. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

Sun., Sept. 11

9/11 SERVICE
Ocean City Firefighter’s Memorial, 1 S. Atlantic Ave., 8:50-10:28 a.m. Service and time stamp tributes for the times four planes crashed and the Twin Towers fell. Sponsored by the Ocean City Fire Department.

NAACP VOTER’S REGISTRATION TABLE AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Tyree AME Church, 10049 Germantown Road, Berlin, 10:30-11 a.m. Worcester County NAACP will host a Voter’s Registration Table and a Membership Drive. 443-944-6701

PARADE OF BROTHERS AND MEMORIAL SERVICE
Ocean City Firefighter’s Memorial, 1 S. Atlantic Ave., 11:30 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. on the Boardwalk at 27th Street. The motorcycle parade will proceed south to the firefighters memorial. Memorial and tribute ceremony, commemorating 9/11, begins at noon.

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Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. www.jw.org

FREE TOURS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY
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BERLIN FARMERS MARKET
Sundays - Main St., Pitt St., Commerce St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Live music. TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com

Mon., Sept. 12

WRITING FOR WELLNESS
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness, may boost health and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MAKER MONDAY: PUMPKINS
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Make easy, hand-sewn pumpkins to brighten any holiday table. Supplies provided. Register: 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

GREATEST SPORTS MOVIES
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Each monthly selection depicts human struggles and come-from-behind victories, proving always that sport is life. Check to see what’s playing at: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY OF BERLIN - GROUP #169
Atlantic General Hospital - Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5-6:30 p.m. T.O.P.S. is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Champion, 410-641-0157

DELMARVA WOMEN’S A CAPELLA CHORUS
Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ladies that love to sing invited. Contact Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol Ludwig, 302-242-7062.

Tues., Sept. 13

STORY TIME ‘CAT STORIES’
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger-plays. A take-home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

PARACHUTE GAMES
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Calling all movers and shakers to participate in parachute games. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OC KNITTING GROUP
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

WSW TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER
Texas Roadhouse, 107 E. Cedar Lane, Fruitland, 3-9 p.m. Eating Good for a cause. 410-548-7880

PAINTING WITH NATURE
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:30 p.m. Learn what it would be like to paint with a leaf or pinecone. Create unique artwork. For ages 6-12 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

BACK TO SCHOOL HERBAL WELLNESS
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30 p.m. Covering herbs commonly used for cold and flu and herbs to help settle nerves. Attendees get a do-it-yourself Elderberry Syrup kit and instructions. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-9 p.m. The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering the Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course from Sept. 13-15. Cost is \$20. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING
American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. Bob Pino, of the Optical Galleria, will discuss “The importance of proper eyewear and eye protection in the fishing environment.” Open to the public. Food and refreshments available.

DELMARVA DANCING
Tuesdays - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, 5:30-9 p.m. Dance to the sounds of the ’50s, ’60s, ’70s and more. A \$5 donation benefits Veterans and local charities. All

