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Dozens of vehicles were on display last Saturday during the annual Big Truck Day, presented by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, and held near the Veterans Memorial.

Time to fiddle in Berlin

Fiddlers, pickers will make strings sing for town's fiddlers' convention

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Sept. 22, 2022) There will be plenty of loot on the line this weekend as the Berlin Fiddlers Convention returns for its 30th year.

The three-day celebration of bluegrass music will feature both professional and amateur artists. The weekend will kick off with a locals' party in front of the Sterling Tavern on Friday at 6:30 p.m., featuring the String Buzzards and Tom Finch.

Saturday will go from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and feature a vendors' market offering various fare,

including the Burley Oaks truck and a beer wagon offering a variety of drinks. There will be arts, snacks and children's activities as well, according to Ryan Nellans, executive administrator for the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

On Sunday from noon to 3 p.m., after the Berlin Farmers Market, artists Stevenson Crossroads will play at the Calvin B. Taylor House during a gospel jam.

"It's just a good time," Nellans said. "We only have a handful of really big events we throw ourselves into. 'Fiddlers' is on par with the (Berlin) Bathtub Races as far as intensity and what we are trying to bring to the town."

Nellans said the chamber has a "fat stack" of cash prizes to give away following the marquee See BERLIN Page 7

Three seats, one contest for council

With Green, Knerr running unopposed for Town Council, election comes down to Tony Weeg vs. Dean Burrell in Dist. 4

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Sept. 22, 2022) With 12 days to go until residents head to the polls, the next iteration of Berlin Town Council already looks just about in place - save for one race in District 4.

To be clear, there are four candidates on the ballot: incumbents Jay Knerr and Dean Burrell and newcomers Tony Weeg and Steve Green.

Green and Knerr are running unopposed in District 1 and at-large, respectively, while Burrell and Weeg face off in District 4 in the only actual race of the elections.

District 1 is comprised of northwest Berlin, including downtown Berlin and areas on the northwest quadrant of the intersection of routes 50 and 113. See ABSENTEE Page 7

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Berlin Elections Knerr to continue lengthy career in serving community from unique point

By Jack Chavez Staff Writer

(Sept. 22, 2022) Barring unforeseen issues, Berlin Councilmember Jay Knerr will see four more years on the council.



Knerr had been preparing to run against Adrian Bowen, but Bowen dropped out of the race suddenly last week. Knerr, who won the at-large seat that Thom Gulyas vacated in 2020, now

runs unopposed.

Knerr owns the Kite Loft's two locations in Ocean City. He's lived in the area since 1982 and in the Town of Berlin since 2000, he said.

'My wife and I have loved every minute of it," he said. "We raised our daughter here and it's simply a wonderful place to live."

He may only have two years of experience on the council, but Knerr has been a fixture in Worcester County for years – both in government and a member of different communities.

He has served as president of both the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce and the Ocean City Development Corporation. He is a member of the Atlantic General Hospital Board of Trustees. He's been involved in the Ocean City Paramedic Foundation. He also chaired the Worcester County Planning Commission.

"I bring a wealth of experience to this position," Knerr said. "In the past two years, we've done a lot of good things. Stormwater issues, we've sta-See KNERR Page 6

Green running on integrity, insight

By Jack Chavez Staff Writer

(Sept. 22, 2022) Residents of Berlin – and Worcester County – have been reading Steve Green's reactions to what's happening around



town for years, and it is very likely, come Oct. 4, he'll be given the power to be an agent of change instead of an observer. Green is running

unopposed for the

District 1 council seat,

Steve Green

for which sitting Councilmember Troy Purnell will not seek reelection.

Green was born and raised in Salisbury, where he went to school through the 8th grade. In 1990 his family moved to Berlin, where he graduated from what is now Worcester Preparatory High School. After graduating from Loyola University in Baltimore and seven years living in Ocean City, he moved back to Berlin in 2000. He and his wife of 16 years have two sons.

During this time he also started working at the family business — The Maryland Coast Dispatch weekly newspaper based in Berlin. He is now that newspaper's Editor-in-Chief.

The idea to run for office isn't one made in haste, Green said. He first thought of running in District 1 when he learned that Purnell, who is a 12year incumbent, was not running.

Green, who as a newspaperman is aware of what some would consider a conflict of interest - running a newspaper and holding an elected position – said he has been taking steps since See GREEN Page 6



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Berlin Elections Weeg focuses on **Burrell looking for** green development communication, in Town of Berlin gov't transparency

By Jack Chavez Staff Writer

(Sept. 22, 2022) When asked what makes him the man to lead Berlin's District 4, incumbent Councilmember Dean Burrell didn't miss a beat.



It's his life experi-

ence.

'My love and devotion to this town and my understanding of what this town needs, both residential and commercial," he said. "We have a vibrant

downtown and I would not be in favor of anything I felt threatened that validity of downtown Berlin."

Burrell has been in Berlin for 25 years. He's a college graduate who majored in sociology. He's worked as the director of the Head Start Program for ShoreUp! Berlin and now works full-time at Atlantic General Hospital in the patient accounting office, after years of volunteering there. He is married with three children, seven grandchildren and one greatgranddaughter.

He said he sees several issues that he'd like to continue working through if reelected.

Burrell brought up what he described as "environmentally friendly and planned development" in the town.

"Berlin cannot stay the way it is if it expects to flourish," he said. "We environmentally need friendly growth that will benefit the folks that come here and who's already here and the folks who own property here. The residential areas are very important to me because I think people that live in the Town of Berlin expect a certain quality of life and I feel that is one of the responsibilities of the mayor and council to ensure that folks here can have a peaceful and serene life in the Town of Berlin."

Burrell's opponent, Tony Weeg, has been a vital cog in the effort to bring a skate park to Berlin, an endeavor that over the summer has become one of the hot-button issues for the town. Burrell said he isn't against a skate park at all, but he'd like to see it serve the community well - especially concerning where it goes.

"A location for one is more than just 'I think it should go here or there," he said. "There needs to be a deliberate and planned residential input into those types of decisions and above all, there needs to be engineering input into those decisions because the stormwater management of the town is very necessary and you See BURRELL Page 4

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

Tony Weeg

mous with the term and now, the 49year-old husband and father of three is hoping he can demonstrate to the residents of District 4 that his local passion and business acumen

(Sept. 22, 2022) Tony Weeg's passion for a skate park in Berlin has

practically made his name synony-

translate to politics. "I hope to show that there's a differ-

ent type of politician out there," Weeg said while noting what he sees as a dearth of transparency in the local government. "One who's not just there for a title but one who's there to actually do things and get involved, spearhead projects and see them through. I see the people up there today making good decisions. Sometimes I don't agree with their decisions but most of the time I like what they decide on. But I don't see anyone taking the initiative for them. I want to bring about change in that way."

Weeg's background is in software development, photography and videography. He is also the president of 501(c)(3) nonprofit We Heart Berlin. These careers, he said, give him the right mix of know-how to confront the communication issues he sees at council meetings.

"I'm a nerd. I was billed as a computer developer," he said. "Communication and computers and everything technological are like riding a bike for me. I can teach people how to use those technologies for our benefit.'

This will be Weeg's second goround at running for the Berlin Town Council. In 2020, he lost to current at-large Councilmember Jay Knerr for the vacancy left by Thom Gulyas. He looks at that loss as a valuable teaching moment.

"Two years ago I knew I could help but I didn't know how to explain it,' Weeg said. "I didn't know how I'd be able to apply my talents to town meetings ..."My loss to Jay Knerr gave me the fire to create the nonprofit (We Heart Berlin) and start the projects I wanted to see happen two years ago. All of these things were on my website as things that I wanted to accomplish and we just started knocking them off the list. When I get into council, I don't see my fervor or my fire or desire to make things happen to lessen. In fact, I think they'll ramp up.'

Some people around Berlin argue See WEEG Page 4





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Berlin Elections Weeg looking to unite town moving forward

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that stormwater management is one of — if not the biggest — issues facing the town, and Weeg tends to agree. While he didn't commit to saying he'd vote to raise taxes, he pointed out that taxes ought to be raised for necessities, which stormwater management is.

"In the past, various councils have been hesitant to raise taxes because it might not get spent on infrastructure and we know darn well that we have infrastructure needs that are going to need funding in the future," Weeg said. "To say that nobody will raise taxes ... I would personally never put some sort of promise like that out there. I don't know what we're going to face. But I can say that I'm not into raising taxes for anything frivolous. I'm not into raising taxes for anything that wouldn't be an absolute need for the town and something that helps everybody."

