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The Edelweiss Band provided much of the German atmosphere during Berlin's Oktoberfest and Fall Sidewalk sale on Saturday. It was the first edition of the event to feature no covid restrictions since 2019. More photos on page 17.

Court says board can't ban Janasek

Opinion finds no support for OPA's line of reasoning

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 20, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association cannot enforce its 90-day ban on former director Tom Janasek, according to a Worcester County Circuit Court decision announced last Friday.

Circuit Court Judge Beau Oglesby delivered the decision 50 days after a late-August evidentiary hearing in which he set a timeline to rule on the preliminary injunction request made by Janasek to enjoin the OPA from enforcing the ban.



Tom Janasek

The ban was the OPA Board of Directors' response to a May confrontation at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club in which Janasek accosted then-director Josette Wheatley.

The scene escalated to the point that Janasek was escorted off the property. A couple of weeks later, the board moved to suspend Janasek from certain amenities, including the Yacht Club, for 90 days.

"It was a pretty simple decision," Janasek said on Saturday from the Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse, where the OPA was holding its regular board meeting. "Until they found out (it was me in the altercation with Wheatley) they said to just file a report. As soon as they found out it was me, they said, 'Oh no, we have to do this ban and have a special meeting' and do all this other stuff."

It was a clean sweep for Janasek, with every factor weighed by Oglesby

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Disc golf expansion urged

All agree 9-hole course has been good addition to park and could be permanent

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 20, 2022) After six months, no major twists, curves or skips have occurred in the budding relationship between Eastbound Disc Golf and the Town of Berlin.

Town officials conferred with two representatives from the company at the Berlin mayor and Town Council meeting last Tuesday, and came out with a six-month extension of the agreement between the two entities

for the nine-hole course at Stephen Decatur Park.

Town officials even urged the representatives to come back with a proposal for an expanded and permanent course.

"It's been neat to walk by or through the park and see people playing," said Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall, adding that the course's usage seemed to increase over time. "It's going well."

When asked by Tyndall if any complaints have been made to the town, Town Administrator Mary Bohlen only reported a couple of scant complaints — one dealing with errant discs landing in someone's yard, and



the other regarding a "less-than-pleasant encounter" one resident had with a disc golfer.

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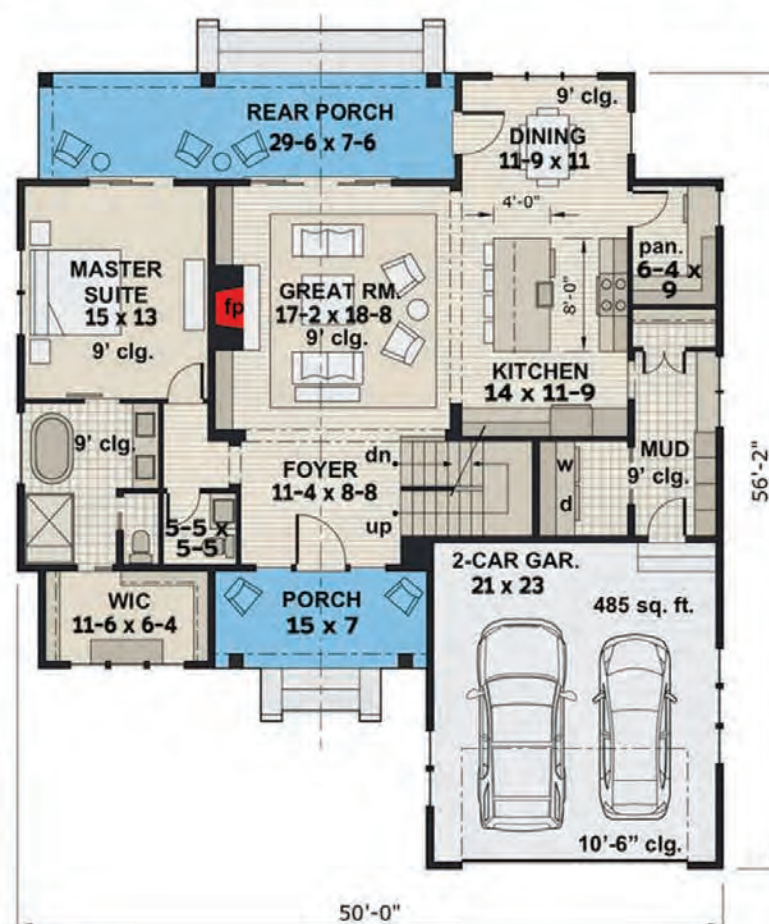
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The Town of Berlin is satisfied with the reception to a nine-hole disc golf course at Stephen Decatur Park and on Oct. 11 agreed to have Eastbound Disc Golf explore creating a more expansive and permanent course.