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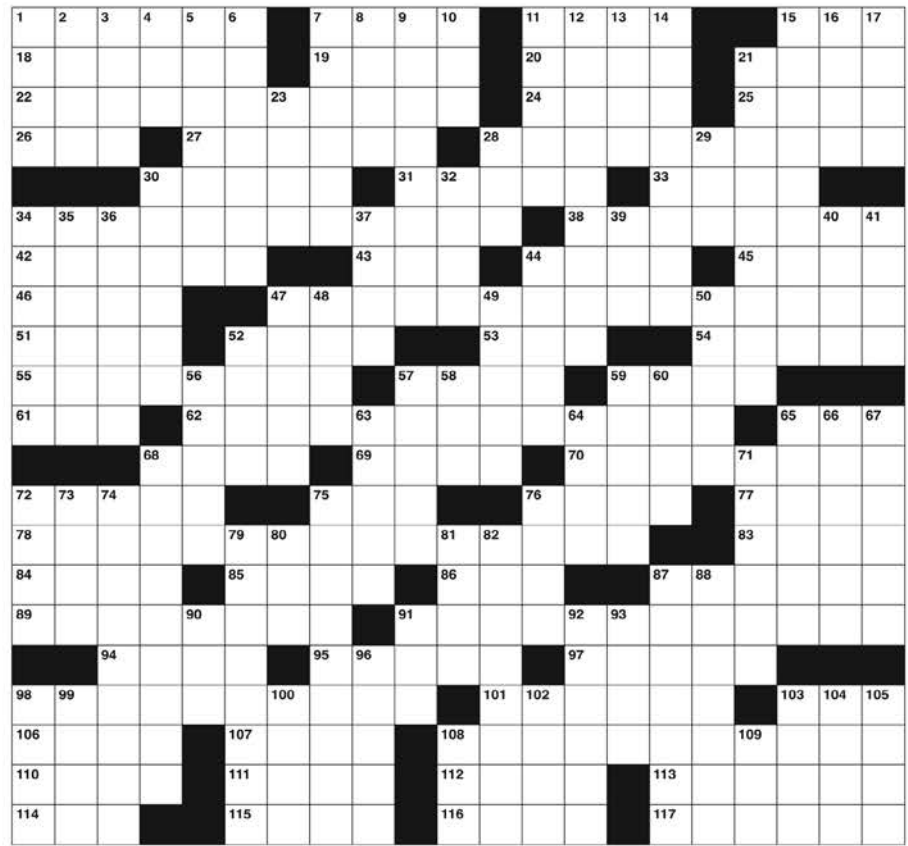
ANIMAL HYBRIDS

BY ORI BRIAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Ori Brian is a product manager at Amazon, currently in Los Angeles but relocating soon to London. He became interested in crosswords while a student at the University of Chicago, where he solved puzzles in the dining hall with friends. He quickly started constructing. In 2016 The Times published the first crossword he ever made. This is Ori's ninth puzzle (and first Sunday) for the paper. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
1 Gaelic garment
7 Creatures described as catarrhine, from the Latin for "downward-nosed"
11 Like Antarctica
15 Spare part?
18 Granada grandpa
19 Cut deeply
20 "Ugh, ____ people!"
21 Go down, in a way
22 Get a party started? [bee, hare, tick]
24 Morning TV host Kotb
25 "Potent Potables for \$1,000, ____" (onetime TV request)
26 Crestfallen
27 Actress Seyfried of "The Dropout"
28 Buzzkill [bat, elk, newt]
30 Bias
31 Subjects of some promotions
33 Natural source of glitter
34 A little of a lot? [carp, pig, snake]
38 TV, newspapers, streaming services, etc.
42 How a video game might be played by beginners
43 Ending with orange
- 44 Best-selling author Hoag
45 Strong connection
46 Pennsylvania school, for short
47 Locale of many vines [cat, elephant, worm]
51 Opposite of une adversaire
52 Fancy flower holders
53 Life preserver?
54 Al-____, family of Syrian leaders
55 Goes wild
57 Glitzy, informally
59 Prankster's offerings
61 Nonmedical org. that uses X-rays
62 Something you might step on by the shower [cobra, moth, seal]
65 Inits. in biotech
68 Legal-contract phrase
69 "My bad!"
70 Make dry, as salmon
72 Pain-relief pill
75 Placeholder inits.
76 3 ft. x 5 ft., e.g.
77 "So it goes"
78 Long-running soap opera that debuted in 1963 [ant, gorilla, sheep]
83 One might be accessed by a QR code, nowadays
84 Warrant
85 Guard seen around a castle
86 401(k) alternative, in brief
- 87 Lean toward
89 Certain sports tiebreaker
91 London landmark [beetle, hog, rat]
94 Place
95 ____ song
97 Overnight perch
98 Bridge that's painted International Orange [dog, eel, gnat]
101 Devilish look?
103 Boardroom V.I.P.
106 Drink with a spoon-straw
107 Floor square
108 Mixes animal species ... as eight answers in this puzzle do?
110 Actress Perlman
111 In good condition
112 Wave to one's math professor?
113 Gets around
114 Part of U.C.L.A.
115 Poetic tributes
116 Fire-tablet competitor
117 One of the Williamses
- DOWN**
1 Things seen in a window
2 Magic-trick starter
3 Felt bad about
4 Word with garden or party
5 Lime and soda, e.g.
6 A handful
7 Pros with negotiations
8 Was worthwhile, with "off"
9 Bit of tomfoolery
10 With 47-Down, "That's all" follower
11 Like a vampire's face, stereotypically
12 Rhizome, to a botanist
13 Site to flick through flicks
14 Request for a hand
15 Fashionable spots
16 "Oh, gotcha"
17 Immediately following
21 'N Sync member who later became a gay rights activist
23 Spend time together, in slang
28 "SmackDown" org.
29 Goal
30 Pair in the Winter Olympics
32 Maker of Chromebooks
34 Warhol's "Marilyn Diptych," e.g.
35 Antagonism
36 Target of a modern scan
37 Light touches
39 Medical-plan inits.
40 Sapa ____ (ancient emperor's title)
41 Common cause of some impulsive behavior, in brief
44 Details to be negotiated
47 See 10-Down
48 Sacred hieroglyph
49 Sirs' counterparts
50 "Beep!" source
52 Second caliph of Sunni Islam