Weeg also pointed to the grant request process as needing a closer look, disagreeing with what he sees as asking for "too big of a piece of the pie" as Plan A and investing no effort into backup plans. He lamented the failed request for \$1 million for a playground at Stephen Decatur Park, saying that the money could have been broken up with upgrades to the park and other investments, such as a skate park.

He'd also like to see more communication and cooperation from Mayor Zack Tyndall to the rest of the council, saying that he's unsure if he'd be able to change anything but he would "certainly be there to ask for it even harder than it's been asked for before." "I think communication is the one thing I harp on the most because I think it's the most important," Weeg said. "When we have councilmembers and people coming to council meetings who are blindsided by things, that shows me that we have a lack of communication. We can head that off at the pass with certain, simple things that make communication easier. Then we move forward as a town in lockstep versus moving forward as a town being blindsided and not knowing what's going on in the ivory tower."

Burrell believes in council's ability to lead

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never know ... we don't have the knowledge or expertise to know how a skate park would impact how we manage stormwater. Therefore we need engineering input."

Burrell also brought up the importance of funding the town's fire and EMS departments.

He's also heard the chatter about improving government transparency,

which he said is concerning.

"I know for my involvement with the mayor and council of the Town of Berlin, those folks, we are a council that is people who would not stand for things not being done right," Burrell said. "Sometimes our decisions in the town and the council come into question but I believe each person on that council when they cast a vote, they're doing what they feel is best for

the Town of Berlin.

"No, we don't always agree but that is expected because we're all different from different backgrounds and life experiences. I would be suspicious of a council that always agreed and always had those discussions. But I know that folks on this council make decisions on what they feel is in the best interest of the town of Berlin and that is expected." Ultimately, Burrell sees his worth to the town coming down to where his heart is.

"I'm the one for the job because I have a vision and that understanding (of what is best for Berlin's residents). My motives for running for the council seat of District 4 in the Town of Berlin are not selfish ones. I sit here ready to give myself to ensure the wellbeing and love of our town."

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Berlin Elections Green bringing 'passion, knowledge' to role

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January to limit as much as he can his exposure to his newspaper's coverage of Berlin.

"I get it. My response is I fully agree that active media members traditionally do not seek office. I'm ready to be involved in the government process and policymaking. I've published hundreds of editorials about Berlin over my career and I'm ready to put my beliefs toward the greater good of the town. I'm looking forward to the challenge of showing the voters and competing media that I won't take advantage of the position."

Today, he says he sees his newspaper's coverage of the town when readers see it. "I don't look at (Berlin beat writer Charlene Sharp's) content," he said. "If I'm quoted in it, I learn it when other people do. All I can say is, be honest on that. People can evaluate me over time if that changes. That's my plan and January is when I decided to start shifting these responsibilities to other people."

He also said he didn't use in-house graphics to help create his campaign signage, which he said is an indicator of how far he will go to show voters they can trust his ethics and moral compass. He also said there will likely be some issues the council takes up from which he may have to abstain. And his newspaper will not bid on legal advertising while he's in office. "It's unusual (for an editor to run for office), but I think my background brings quite a bit of positive more than negatives," he said.

Looking at those positives, Green said he brings passion, knowledge, dedication, professionalism and a lot of experience in working with others as a newcomer to the council. He's held other leadership positions as well in communications organizations that provide knowledge and familiarity with working with individuals toward a goal.

"I've been a small-business owner for 25 years," he said. "In Berlin, I know what it's like to run a business in town. I'm very aware and feel it when budget changes are made and property taxes increase on both (homes and businesses). I feel them just like everyone else. I'll be the only person on the council that owns a business in the municipal part of Berlin, which in itself brings a unique perspective."

And he believes that perspective is further enhanced by his editorial position.

"Being an editor provides me with a unique perspective. I think I will bring an unmatched education and awareness of the issues that have surfaced over the last 25 years. I remember when Berlin Main Street had vacancies and it was quiet. Hot summer days used to be quiet. Now it's bustling, rain or shine."

Knerr talks goals for next term on council

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bilized the town's finances. We have brought new businesses into Berlin. Just a lot of good things have happened and it's why people are moving here. They want to live in Berlin."

Looking ahead, Knerr said one of the biggest challenges facing Berlin is its aging infrastructure, in that it costs "a lot of money" and it needs to be worked on. He'd like to see the town work on its reserves for capital improvement so there can finally be movement on that end.

He also wants to see the town stabilize its police force by offering competitive pay and benefits, something he described as an ongoing issue.

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Above all, Knerr wants to have a solid grasp not just on the extent to which Berlin grows, but how it grows.

"There are a lot of developers who want to come in and control big tracts of land," he said. "We need to watch that and how it affects the town. It'll trigger us to have to expand water and sewer access, which is a costly endeavor. We must do the right thing by town residents."

Running unopposed means he

doesn't have to worry about making himself out to be more attractive than another candidate, but regardless, Knerr looks at his career in the area and sees himself as the man for this job.

"I'll refer back to my experience," he said. "The amount of time I've given to this area, community and the boards I've been on have given me a resume of skills that enable me to do this job quite effectively."

Worcester Co. Government to host job fairs in Snow Hill

(Sept. 22, 2022) Worcester County Human Resources will hold a series of job fairs this fall in the Worcester County Government Center's third floor training room in Snow Hill from noon to 3 p.m.

Job Fairs to promote new career opportunities will take place Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15.

Potential applicants will be able to meet with professionals from human resources and other departments to discuss career options. Computers will be available for job seekers to complete and submit applications onsite.

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The Cockey family, from left, Guinevere, Isabel and Elijah, who perform as the Folk Villains, won the youth band competition and performed during the 2021 Berlin Fiddlers Convention.

Berlin Fiddlers Convention ready to rosin up bows Sat.

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bluegrass competitions on Saturday.

"We have the fiddlers — first place \$300. National flat-picking competition — a ridiculous prize of \$250, a brand-new guitar and a trophy. Then we have more of a streamlined approach. We're going to have a youth open — any instrument as long as it's bluegrass — and the same thing for adults," Nellans said.

There'll be first-, second- and third-place ribbons and prize money in those open events. The adult open will give out \$200 for first place while the kids' open will net the winner \$150.

When accounting for the value of the guitar given away in the flat-picking competition, Nellans estimated that the chamber will be committing around \$2,000 to prizes.

They're still looking for adults to sign up, Nellans added.

Also on sale will be T-shirts of sim-

Absentee ballot applications due in by next week

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District 4 is comprised of northeast Berlin and includes much of the property along Route 113 and the north side of Flower Street.

For mailed-in absentee voting applications, the due date is 5 p.m. on Tuesday — exactly a week before the election.

The deadline for selecting write-in candidates — who will not appear on the ballot — is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

The deadline to receive applications in-person at Berlin Town Hall is 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30. ilar quality and style to the shirts sold at the Bathtub Races.

Anyone driving around Berlin should expect road closures and detours to accommodate the convention, which will shut down Main Street from the Atlantic Hotel at Jefferson Street and Main to the Sterling Tavern at Stevenson Lane and Main. A shuttle bus will run from the Berlin Intermediate School to the event.

"It's going to be a beautiful day to listen to music and drink beer and just hang out downtown," Nellans said. "(It'll be) 72 (degrees) and clear. It's going to be a gorgeous, gorgeous weekend."

For more information about the Berlin Fiddlers Convention, visit https://berlinchamber.org/fiddlers-convention or call the Berlin Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-4775.

Local jurisdictions in line for highway safety grants

(Sept. 22, 2022) Gov. Larry Hogan last week announced more than \$13 million in federal and state highway safety grants to be used to help prevent motor vehicle crashes and eliminate roadway fatalities.

The state funds, nearly \$83,000 of which will be distributed in Worcester County, were disbursed at the start of the fiscal year, and the federal funds will be distributed Oct. 1 by the state Highway Safety Office.

"Since the beginning of our administration, we have worked to prioritize safety on our highways through innovative projects and partnerships," Hogan said. "These grants will continue to help reduce crashes and fatalities all across the state and ensure highway safety remains a top priority." In 2021, 562 traffic deaths occurred on Maryland roads. These included 131 pedestrians and six bicyclists.

While that number is down

from 2020 when the state had 573 fatalities, including 138 pedestrians and 15 bicyclists, police reports continue to show speed, impairment, and inadequate or improper seat belt use as the most common contributing factors in motor vehicle fatalities.

The highway safety funds will be used to increase the use of seat belt, to prevent impaired, aggressive, and distracted driving, to increase road safety for all users, to help pay for overtime for officers engaged in traffic law enforcement and to help improve Maryland's traffic data systems.