Disc golf at Decatur Park to get permanent improvement

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“Overall, it’s been very positive,” Bohlen said. “Those concerns are being addressed. There had been few negative remarks.”

Public Works Director Jimmy Charles noted that over the summer he noticed a lot of people using the course whose cars had out-of-state license plates.

“It’s been a very good addition to Decatur Park,” he said.

The original agreement, which expired on Sept. 30, called for a nine-disc golf course that would be open to the public during normal park hours. The agreement also stipulated that Eastbound Disc Golf would obtain a \$1 million insurance policy for the course.

Councilmember Jack Orris made it clear that he wants to see this course stick around and expand beyond what that agreement allowed. His only suggestion was that they minimize the amount of concrete on the course.

“What I would prefer to not see (is) ... a concrete tee,” Orris said. “If we could do something like they do at golf courses ... instead of a concrete slab (it’d be preferable).”

Eastbound Disc Golf’s information

officer Randy Preston said that wouldn’t be an issue, as, given the course’s relatively short length and its location, the organization doesn’t feel it necessary to use “giant (concrete) tee pads.”

“The only thing we need to add are signs at each tee pad saying this is the hole, this is the length,” Presley said.

As a nonprofit, Eastbound Disc Golf will not profit off the course, treasurer Shawn Johnson said, putting to rest a concern raised by Councilmember Dean Burrell, who did not want to see the course used as a for-profit venture.

When asked by Councilmember Steve Green if the organization plans to ask for town funding for improvements, Johnson didn’t rule it out but said they would come back with multiple proposals for the council to consider.

In an email, Preston expanded on their plans, saying one of the goals is to buy new and permanent disc baskets since the current ones are on loan from the nonprofit.

“We are also looking to add in small wooden posts with tee signs on each hole to show what basket and distance each hole is from both the short and long tees,” he wrote.

Tee Off for Youth Golf at OC Golf Club now in November

(Oct. 20, 2022) The Tee Off for Youth Golf Tournament and Fundraiser at the Ocean City Golf Club has been rescheduled to Friday, Nov. 4, beginning at 11 a.m.

Registration will remain open until Monday, Oct. 31. The cost to participate is \$80 per golfer, and all proceeds generated by this event will

benefit underprivileged youth who participate in Worcester County Recreation and Parks youth programs, leagues, after school activities, and summer camps.

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Janasek going for court costs while OPA mulling next move

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breaking in his favor.

On whether the board's decision is insulated by the business judgment rule — a case-law doctrine that stipulates that courts defer to the business judgment of corporate executives — Oglesby wrote that the board "acted in bad faith" by enacting the ban.

Oglesby pointed to the fact that Wheatley reached out to her board colleagues for advice on the situation without naming Janasek. Before he was named, Wheatley was advised to file a police report and press charges. But after the other party was revealed to be Janasek, the board held a special meeting and voted to impose the suspension.

"The actions of the board, in advising Mrs. Wheatley to report the matter to the police and then moving to suspend Mr. Janasek only after learning he was the other individual involved in the altercation, is sufficient demonstration of bad faith to justify judicial review," Oglesby wrote.

"Mrs. Wheatley's own testimony shows beyond a doubt, that the board's ban of Mr. Janasek was in bad faith. She made the deliberate decision not to reveal Mr. Janasek's identity to the other board members when seeking their advice. She wanted their unbiased, unprejudiced opinions."

In weighing the appropriateness of the preliminary injunction meant to prevent the board from enforcing the ban, Oglesby wrote that all determining factors — which include public interest and adverse effects the ban would have on Janasek — weighed in Janasek's favor.

Oglesby wrote that the court wasn't swayed by the board's claim they were trying to maintain a safe and family-friendly environment at its amenities for OPA members and the general public, considering that the ban was restricted only to the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Beach Club and Clubhouse Bar and Grill.