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- 56 Doubleday who is miscredited with inventing baseball
57 Merchant's stock
58 Cut (off)
59 Auctioneer's aid
60 Name that's a letter off from 25-Across
63 One might develop consciousness in a sci-fi story
64 Nightspot in a Manilow hit, in brief
65 What you can rarely do at a red light
- 66 Kvetch
67 "Yeah, whatever you say"
68 "Beats me"
71 Tried to fight
72 A long, long time
73 Genesis matriarch
74 Matriculation group
75 "No! Not true!"
76 Wild guess
79 End up being
80 ____ Malnati's, Chicago-style pizza chain
- 81 Rug thickness
82 Strong hold
87 Gray-brown flycatchers
88 Book
90 Summer top
91 Test for future Ph.D.s
92 Wiped out
93 Sippy-cup users
96 Agenda topics
98 Word with power, talk or band
- 99 Number of planetas en el sistema solar
100 Fasten with a belt
102 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
103 Surrender
104 Summit of Mount Purgatory, in Dante's "Divine Comedy"
105 Mount in Greek myth
108 Show with a Miami spinoff
109 Symbol for an audio device

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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2	5	4	9	7	1	6	3	8
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Drive, 3:30-4:30 p.m. A weekly support
and education group promoting weight
loss and a healthy lifestyle. Use the
south side door and knock hard. Patty
Lockett, 410-289-4725

OC KNITTING CLUB
Tuesdays - Worcester County Library -
Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal High-
way, 10:30 a.m.

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE
Tuesdays - Experienced dancers and
others interested in watching or learning
more are welcome, 7-9:30 p.m. No part-
ner required. Info:
TangobytheBeach.com.

Wed., Sept. 14
BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the first and second Wednesday

of each month for non-surgical patients.
Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-
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STORY TIME 'DOWN ON THE FARM'
Worcester County Library - Ocean City
Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30
a.m. Songs, books and movement al
about life on the farm. For ages 2-5
years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-
632-2600

**PAGE TO SCREEN BOOK CLUB: 'HOLES' BY
LOUIS SACHAR**
Meeting via Zoom, 1 p.m. New book
club. Find out if you prefer the book or
the movie. Books are available at the li-
brary and on Libby. For ages 9-12 years.
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brary.org. 410-632-2600

**ADDICTION/RECOVERY INFORMATION
SESSION**
Worcester County Library - Berlin
Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Join
Deborah Smullen from Worcester Youth
and Family as she talks about addiction
and recovery. www.worcesterlibrary.org,
410-632-2600

EMERGENCY PREP
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke
Branch, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Learn
about what supplies are needed in a first

aid kit and emergency supply backpack.
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OC BIKEFEST
Roland E. Powell Convention Center,
4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4-7
p.m. Enjoy five days (Sept. 14-18) of
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and more. Event details: https://ocbike-
fest.com.

**OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH:
'HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY' BY
DOUGLAS ADAMS**
Worcester County Library - Ocean City
Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4:30
p.m. Join fellow book lovers to talk
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FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235
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