The grant money is allocated based on crash data in each locale. Locally, the Berlin Police Department will receive \$6,000, Ocean City will receive \$39,204, Ocean Pines will be awarded \$3,996, the county health department will get \$20,315, and the sheriff's office will be given \$6,300.





Committee submits resolutions for reading

Rules to be looked at by board of directors following recommendations provided

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Sept. 22, 2022) The Ocean Pines By-Laws and Resolutions Committee settled on three resolutions to submit for first reading during its virtual meeting on Friday.

The committee drafted changes for resolutions M-05, B-07 and F-03, which the Ocean Pines Board of Directors will now review.

It will still be some time before changes could be enacted, outgoing chair Jim Trummel stressed after the meeting, adding that "these changes can't be approved until a second meeting.'

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M-05, the animal control resolution, is a declaration of the policy for associated fees regarding the custody of animals by the Ocean Pines Police Department, according to the association website.

Changes to the resolution are minor, Trummel said.

'There were two references to the Maryland code and one to the Worcester County code, which were (all) out of date. That's the only thing that's changed - it's updated to show current references for why it says what it says," he said.

B-07, the petitions resolution, defines the format and procedures for submitting petitions to the board of directors, according to the association website.

Trummel said the issue with this resolution is a matter of who can start a petition and who can represent a petitioner. He gave an example from June when a petition was circulated for a referendum.

'A question was raised dealing with the format of a petition for a referendum – the format as well as the circulation of a petition," he said. "The question related to bylaws in particular, (who) will be representative of petitioners. The bylaws were unclear about this - if someone who isn't a member of the association can be a representative (of the petitioners). The committee decided that B-07 could clarify that."

"The draft identifies that the petitioner must be an eligible association member, (but) at any public hearing, the (petitioner) can have a non-association representative."

The petition circulator must be an

association member but at later times, if it becomes necessary to go to a public hearing or before the board, when it's more than just simply circulating the petition, public representation of the petitioner can be taken up by someone outside the community, Trummel said.

F-03, the financial reserve accounts resolution, defines requirements for establishing financial reserve accounts to address longterm maintenance and/or replacement of capital assets owned by the association, according to its website.

The resolution has never been updated, Trummel said.

'Reserve accounts must be established by the board in a resolution that's in the Book of Resolutions," he explained. "There are five existing reserve accounts. Four of those accounts are now established within the text of resolution F-03. (Around) two years ago the board separated drainage from the roads maintenance reserve and established it as its own account. Now there's five reserve accounts instead of four."

"The simple, straight story is there is now a drainage account that is not established in the resolution. What the F-03 reading does is establish the reserve drainage account as required by the bylaws.

Discussions of two other resolutions, C-01 and C-09, concerned whether they're up to date.

These moves were thought to be further along the process than this, Trummel said. But the recent elections that shook up not only the board but also board liaisons led to the decision to go through these resolutions again so that new liaisons can be involved in the whole process.

It is the liaison's responsibility to get these recommendations to the board for deliberation.

The new liaison for the committee is a familiar face: Steve Jacobs, who gave up his spot on this committee to serve as a director.

Pam Ferinde is replacing Jacobs on the committee.



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Berlin could change code on accessory dwelling units

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Sept. 22, 2022) The Town of Berlin will start researching the usage of accessory dwelling units in other

communities, after the topic consumed nearly an entire Plan-Commission ning meeting on Sept. 14. Planning Director

commission members



at the behest of some Dave Engelhart

who saw the topic as worthy of a second look.

He added that the town code defines an accessory living unit as a building used solely as the temporary dwelling of guests of the property's occupants "of existing principal use."

Such dwelling units cannot have kitchen facilities and they cannot be rented "or used otherwise as a separate dwelling unit." The town does not differentiate between an accessory living unit and a registered living unit, meaning one could be attached or detached from the main residential house, such as an in-law suite.

The regulation has been in place since the 1970s, Engelhart said.

The idea around town from what I understand back in the day when they passed the zoning code and the town code ... where people would, say, have a detached garage and wanted to put in an apartment - this was designed to prevent that," he said. "They didn't want a proliferation of rental units and the parking problems they brought on some streets.'

The issue divided the commission, thus proving there will be plenty of questions for town officials to answer if this issue moves forward. How will

Correction

In an article titled "Town tossing Tyson Tenant ...," in the Sept. 15 edition of Bayside Gazette, Burley Oak's owner Bryan Brushmiller's last name was misspelled. We regret our error.



it codify parking? Will current accessory units, which do exist due to inconsistent enforcement of the code, need to be updated to meet any new zoning requirements? Should there be a distinction between commercial renting and simply taking in a family member?

"That's why we have an R-3 district and denser districts," commission member Newt Chandler said. "But R-1 districts, they shouldn't be allowed for permanent living quarters. I like the way it is. I think a lot of people moving in there look at accessory buildings and think they can turn that into apartments, and I'm not sure if Realtors in Berlin have informed them that's not allowed.

'Again, these people are coming from places where, for lack of a better term, they're used to being packed in so it doesn't bother them. But people who are used to living here and having a quiet enjoyment of their property, next door you (could now) have a lot more children running around, more noise, more traffic and parking issues, so that's where I'm at.

On the other side of the issue, commission member Austin Purnell said it's time the code was updated.

"I think we're in modern times that call for some modern revisions to what we have in the books," he said. "With sensible regulations, I think you can do it. Limit the size, close the square-footage capital or something like that. As long as it fits a property ... as long as it has on-site parking don't jam up the streets or anything like that. You're still going to have all the same rules that apply, noise ordinances will be in effect.

"If you have any bad apples, (they can be dealt with).'

The argument for an update also included aspects such as diversifying the rental population of Berlin and making rent easier to afford in the town, especially for families simply looking to bring an elderly relative or young adult children onto their properties.



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First Saturday meeting of OP board happening in two days

(Sept. 22, 2022) Meeting materials for the Sept. 24 regular OPA Board of Directors meeting are now available

The meeting will be held as a hybrid of in-person and virtual, with seating available in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. The meeting is scheduled to

An informal meet-and-greet with the new board will be held before the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and pastries will be served.

To join remotely, use the Microsoft https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetupjoin/19%3ameeting_NTM3MWYyZ

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To view the agenda and meeting packet, visit https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/53744/9 -24-22+Board+Meeting+Packet.pdf.

Following the meeting, the video will be posted to the Association YouTube channel and links will be announced on the Ocean Pines website, www.oceanpines.org.

Repairs to close North Gate

(Sept 22, 2022) Ocean Pines Public Works will close the North Gate Bridge for repairs from Thursday, Sept. 22 at 9 p.m. to Friday, Sept. 23 at 5 a.m.

Public Works Director Eddie

Wells said motorists should plan to use alternate routes.

The Ocean Pines Association will continue to publicize any related road closures on www.oceanpines.org.



Worcester vet gets grant, trip to WWII museum in NOLA

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Sept. 22, 2022) Lieutenant Dan is giving one Worcester County World War II veteran a leg to stand on.

Morris Semiatin, 96, will receive \$35,500 from the Gary Sinise Foundation, a charity and veterans service organization founded by the actor of the same name, who famously portrayed Lt. Dan Taylor in the 1994 feature film "Forrest Gump" (the character loses both legs from wounds suffered in Viet Nam).

"It floored me. I cried all day when I got that message (about the grant)," Morris Semiatin's adult son Ben Semiatin said.

He said that the grant will be the largest that the foundation — itself the second largest veteran-support foundation in the United States — has ever given out, and it will cover the next six months of his father's stay at Gold Creek Senior Living in Berlin.

That's not all, either.

The foundation will send the Semiatin men on an all-expenses-paid, three-day trip to New Orleans to visit the National WWII Museum. They'll fly out Tuesday from Salisbury and come back Thursday.

The trip will consist of a marine escort to the museum on Wednesday, including a VIP tour and a historian who will conduct a video interview with Morris Semiatin for the museum. Ben Semiatin said he expects local media to be present and that Sinise himself has expressed interest in meeting his dad.

"If he shows up that'll be incredible," he said. "I'm just doing everything I can to make my dad happy each and every day. To have this trip it'll be incredible. He's looking forward to it."

All of this is possible because the younger Semiatin, every few months or so, sends letters out to foundations all across the country, looking for help for his father. Care at assisted living homes easily ranges into thousands of dollars per month and as such, sometimes an outside helping hand can go a long way, he said.

About four months ago, he reached out to the Sinise Foundation and they responded.