"It did not prevent (Janasek) from being around other members of OPA or the general public at the remaining OPA

facilities and amenities," Oglesby wrote. "If the board truly wanted to create a safe environment, it would logically follow that plaintiff would be banned from all amenities and facilities"

Oglesby noted other factors in his decision.

The ban would have directly affected Janasek's employment as an independent contractor for AC Beverage, for which Janasek services bar equipment at OPA's amenities, he wrote.

Also, the board had options if Janasek beat them in court, while Janasek was provided no recourse within the OPA bylaws or other governing documents for Janasek to appeal the board's decision.

Oglesby also disagreed with the board's claim that his granting of a preliminary injunction would set a precedent that the OPA is powerless to protect its members and patrons.

Neither side is saying that it's time to move on, however.

OPA President Doug Parks was brief in his comments on the decision Monday, saying the association wanted to wait until it had "all the information" to move forward correctly, but that there are "certainly more steps to be taken."

Janasek, on the other hand, is looking to recoup the money he spent on an attorney and ensure such a thing doesn't happen again.

"The simple fact is they decided they were going to make up their own rules because they didn't like me," he's said. "That's what it all boiled down to, period. They got slapped on the hand. It's the third time it's happened in less than three years."

The two other incidents were in 2020 and 2021. In the first, the association lost a lawsuit against former director Slobodan Trendic over a rejected petition campaign regarding unauthorized spending limits. In the second, the court ruled against the association in its attempt to disqualify director Rick Farr from last year's board elections.



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Mural for Burbage Park wall OK'd by Mayor and Council

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 20, 2022) The Berlin Mayor and Town Council approved a new mural to help beautify Burbage Park during its Oct. 11 meeting.

The nonprofit We Heart Berlin is managing the project for the mural, a roughly 4-foot-by-50 foot colorful message that reads "Berlin, MD powered by kindness." The mural will go on the park wall that faces William street, in front of the town's Public Works Power Plant.

"Every project that We Heart Berlin takes on will have an element of art to it because it is inspiring and beautiful," the nonprofit's founder, Tony Weeg, said this week. "We included this particular design into the park to work two-fold ... it is art for the sake of art ... and it will be a nice new backdrop to a fully revitalized park."

Weeg pointed out that the font of the mural also matches the font used on the new sign for Berlin along Route 611.

Weeg added that We Heart Berlin board member Brian Robertson designed the mural.

The small-but-long park is in the middle of multiple upgrades after years of being nothing more than a patch of grass and a couple of benches. It now features a brick path, table tennis and just last week it got a gazebo.

"This falls into the artistic touch being applied to the tables at Burbage Park," the Weeg said at the meeting.

"We're geared up and ready to roll. We've picked the paint colors and it's just a matter of cleaning the wall and getting ready to rock and roll."

All told, it should cost around \$6,000 for the project to be completed. \$3,000 comes from a Worcester County Arts Council grant and



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The design for the mural going in at Burbage Park is meant to beautify the park while acknowledging the character of the town's residents and workers. The design will go on a brick wall facing William Street. It'll be roughly 4 feet high and 50 feet long.

Weeg said that those funds will be matched by various sources.

Feedback from department heads was positive at the meeting.


"I think it'll look pretty nice," electric utility director Tim Lawrence said. "It'll be a good addition."

Public Works director Jimmy Charles said that his staff has taken down already-dying trees and is cleaning up the area.

"Once the mural's up we'll be able to reevaluate what we need to finish the project," he said.



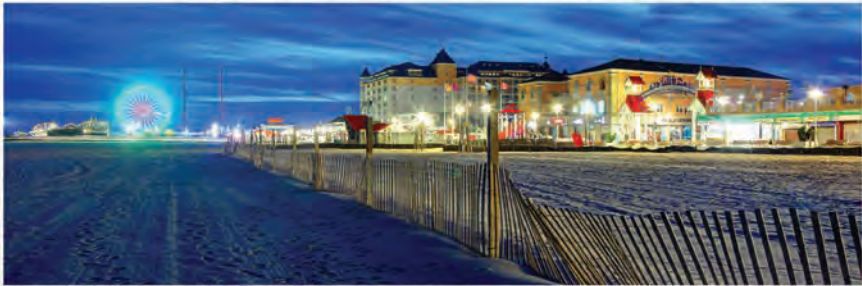
Councilmember Shaneka Nichols also praised the project.