The trip is a function of the foundation's Senior Valor program, Ben Semiatin said

For the elder Semiatin, it's the exhibits that deal with the Pacific Theater, in which his service occurred, that he's looking forward to.

"I'm looking forward to the Iwo Jima section and meeting a lot of people," he said.



PHOTO COURTESY BEN SEMIATIN

Ninety-six-year-old Worcester County resident and World War II veteran, Morris Semiatin, will be taking an all-expenses-paid trip to New Orleans to visit the National World War II Museum, thanks to the Gary Sinise Foundation, a military charity and veterans services nonprofit.



NEW CLUB PRESIDENT

Tim Lund, president of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, left, recently turned the reins of guidance over to Bob Wolfing, incoming president. The Kiwanis Club meets on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center at White Horse Park. PHOTO COURTESY D.J. LANDIS, SR.





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Scholarship established for deputy killed in line of duty

(Sept. 22, 2022) The Glenn Hilliard Legacy Scholarship has been established at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore to honor the life and legacy of Wicomico County Sheriff's Deputy Cpl. Glenn Hilliard, who was killed in the line of duty on June 12.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who is pursuing a career in law enforcement and is attending Cpl. Hilliard's alma matter, The University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

The scholarship, held at the Community Foundation, was created with a pledge of up to \$350,000 towards the scholarship from the Humphreys Foundation.

This pledge consists of a gift of \$10,000 per year for five years, with an additional \$1 for every \$2 raised in donations, for up to \$75,000 per year for four years.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing, who served as Hillard's chief and mentor during his employment with the Berlin Police Department, is serving as the chairman of the Glenn Hilliard Legacy Scholarship Fund Committee.

"I hope this scholarship will be a living legacy, one that will allow Glenn's spirit to touch and enrich the lives of others well beyond our years," said Downing. "My wish is that Glenn's life story will encourage others to pursue a career in law enforcement, especially those underrepresented in the profession. Additionally, I hope the scholarship will eliminate the financial barriers that can often derail the purest dreams."



Deputy Cpl. Glenn Hilliard

Hilliard's 18-year law enforcement career included service as a Wicomico County Sheriff's deputy, Deputy U.S. Marshall task force officer, Crisfield police officer, Berlin police officer, and seasonal police officer for Ocean City Police Department.

"Glenn was a true self-motivator," said Downing. "He strived to be a better police officer each day — never away from a position, but rather running to a better situation in his commitment to service."

To make a tax-deductible contribution to the scholarship fund visit CFES.org/donate and select "Glenn Hilliard Legacy Scholarship" in the drop-down menu. The scholarship fund is managed by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.



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Good Samaritans help after bicycle accident in Pines

(Sept. 22, 2022) Melanie Moulden, a resident of The Parke community in Ocean Pines, recently shared a story of two good Samaritans who came to her aid after a bicycle accident.

Moulden and her husband, Bob, were bike riding along Ocean Parkway on the south side of Ocean Pines last Friday, when her bike skidded on a patch of pine needles.

"I fell off the bike and hit the asphalt hard," she said. "I was lying face first on the parkway when a gentleman in a white truck stopped and helped my husband pick me up. He also rendered first aid to my knee, which I greatly appreciated."

She said a family in an SUV also stopped to help.

They loaded my bike in the back of their car and drove me home, where my husband met me and took me to [the] Atlantic General Hospital emergency room," she said. "[AGH] did x-rays on my knee and a CT scan on my head and, although I have bruises and abrasions from head to toe, there are no broken bones.

"I can't remember the names of any of the good Samaritans, but I wanted to thank them for their kindness and assistance. There are truly wonderful people in the world, Moulden added.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Melanie Moulden, a resident of The Parke community in Ocean Pines, recently shared a story of two good Samaritans who came to her aid after a bicycle accident.

Pine'eer Craft Club features Davis' creations this month

(Sept. 22, 2022) The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines has chosen Kelly Davis as the September Crafter of the Month.

Kelly and her husband, Greg, are new to the Pines. They recently purchased their home on Manklin Creek this spring, and they love living in the community.

They live in South Jersey, but they hope to relocate here full time, eventually.

Davis is a paper crafter. She makes handmade photo albums, journals, cards, frames, canvases, banners, figures and more.

She started scrapbooking when her son was about 5 years old (and she had a shoebox filled with memories) and it grew into an almost – obsession. It led

her to classes and a convention with nationally known instructors.

She even opened a scrapbook supply shop about a decade ago.

While her career, family, and other life changes interrupted her hobby from time to time, she always comes back to her love for scrapbooking, returning with new techniques and products.

She does accept custom requests and has additional papercrafts for sale in her Etsy shop, craftyscrapsbykel.com.

View Davis' crafts at the Artisan Gift Shop located in White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. The shop is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Hudson recognized by AGH as Nurse of the Year for '21

(Sept. 22, 2022) Earlier this year, Atlantic General Hospital held its annual nursing awards ceremony, recognizing Iris Hudson as Nurse of the Year and honoring Glenn Lebedz with the Friend of Nursing Award.

Hudson has been a member of the Atlantic General family for 21 years, and her radiant presence can be felt by every patient and associate within the hospital.

Throughout her Iris Hudson years at AGH, Hud-

son has served as a mentor to younger nurses, established herself as a source of unparalleled knowledge and acted as a beacon of warmth for every patient that walks through the hospital's doors.

As written by a colleague, "I started working at AGH over nine years ago. Iris immediately took me in and showed me the ropes of the nursing profession.

"Her compassion, advocacy and talent for the profession is why she is an amazing nurse and charge nurse. She would lend the shirt off her back for any patient, and each patient she encounters she treats like family. Her friendship, mentorship, encouragement and guidance helped me get to the moment I'm at in my career."

Providing high-quality patient care is Hudson's key source of motivation, and she humbly attributes her success to the teamwork-driven work environment seen at AGH.

"I became a nurse for the patient. I stayed a nurse for the patient. However, it was the people with which I have worked with that made my stay more meaningful, and I believe it helped me make a difference for our patients," Hudson said.

It was Hudson's plan to retire prior to the covid-19 pandemic, but she decided to stay to assist both the patients and nurses who were struggling to combat the virus – a true testament to her dedication to serve the needs of those in the Eastern Shore community.

Hudson announced her retirement this year at the awards ceremony. Although Atlantic General will go on without such an extraordinary nurse and individual, everyone is happy to know that she will be enjoying her well-deserved retirement.

Lebedz, director of support services at Atlantic General Hospital, was recognized with the Friend of Nurs-



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Lebedz honored with Friend of Nursing Award by hospital

ing Award.

The Friend of Nursing Award is given to an individual whose role is not directly linked to nursing, but still goes above and beyond the scope of their duties to assist the Atlantic Gen-

eral nursing staff in any way possible.

Being the support director, services Lebedz has a wide range of responsibilities in the hospital, and has continued to utilize his resources to aid the nursing



Glenn Lebedz

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staff through various challenges they may be confronted with.

In Lebedz's nomination, an Atlantic General nurse wrote, "During our extremely busy times, Glenn was always supporting the nurses during the most recent covid surge.

'Glenn was instrumental in giving free breakfast for the hospital team and realized this was a needed resource to help keep up morale with the medical staff. When nurses weren't able to leave the floor, Glenn provided meals so that they could get food on the floor...

'Glenn also helped with negative pressure to provide an added layer of protection to nurses on the Med/Surg unit during the latest covid surge, and developed a plan in case we had to utilize more oxygen being piped into the hospital because of the high volume of ventilators and vapotherms in use.

"Glenn also helped during the [last] snow storm. He provided dinner for staff spending the night and made sure safe passage for incoming patients and staff coming into the hospital."

While Lebedz may not be a part of the nursing staff himself, he has demonstrated a strong devotion to the support and safety of all Atlantic General nurses, making him a true friend of nursing.



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Snapshots



NEW MEMBERS

Charlie Smith, right, welcomes new Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club members Harry Haag and Judith Lazarus-Haag during the Sept. 1 meeting.



APPRECIATION

Ocean City Surf Club President Tommy Vach and Vice President Rusty Ruszin recently presented Dunkin' gift cards to three law enforcement agencies to thank them and show appreciation for keeping the community safe. Pictured, from left, are Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli, Vach and Ruszin.



BACKPACK DONATIONS

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The Worcester Preparatory School girls' soccer team recently collected new backpacks and filled them with school supplies to donate to Lord Baltimore Elementary School located in Ocean View, Delaware. Alum and former teammate, Marissa Grosso ('18) started the tradition to donate backpacks 10 years ago. Coach Carol Hartnett continues the legacy every season, coordinating efforts with the WPS Volunteer Club, headed by teacher Linda Bragg.



GUEST SPEAKER

PHOTO COURTESY D.J. LANDIS, SR.

Harry Burkett of the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Library, left, was the guest speaker during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's Aug. 3 meeting. He is pictured with Kiwanis Club President Tim Lund.



FARMING TALK

Worcester County Garden Club members recently learned about small-scale sustainable farming from Jeanne Vander Clute, owner and operator of Splendid Earth Farm in Berlin, right. Vander Clute was a former middle school teacher before starting her produce business. The farm has received Certified Naturally Grown certification and she sells her produce at the Berlin Farmers Market and through **Community Supported Agricul**ture. She is pictured with Worcester County Garden Club **President Deborah Young.** SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE



THANK YOU OCPD

Ocean City Surf Club President Tommy Vach and Vice President **Rusty Ruszin** recently presented Dunkin' gift cards to three law enforcement agencies to thank them and show appreciation for keeping the community safe. Pictured, from left, are Ocean City **Police Department PFC** Jennifer Smithhart, Ruszin, Cpl. Doug Bird, Vach and PFC Cliff Goggins. PHOTO COURTESY TOMMY VACH





SEMIFINALISTS

Worcester Preparatory School seniors, Christopher Todorov and Parker Tingle, have been named 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists. They qualified for the accolade by taking the 2021 PSAT. They are among 16,000 students selected as semifinalists, representing less than 1 percent of all U.S. high school seniors. As semifinalists they have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. Pictured, from left, are Worcester Prep Director of College Counseling Vickie Garner, Todorov, Tingle and Worcester Prep Head of School Dr. John McDonald.

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NEW LOCATION

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Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, celebrated its new location at 201 River Street in Snow Hill with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Aug. 9.

Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

Can an editor serve as councilman? Yes

One question we have been asked, as Berlin Council candidate Steve Green's competitors in the newspaper business, is whether we think he has a conflict of interest as both a chronicler of and participant in local government and politics. The second question is whether we think it's appropriate for him to serve.

The short answers are he does and we do.

The reality is people whose businesses and occupations are intertwined in local affairs hold office in small towns all the time. The real difference in this instance is that Green acknowledges his situation and expects scrutiny, whereas other office holders with competing interests might not be that forthcoming and would protest were their ethics to be questioned.

Such conflicts are almost impossible to avoid in small towns, which don't have vast pools of qualified candidates from which to draw. This explains why boards and commissions in many communities are often populated by officials whose work and other pursuits would preclude them from serving in the same capacity in larger jurisdictions.

Nevertheless, local newspapers, which are often the only informational link between government and the public, are a special case. Candidate Green clearly understands that, which is why he should be taken at his word when he says Editor Green will separate himself from his paper's coverage of the town.

Obviously, it's a moot point because he has no opposition in his district. But even if he did, we don't believe his involvement in the local press should prevent him from serving any more than someone in the real estate industry should be disqualified from sitting on a planning commission.

Besides, people are always looking for that one real or imagined slip-up to justify their suspicions, and Green appears to be keenly aware of that. With qualified candidates so difficult to find, we believe he would be a good addition to the council.

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Oktoberfest Pickleball tourney returns

OP competition back for second year, big turnout anticipated

(Sept. 22, 2022) After a successful debut last year, organizers are hoping to keep up the momentum with the second annual Oktoberfest Pickleball Tournament, Oct. 14-16 in Ocean Pines.

Almost 250 players took part last year in what was the first pickleball tournament with cash prizes held on the Delmarva Peninsula.

The event will also feature food and beer vendors.

"The Oktoberfest tournament gives members and visitors an opportunity to compete at the coolest, nicest racquet facility on the shore," Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said. "The Ocean Pines facility is growing each year and this tournament is a terrific opportunity to meet players of all skill levels and from areas as far as North Carolina."

Tournament Director Sara Aiken said the sport of pickleball helps build friendships and community.

"Tournaments take these relationships to the next level," she said. "Cheering for family, friends, and partners – as well as watching the players in action – can be entertaining and riveting. Throwing in Oktoberfest for the adults is a win-win!

"Players of all skill levels are welcome to join in the fun, and some of the area's best players will be there battling it out on the courts at this year's event," Aiken added.

Registration is \$40, and the registration deadline is Sept. 26.

The tournament will be held outdoors, and there is no rain date. No refunds or credits will be given if there is a rainout, she said.

Tournament organizers will post the tournament schedule, including match start times, two weeks before the tournament. Organizers will break out age/skill brackets accordingly about three weeks prior to the tournament.

To register online, visit https://app.pickleballden.co

m / e x t e r n a l tournament/8976956 or search "tournaments" in Pickleball Den at https://app.pickleballden.com.

"We pride ourselves on a well-run tournament, with the help of tournament director Sara Aiken and Pickleball Den, this year's tournament is sure to be a success," Donahue said. "Kathy Noble and Darryl helped start this annual event last year and we are so glad they did. They are still there, helping to answer questions with their knowledge from last year.

"We want all the participants and their families and friends to enjoy the tournament, and the full experience that Ocean Pines has to offer," she added.

Organizers are also seeking sponsors for the event at three different levels: gold (\$1,000), silver (\$500), and bronze (\$250). For information on sponsorships, contact Donahue at ddonahue@oceanpines.org. For more information about the event, contact Aiken at pickleballsara@gmail.com.

Email letters to editor@baysidegazette.com. For questions, call 410-723-6397.

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Cookie demonstration slated for Saturday in Ocean Pines

(Sept. 22, 2022) The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market will present a cookie decorating demonstration with Kim Timmons this Saturday at 9 a.m.

Timmons, the owner of Flamingo Road Designs & Gifts, said she's enjoyed cooking and baking since she was a child.

"I had dreams of going to a culinary institute, but then life happened," she said. "As my kids were growing up, I was always the mom who volunteered to bring in the crazy snacks for every occasion. My favorite memories are my annual Christmas cookie baking and cake decorating with one of my dear friends, and we always talked about opening a bakery."

Recently, that dream was realized.

"My love for creating and baking has become an amazing business," she said. "I work out of my home on our small family farm in Berlin as a Cottage Kitchen Baker.

"Over the last two years, I've taught myself the dos and don'ts of baking and decorating cookies See OP Page 22



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market will present a cookie decorating demonstration with Kim Timmons on Sept. 24 at 9 a.m.

Annual Tee Off for Youth Golf Tournament set for Sept. 30

(Sept. 22, 2022) Worcester County Recreation & Parks will host the 10th annual Tee Off for Youth Golf Tournament and Fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Ocean City Golf Club.

Check-in and lunch begin at 11:30 a.m. A shotgun start will follow at 1 p.m.

The cost to participate is \$80 per

golfer, and all proceeds generated by this event will benefit underprivileged youth who participate in WCRP youth programs, leagues, after school activities, and summer camps.

Over one-third of the children participating in WCRP's programs are considered underprivileged, and See GOLF Page 22







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Basic Geocaching program to take place this Saturday

(Sept. 22, 2022) Worcester County Recreation and Parks is bringing a new program to its lineup, Basic Geocaching.

This class will teach participants what geocaches are, their history, and how to get started finding them.

The class will meet on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 1-3 p.m. at the Worcester County Recreation Center, located at 6030 Public Landing Road in Snow Hill. Instructors and local geocachers Bob and Prudy Robertson will teach the class. The price for a family of four is \$35, or \$20 per individual. All adventure seekers are invited to register.

For more information contact Trudy Gebhardt at 410-632-2144 x2514 or email tgebhardt@marylandscoast.org. To view more upcoming programs and special events visit, www.playmarylandscoast.org.

Golf tournament next Friday

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tournament proceeds provide scholarships to assure all youth can participate in recreation programs year-round.

Forms to register a four-person scramble are available on the WCRP website or pick one up at the Worcester County Recreation Center, at 6030 Public Landing Road in Snow Hill. The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 23. Sponsors, auction baskets, volunteers, and donations are needed to run this year's tournament. Options include a dinner, lunch or beverage cart sponsorship, tee sign(s) sponsorship, and other donations.

For more information, contact Tyler Keiser at 410-632-2144 x2505 or email tkeiser@marylandscoast.org.

Learn more about WCRP special events at

www.playmarylandscoast.org.

River Rally this Sunday in Berlin for World Rivers Day

(Sept. 22, 2022) The Lower Shore Land Trust announces that the River Rally will take place this Sunday from 9 a.m. until noon at Ayers Creek Adventures, 8628 Grey Fox Lane, in Berlin.