"I like the play on words, I'll say that," she said. "I like how it truly represents not just Berlin but the power plant and the folks that encompass this town, not just as the citizens but the workforce as well. I appreciate that."



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Old committee apologizes for election snafu

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 20, 2022) Former Ocean Pines Association Elections Committee member Mary Anne Whitcomb shed some light on why the entire committee resigned last week and offered some suggestions at the OPA Board of Directors meeting on Saturday.

“We apologize for the inaccurate first count of the board of directors elections,” she stated from prepared comments. “We know that the Snap survey software (that was) used to tally scanned paper ballots had problems.”

Whitcomb stated that the software failed to accurately read referendum ballots, resulting in a hand count for those ballots. The committee worked with Ocean Pines IT staff to do a run-through with the software with test ballots.

“We wonder if those test ballots were the cause of those erroneous additional votes,” she said. “We could not further explore this as OPA has the computer with this data and we were told not to contact OPA staff.”

This was a departure from the usual protocol, Whitcomb said. The implementation of a middleman in the process prevents the committee from doing its job. This should not



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The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors met on Saturday at the Golf Clubhouse. At the meeting, the board selected a new Election Committee. And heard remarks from former committee member Mary Anne Whitcomb.

ever occur, considering that the association’s bylaws state that the committee should operate independently of the board due to potential conflicts of interest.

“This was very worrisome to us,” Whitcomb said. “We wish new members of the Election Committee well and encourage the board to allow them to operate independently.”

She also asked the board to post

the old committee’s amended annual report and encouraged them to consider the recommendation to go to online and phone voting only to avoid future software kinks.

“There were no errors in online voting,” Whitcomb said.

Later in the meeting, the board certified the new Elections Committee through five four-member votes. Directors Colette Horn and Steve Ja-

cobs abstained as a protest to the first-come, first-serve priority of voting in members while Frank Daly was absent.

The new committee includes chair Tom Piatti and members George Alston, Elaine Brady, Nanci Osborne, and Tom Schwartz.

Meanwhile, the board will hold a special meeting today to discuss a forensic audit of the 2022 election.

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Open violations result in direct board action

Board passes measure that suspends voting rights and amenities for rule breakers

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 20, 2022) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors voted unanimously at its meeting last Saturday to suspend the voting rights and amenities privileges of association members who have open violations.

“The purpose and effect are... it will shorten the timeline to compliance ... and provide a better forum for property owners to work out their problem as opposed to the Worcester County court system,” Director Collette Horn said.

“It does not mean that owners failing to comply may not be (subject to further litigation).”

Horn explained that the old sys-

tem, which relied on the court system, proved to be costly and inefficient.

“The change from previous legal counsel and lack of attention to diligently pursue cases by current legal counsel are also contributing factors,” she said.

After Director Monica Rakowski asked how suspended amenity privileges would be enforced, administrative assistant Linda Martin said that the counts are flagged internally through the association’s North Star operations system.

“Once the violations are cleared up, the flag is taken out,” Martin said. “So all the amenities, when they go to them, they’ll see the flag.”

In August, the previous board moved to declare the existence of open violations, setting up Saturday’s motion.

Director Frank Daly was not pres-

ent for the vote, but at the August meeting, he had voiced skepticism about such a motion, as did Doug Parks, who was a director on that board and is the president of the current one.

During that meeting, Daly brought up one violation that has been open

since 2008 and Parks pointed out that some property owners will simply look at the ruling and say “so what?”

General Manager John Viola added at the Saturday meeting that the new system shouldn’t have an impact the association’s operation staff.

Man charged with murder in shooting death from Newark

(Oct. 20, 2022) Maryland State Police arrested a Worcester County man on Saturday who has been charged in the fatal shooting of a man in Newark.



Boris Connor

The suspect, Boris Wade Connor, 18, also of Newark is charged with first-degree murder, second degree murder, first-degree assault, second-degree assault along with firearms-related charges.

He was seen by the Worcester County District Court Commissioner for an initial appearance.

Connor will be held in the Worcester County Detention Center awaiting a bond review with a Worcester County District court judge. The victim has been identified as Kamron Michael Lucas, 34.

According to a preliminary investigation, at approximately 12:20 p.m. on Saturday, the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office responded to a report of a shooting that occurred in the 6700 block of Basket Switch Road in Newark.