The event is a celebration of World Rivers Day. Millions of people in more than 100 countries celebrate World Rivers Day on the fourth Sunday in September.

At 9 a.m. meet for coffee and pastries then explore Ayers Creek by kayak or on a paddle board. The \$20 registration fee includes launch if guests bring their own boat, or receive a discount rates for rentals available on the registration site. At 11 a.m., Chrissy Ehrhart of Zenna Wellness Studio will be leading a yoga practice. Bring a mat or towel.

All paddlers participating in River Rally during World Rivers Day are welcome. At-will donations will be accepted.

Participants are welcome to paddle past 11 a.m. for an additional boat rental fee.

Register at https://lower-shorel a n d - t r u s t . n e t w o r k forgood.com/events/47436-riverrally-2022.

For more information, contact info@lowershorelandtrust.org or 443-234-5587

OP cookie demo this Saturday

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through a lot of trial and error," Timmons continued. "Now, I want to share the basics and techniques that look impressive but can be easy to master. My goal is to inspire you to jump in and choose to have more fun and joy in life — through cookies!"

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park.



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Yumi Hogan named chair of 18th Sand **Castle Home Tour**

(Sept. 22, 2022) First Lady of Maryland Yumi Hogan has been named the chairperson for the 18th annual Sand Castle Home Tour, the largest fundraiser of the year for the nonprofit Art League of Ocean City.

For the last 18 years, the Art League of Ocean City has strived to create communal places for its residents to pursue the arts, and I am honored to serve as the chairperson for this year's Sand Castle Home Tour," First Lady Hogan said. "The tour is a wonderful opportunity for community members and visitors to tour Ocean City in a very unique way and support the Ocean City Center for the Arts. I want to thank the 10 families who volunteered to open their homes in support of an outstanding cause."

The tour, now in its 18th year, raised the seed money to construct the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th Street, and now supports keeping the nonprofit Arts Center free and open for all year-round.

The home tour returns in-person Sept. 29-30, opening the doors of seven private residences in the Ocean City area.

A companion virtual tour of the seven homes plus three additional online-only homes will be available from Sept. 29 through Oct. 31, on the tour's website. The tour includes a variety of homes from oceanfront to bayside to family residences and condos.

Volunteer docents staff each home, guide visitors through the rooms and outdoor spaces, and answer questions about the house and its unique features.

Those taking the tour will be inspired with unique decorating ideas, color schemes, and different styles of living. Local businesses – architects, builders, home decorators, artists, florists, remodelers, landscapers have the opportunity to show off their talents and showcase their products See SAND Page 25

Standard Water Heaters

Obituaries

DR. FRANCIS A. RUFFO SR. Ocean Pines

Dr. Francis A. (Frank) Ruffo Sr., Age 90 formerly of Ocean Pines, Maryland, passed away on Sept. 9,

2022 in Sarasota, Florida.

Frank was born Nov. 18, 1931 in Frostburg, Maryland, to the late Samuel J. and Mary Ruffo.

He was the eldest of three children, a

brother, Ronald Ruffo of Crownsville, Maryland, and a sister, Janet Bittner of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ruffo graduated from La Salle High School in Cumberland, Maryland, in 1949 and Frostburg State Teachers College in 1953.

He earned a Master's Degree in Guidance and Personnel (1958) and a Ph.D. in Administration and Supervision (1974) from the University of Maryland, College Park.

On June 26, 1954 Frank married

his college sweetheart, Dotty, daughter of the late Patrick and Ruth Shertzer, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Cumberland, Maryland.

The couple was blessed with three loving children: Francis A., Jr. "Tony" (Christine) of Salisbury, Carrie Ruffo-Miller (Andrew) of Annapolis and Melissa "Missi" Thompson (Robert) of Ocean Pines.

He was dearly loved by his 10 awesome grandchildren: Jake, Joe (Liz), and Jenna Ruffo; Mary Kate, Meghan, Kellie and Kevin Miller; Rachel Mason (Dan), Bobby and Nicholas Thompson as well as his two great-granddaughters, Bridgette and Caroline.

Dr. Ruffo was appointed superintendent of Schools for Worcester County on July 1, 1978 and held that position until his retirement in 1990.

During his tenure as superintendent, Worcester County Public Schools were recognized state wide for excellence in education.

Frank was presented the Outstanding Educator Award by the Maryland Association of Elementary School Ad-

ministrators in 1989 and the Frostburg State University Lifetime Alumni Achievement Award in 1986.

Prior to his appointment as Worcester's School superintendent Ruffo began a distinguished professional career in Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties serving as a teacher, counselor, pupil personnel worker, assistant principal, principal, director of Secondary Education, and assistant superintendent of schools.

Before beginning his career in public education, Frank served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1955 as a gunnery and deck officer aboard the USS Witek, EDD848.

Dr. Ruffo was a member and/or officer of numerous state and local commissions and organizations.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Choptank Electric Cooperative, the Ocean Pines Association, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, and Atlantic General Hospital.

He also served on several Worcester County commissions including Continued on Page 25





Tankless Water Heaters



Francis Ruffo Sr.

Cuisine

New students master roasted chicken dish

Reprint from Sept. 19, 2019 Oh, what a day of skills last Friday was. "In my Introduction to Food



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uction to Food Preparation" class, we covered a great many skills in one seemingly simple dish, and it was a stunning product after only having had one previous class.

By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

previous class. Most of these students have never cooked em have never

before; most of them have never picked up a knife, and yet we were able to execute a dish that was worthy of service in a fair restaurant.

There are typically a few minor injuries, as students break down their first chicken. Knives slip, or students simply lose track of the blade and then it's time to toss the food and clean a wound or two. Hey, this business is not for the faint of heart.

At the end of production, it was quite satisfying to see the looks of pride and accomplishment in the faces of my new students.

Typically timid, my new batches of students somewhat shyly work their way through the kitchen, but not this group, and that is truly a breath of fresh air.

It is always a pleasure to look at a new group and know that we are going to make some memorable lunches for faculty and staff on Fridays.

As for the dish itself, I was able to incorporate a good number of skills in this lab.

The best part is that the class already has one of the five mother sauces down. Making a fresh tomato sauce (peeling the tomatoes, cutting them concassé and stewing them) was a good intro into this topic of foundational sauce making.

At some point, we will cover the other four: Hollandaise, velouté (think turkey gravy at Thanksgiving), Béchamel and Espagnole. It's all in a day's work.

And the cool thing, and this applies to any cook, is that once you know how to make these basic sauces, you have opened the door to making thousands of derivative sauces.

There are hundreds of classical derivative sauces, and with the contemporary fusion of cuisines, the sky really is the limit, or rather the span of your imagination and creativity will be the only limit on your sauce-



making abilities.

As we sat down to eat, with guests from the business department and some straggler students that we reined in from the hallway, we knew that we were in for a treat. And the students did not disappoint.

We ate well that day. We will eat well all semester thanks for their production and skill levels. And yes, I will be able to teach this class more than just a thing or two.

In one class, I was able to teach blanching and shocking, sautéing, searing, a mother sauce, stewing, plating and a slew of other skills.

Indeed, it was a wonderful day and it bodes well for our semester.

Roasted Chicken

serves 4

1 whole 3-lb chicken

1 gallon brine (Recipe follows) 6 oz. Sautéed shiitake mushrooms

(Recipe follows)

2 c. Stewed leeks (Recipe follows) Tomato sauce (Find a recipe)

Sautéed green beans (Recipe follows)

Break the chicken down into 8 pieces

Place in the brine for 3 hours under refrigeration

Remove and pat dry

Roast in a 375F oven until it reaches 165F on its interior

Remove and allow to rest for a few minutes while you gather everything else.

Serve 2 pieces per person and top with the stewed leeks and mush-rooms

Brine

- per gallon
- 1 gallon water
- 1 lemon, quartered
- 3/4 c. Kosher salt
- 1/2 c. Granulated sugar

1 Tbsp. Black peppercorns

- 1 tsp. Thyme leaves
- 1 tsp. Rosemary

 Tbsp. Granulated garlic
 Combine all ingredients in 1 quart of hot water to dissolve the salt and sugar

2. Add remaining ingredients and remainder of water to cool it down. You may also top it off with some ice to make sure that it's nice and cold

Sautéed Shiitakes

Serves 4

- 1/2 # Shiitakes, stems removed
- 1 Tbsp. Butter
- 1 Tbsp. Olive oil
- 1 clove fresh garlic, minced
- S&P, as needed
 - 1. Slice the mushroom caps

2. Heat the oil and butter

3. Sautee the mushrooms and season as needed

Stewed Leeks

Serves 4 4 each fresh leeks, sliced Olive oil, as needed White wine, as needed 2 Tbsp. Butter S&P to taste

1. Heat the olive oil to a medium and add the leeks, cooking for about an hour. Ensure that they are stirred and that they do not burn

2. Deglaze the pan as needed with the wine

3. Add the butter towards the end of cooking and season

4. Keep warm until service

Sautéed Green Beans

Serves 4 1# Fresh green beans

Butter and oil, as needed

S&P to taste

1. Bring a pot of salted water to a boil and add the beans

2. Cook for about 5 minutes, or until the beans are al dente (tender but still with a bite)

3. Shock them in an ice water bath to stop the cooking and set aside until go time

4. When ready to serve, heat a sautée pan, adding the oil and butter.

5. Add the beans and cook until they are done

6. Season and keep warm until service

 Paul Suplee is the owner of boxcar40, boxcar on main, boxcar crafted events and sportfish catering.
 www.boxcarrestaurants.com (Sept. 22, 2022) Those seeking rewarding, full-time careers in corrections are invited to apply to join the Worcester County team this fall.

Opportunities to meet with Worcester County Jail and Human Resources professionals are available in the Worcester County Government Center's third floor training room in Snow Hill from noon to 3 p.m. on the following dates: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15.

Meet with corrections professionals, learn more about career training and advancement, and submit an application onsite.

Certified and non-certified applicants are welcome to apply. Prior experience is not required.

Worcester County provides paid training, a welcoming, team-centered environment, full benefits, career advancement opportunities, and membership in the Maryland State Retirement System.

To learn more about open positions at the WCJ or to apply online, visit https://worcesterhr.co.worcester.md.us/. For more information, contact Human Resources Specialist Ann Hankins at 410-632-0090.

Sand Castle Home Tour to take place next Thursday, Fri.

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to the 1,000-plus tour takers.

The self-guided in-person tour is held over two days on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29-30, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. so guests can tour at their own pace.

The seven in-person homes are located in Ocean City, West Ocean City, Ocean Pines, and Berlin. Combo tickets for both the in-person and virtual tours are \$50 per person. Tickets to the virtual-only tour are \$35. Both are available at SandCastleHome-Tour.com.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street is the home of the Art League of Ocean City, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or artleagueofoceancity.org.



Obituaries

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Economic Development, Mental Health and Addictions, and the Commission on Aging.

His service at the state level included president of the Public School Superintendents Association, president of Phi Delta Kappa (National Honorary Society for Educators), and life member of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers.

He was also a member and past president of the Berlin/Ocean City Optimists, the Knights of Columbus, and the Sinepuxent American Legion Post #166 in Ocean City, Maryland.

Frank was a true family man and devoted to his wife of 68 years.

In retirement, he spent many active and wonderful years with the love of his life in their beloved Venice, Florida home.

He enjoyed golfing, reading, spending time with family and socializing with their tight knit group of friends in Venice.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the "Dr. Francis A. Ruffo Memorial Scholarship Fund" at CFES.org/donate or mailed to Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, 1324 Belmont Ave. Ste. 401, Salisbury, Maryland 21801.

For service information, please see www.burbagefuneralhome.com. MICHAEL T.S. REILLY

Meadville/Berlin

Michael T.S. Reilly, 86, known for his perseverance and one-liners – and his love of family, cookies, chocolate, college _______football, coffee and

dark beer - succumbed

to Parkinson's disease

bury United Methodist

Meadville, Pennsylva-

nia, and was formerly

of Berlin, Maryland.

He resided at Wes-

in

on Sept. 14, 2022.

Community

 Michael Reilly

He was born in Manhattan, New York, son of William J. and Rosa (Strider) Reilly, and spent his childhood and teenage years in West Chester, Pennsylvania, with his aunts after Rosa's unexpected death.

Through his teens, Michael enjoyed farm life, hard work, and sports.

He played football and lacrosse at Lafayette College and graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He later earned his M.B.A. from Penn State.

He worked for various natural gas companies until retirement when he fulfilled his "dream job" as a bus driver for Ocean City, Maryland.

Michael reared his four children with the help of weary caregivers. He was a strong, supportive and faithfilled father. He also served as a father figure to many.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Adrienne; and daughters, Rose and Jill.

He is survived by immediate family: Sean (Sunny), Peg (Kevin), Ellen (Ernest), Giorgio, Scott (Maggie) and Dennis; and grandchildren, Bryant (Jenn), Courtney (Chris), Drew, Julianna, Owen and Grace; great-grandchildren, Andrew, Jaymee and Jaymes; and cousins, Kathy, Alice and Larry (Sherry).

Perseverance defined him, but his ability to listen and connect with others was remarkable, too.

He was lucid until the end even though Parkinson's robbed his speech. Michael donated his body.

A remembrance picnic is forthcoming, but Michael would like everyone to celebrate and not mourn, much like he lived his life.

Many thanks to the staff at College Way, Wesbury, for his care.

Don't send flowers or donations, but reach out to an elderly person and spend some time with them.

Arrangements are under the direction of Waid-Coleman Funeral Home, 12422 Conneaut Lake Rd., Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, where memories and condolences may be shared at www.waidcolemanfh.com.

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Puzzles

OPPOSITES ATTRACT BY DERRICK NIEDERMAN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Derrick Niederman, of Charleston, S.C., is a former teacher of mathematics at the College of Charleston. Currently he's finishing a statistics textbook that incorporates puzzles. Derrick is one of the longest-running crossword contributors to The Times, spanning 39 years from 1983 to now. This puzzle got its start when he noticed the curiosity of 114-Across, followed by 24-Across. The other theme uples are a result of a methodical search. - W.S.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Thurs., Sept. 22

BANNED BOOKS WEEK BUTTON MAKING

Stop in to celebrate banned books week and make your own banned books button, Sept. 19-24. For ages 10 years and older. Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. 410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

RIGAMAJIG THURSDAYS

Drop in to use your imagination and build using the rigamajig STEM building kit. For ages 4 years and older. Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. 410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

13TH ANNUAL PATRIOT DAY FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON

Titled "Honoring Local Women Who Have Served in the Armed Forces." All are welcome. Grand Hotel, 2100 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. www.gopwomenofworcester.org and click fashion show link or Merilee Horvat, 443-614-9386

STORY TIME 'FALL'

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

FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

Open to those 13 years and older. No appointment is required. St. Mary Star of The Sea Parish - Holy Savior Church, 1705 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Atlantic General Hospital, 410-641-9FLU (9358), www.agh.care/flu

WORCESTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO HOST JOB FAIRS

Wor. Co. Government offers full benefits, career advancement opportunities and membership in the Maryland State Retirement System. Job listings: https://worcesterhr.co.worcester.md.us/. Worcester County Government Center -Room 1301, 1 West Market Street, Snow Hill, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. 410-632-0090

TRIVIA WITH THE LIBRARY

Join the Ocean City Library for Trivia at the Ocean City 50Plus Center. Test out your knowledge and win prizes. Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st Street, Ocean City, 2:00 pm. 410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SPANISH: STUDENT EDITION 'SURVIVAL COLORS'

Join Miss Morgan for this introductory Spanish program. For ages 7-12 years. Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 pm.

410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS

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

PINE TONES CHORUS: HAVE FUN SINGING

Inviting new singers, both ladies and gentlemen. Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 1:00 pm. 610-213-7472

BIKE NIGHT AND CRUISE IN

All are welcome to Bikers Without Borders Foundation Bike Night and Cruise In. All-you-can-eat buffet for \$25. Ten percent of proceeds will be donated back to BWOB in support of their core charities. Joe's Bent Spoon, 38223 Dupont Boulevard, Selbyville, 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. 443-880-8993

OC ADVENTURE FEST

Lonestar concert at 7 p.m. Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. https://www.ocadventurefest.com

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. 23

30TH ANNUAL FIDDERS CONVENTION

Kicking off the festivities with The String Buzzards opening for Tim Finch and The Eastman String Band on Main Street. Competition pre-registration: https://berlinchamber.org/fiddlers-convention/. Downtown Berlin, 2 South Main Street, Berlin, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

OC ADVENTURE FEST

Featuring Blackout Veterans Tribute, Showmasters Gun Show and Auction, Mid-Atlantic Sports & Outdoor Show and Kashmir the Live Led Zepplin Show (7 p.m.). Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10:00 am.

https://www.ocadventurefest.com

HOBBIES CLUB 'TABLE TOP GAMES'

Building and exploring new ideas this Legos, magnet tiles and Kinects. Bring your own or share those supplied by the library. For and 6 years and older. Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 pm. 410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR 10TH ANNUAL TEE OFF FOR YOUTH

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Takes place Sept. 30 at the Ocean City Golf Club. Cost is \$80. Registration forms are available at the WCRP website or pick up at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill. 410-632-2144, Ext. 2505.

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MID-MORNING CRAFT 'FUN WITH FINGER PAINT'

Create your own artwork using finger paint and other simple craft materials. For ages 2-5 years. Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 am. 410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WET PAINT SALE AND EXHIBIT

As part of the Paint Worcester County -Plein Air event. Purchase an original piece of art, fresh off the easel and meet the artist who painted it Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Avenue, 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm. 410-641-0809,

curator@worcestercountyartscouncil.org

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY MOBILE HEADQUARTERS

The mobile headquarters will be on hand during the 4th Friday Street Festival. Information on Republican candidates and campaign signs and materials will be available. Downtown Pocomoke, Market St & Front St, Pocomoke City, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

4TH FRIDAY STREET FESTIVAL

"SeptemBEER" will feature artists, vendors, entertainment by DJ Kay and kids' activities. Food and drink specials available at local restaurants. Weather permitting. Downtown Pocomoke, Market St & Front St, Pocomoke City, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. 410-957-1333, Ext. 111, www.downtownpocomoke.com

Sat., Sept. 24

30TH ANNUAL FIDDERS CONVENTION

Featuring vendors, artists and delicious treats from far and wide while the competition rages on Main Street. After the competition, the High and Wides will take the stage. Downtown Berlin, 2 South Main Street, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. http://BerlinChamber.org

FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

Open to those 13 years and older. No appointment is required. James G. Barrett

Medical Office Building Parking Lot, 10231 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Atlantic General Hospital, 410-641-9FLU (9358), www.agh.care/flu

INDOOR YARD SALE

Call the church office at 410-723-1973 for more information. Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7:00 am to 12:00 pm.

SPECIAL COOKIE DECORATING DEMONSTRATION

Featuring Kim Timmons, owner of Flamingo Road Designs & Gifts. Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9:00 am. www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisansmarket

HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASS

Free homebuyer education classes are offered quarterly and eHome America online courses are offered for \$100. Coupons are available to offset the cost of the online course. Register: 410-543-4626. Salisbury Fire Department, 325 Cypress Street, Salisbury, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

OC ADVENTURE FEST

Blackout Veterans Tribute, Showmasters Gun Show and Auction, Mid-Atlantic Sports & Outdoor Show, Biker Games & Rodeo, K-9 Exhibit and Priscella Block Concert (7:30 p.m.) Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9:00 am to 10:30 pm. www.ocadventurefest.com

STORY TIME AT THE FARMERS MARKET

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. White Horse Park, Ocean Pines, Ocean Pines, 9:00 am. www.oceanpines.org

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FURNACE TOWN RENAISSANCE FAIRE

A fun filled weekend back in time! Food, drink, vendors, artisans, entertainment, and the best reenactors around! Furnace Town Historic Site (Nassawango Iron Furnace), 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. 410-632-2032

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES

A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories, cool props and live animals from Assateague Island National Continued on Page 28

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Seashore. A different adventure each week. For all ages. Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Avenue, 10:30 am. 410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ALPACA FARM OPEN HOUSE

Learn about alpacas and enjoy farm activities for all ages. See the process of animal to wearable products, shop in the "Breezy Barn" farm store, hayrides and other activities. Ocean Breeze Alpacas, 10304 Caleb Road, Berlin, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Nancy, 410-251-0931

GRIEFSHARE

A 14-week support program for those who are struggling after the loss of a loved one. Sponsored by Fathom Church in Berlin. Register: Carole, 301-509-2002. Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

NATIVE RHYTHMS ON THE POCOMOKE

Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market Street, Pocomoke City, 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

BASIC GEOCACHING CLASS

Learn what geocaches are, their history and how to get starting finding them. Cost is \$35 for a family of four or \$20 per person. Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Trudy Gebhardt, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2514, tgebhardt@marylandscoast.org

CRAFTY SATURDAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Adults can come alone or bring the whole family. Make and decorate a birdhouse. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org. Worcester County Library -Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. 410-632-2600

BOOK SIGNING WITH AL "HONDO" HANDY

Al "Hondo" Handy book launch and signing for "Defying Expectations - Family, Sports & Recreation." The book is about an inspiring young black man who defied the odds. Residence Inn by Marriott Ocean City, 300 Seabay Lane, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

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. oppaddle2020@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. 25

30TH ANNUAL FIDDERS CONVENTION

Enjoy the Gospel side of Bluegrass with Stevenson Crossroads. Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 North Main Street, Berlin, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. http://BerlinChamber.org

RIVER RALLY TO CELEBRATE WORLD RIVERS DAY

Explore Ayers Creek by kayak or paddle board. Registration fee is \$20. Launch your own boat or enjoy discounted rentals. Participants are welcome to yoga with Chrissy Ehrnart at 11 a.m. Ayers Creek Adventures, 8628 Grey Fox Lane, Berlin, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. 443-234-5587

OC ADVENTURE FEST

Featuring Blackout Veterans Tribute, Showmasters Gun Show and Mid-Atlantic Sports & Outdoor Show. Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. www.ocadventurefest.com

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Sundays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 1 p.m. Learn about exhibiting artists as well as the programs and activities at the Art League. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays - Main St., Pitt St., Commerce St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Live music. TheBerlin-FarmersMarket.com

Mon., Sept. 26

REGISTRAION DEADLINE FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The tournament takes place Oct. 14-16 in Ocean Pines. Registration costs \$40. Register: https://app.pickleballden.com/external-tournament/8976956. For more info: pickleballsara@gmail.com, 443-234-5587.

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

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

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ladies who love to sing invited. Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol, 302-242-7062.

MAKER MONDAY: PUMPKINS

Make easy, hand-sewn pumpkins to brighten any holiday table. Supplies pro-

vided. Register: 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org. Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Avenue, 2:00 pm. 410-632-2600

SUPER POWERED STEM 'ROLL & RACE'

Explore how fast the objects roll using different building techniques and surfaces. For ages 6 years and older. Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:30 pm. 410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY OF BERLIN -GROUP #169

T.O.P.S. is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle Atlantic General Hospital - Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

Tues., Sept. 27

STORY TIME 'MUSIC AND MOVEMENT'

Songs and finger-plays. A take-home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Avenue, 10:30 am. 410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME 'THE FIVE SENSES'

Stories, songs and fun. For ages 2-5 years. Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market Street, 10:30 am. 410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OC KNITTING GROUP

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

'THE UNIMAGINABLE JOURNEY OF PETER ERTEL'

Also held via Zoom. This film is about a German amateur violinist becoming a soldier in Hitler's army and eventually a U.S. Government agent. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org. Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 pm. 410-632-2600

FEEL-GOOD MOVIE

Monthly movies that prove the human spirit can prevail despite overwhelming odds. Call for movie details at 410-208-4014. Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 pm. 410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BEACH HEROES-OC

Tuesdays - Volunteer beach clean-up group meets from 9-10 a.m., year-round. Trash bags, grippers and gloves provided. Check the Facebook page "Beach Heroes-OC" for weekly meeting locations. All are welcome.

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 are welcome. Charlie, 410-465-0445

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Tuesdays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. www.jw.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. 410-289-4725

OC KNITTING CLUB

Tuesdays - Worcester County Library -Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 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 partner required. Info: TangobytheBeach.com.

Wed., Sept. 28

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first and second Wednesday of each month for surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568

STORY TIME 'CONSTRUCTION'

Stories, rhymes and crafts all about building, digging and constructing. For ages 2-5 years. Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 am. 410-632-2600, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING

Any Marines and Navy Corpsman who have served in our Corps, living in Worcester and Sussex counties, are welcome to join the meeting. American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City, 12:00 pm. 410-430-7181, websergeant@firststatemarines.org

PAGE TO SCREEN BOOK CLUB: 'HOLES' BY LOUIS SACHAR

Meeting via Zoom, 1:00 pm. New book club. Find out if you prefer the book or the movie. Books are available at the library and on Libby. For ages 9-12 years. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The goal of the support group is to provide participants with hope for the future. Atlantic General Hospital - Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Gail Mansell, 410-641-9725, gmansell @atlanticgeneral.org

FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Pine Steppers Square Dance Club offers 4 free square dance lessons on Wednesdays, Sept. 14 through Oct. 5. Beginners welcomed. Learn America's official dance. Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm. 908-229-8799

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