Deputies located Lucas, who was declared deceased at the scene. Investigators identified Connor as a suspect in the case, and said they believe that Connor and Lucas, who knew each other, were involved in an argument. Connor then allegedly pulled out a handgun and shot Lucas. He fled the scene before being taken

into custody, police said.

A trooper from the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack and a deputy from the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office located the suspect driving with another person and was able to arrest him following a traffic stop.

Following the arrest, the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office requested that the Maryland State Police Homicide Unit lead the investigation.

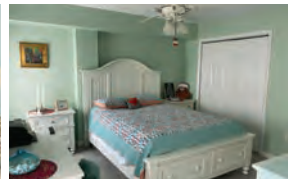
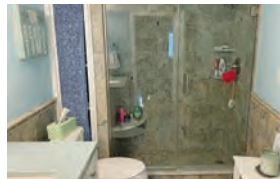
The Worcester County Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the State Fire Marshall, the Maryland Natural Resources Police and the Maryland State Police Crash Team also assisted with the investigation.



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Fundraiser search moving in latest GM report

Maintenance projects at Golf Club underway, DPW finishing road striping work

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 20, 2022) Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola is “very pleased” with the progress made by the workgroup he heads with the Ocean Pines Volunteer Department as they look for a firm to handle fundraising for renovations. That’s what he told the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last Friday, as he reported on the results of a request for proposals issued last month. Viola said roughly 10 firms have asked for more information, heading toward the Oct. 31 due date for proposals.

The work group plans to update the board of directors with its recommendations on Nov. 19. “Just to keep it in perspective — you know about the grants that the fire department received ... They have two years to activate those grants. We’re (six months) in, so we have about a year and a half (to utilize those funds),” Viola said. “So we have

a full year once we get the fundraising company in to do fundraising before we would even start.

Viola also pointed out that fundraising wouldn’t stop after 12 months, but that a solid year should bring in a substantial amount of money.

In another Viola update to the board, several maintenance projects are underway at the Ocean Pines Golf Club, he said. These include topdressing greens and tees, addressing irrigation issues, planning off-season tree and drainage work and storm cleanup following the nor’easter earlier this month.

Viola mentioned several events coming up at the course — The Men’s Golf Ryder Cup Tournament this weekend, the OOPMGA end-of-year fall banquet and dance on Nov. 3 and the Santa’s Open Golf Tournament on Dec. 10.

“The place is packed, the course speaks for itself and it’s getting better,” he said.

The lights on the North Gate Bridge are in and functioning and Viola said that the feedback has been largely positive — though OPA President Doug Parks said one association member criticized the lights for being “too modern” for the community.

About \$15,000 in projects are still outstanding at the bridge, including a

wall trim finish on the bridge itself, an in-progress garden planter and a possible water fountain on the north side of the pond.

Approximately three miles of roads are still waiting to be paved, including Barnacle Court, Beach Court, Birdnest Drive, Fosse Grange, Garrett Drive, Ivanhoe Court, Liberty Bell Court, Little John Court, Moonshell Drive, Rabbit Run Lane, Surfers Way, Watergreen Lane and Willow Way.

The Public Works Department is putting the finishing touches on the road-striping project by painting crosswalks and road arrows. Reflective paint has been used for the job.

An \$8,850 project on the drainage pipe at Water’s Edge wrapped up on Sept. 30, an \$8,850 project on the drainage pipe at Clubhouse Drive started on Monday, and bids need to be collected for the Birdnest Drive drainage pipe. Viola estimated the latter could be completed in late fall or early winter.

Ocean Pines Aquatics is looking to fill various jobs and is approaching the issue from different angles, including looking at paying for life-guard certification, summer differential and job fairs.

Viola said the department is working with the association’s Human Resources to determine how many hires

must be made. “Pools, we did have pretty much record-breaking attendance, so we definitely filled some need this summer,” he said.

Over at the marina, the association is working with a contractor on the C dock.

Bids have been completed and reviewed with recommendations for the power pedestal project, which will have the pedestal feature two hose connections, two hose holders and two electrical outlets.

Renovation of the courts at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center finished on Sept. 28 for \$75,000. The courts were usable for the Oktoberfest Pickleball Tournament.

Viola also praised the Clubhouse Grille, which has been packed for football Sundays, even during the nor’easter.

Taking over from Viola, administrative assistant Linda Martin briefed the board on the FY2024 budget process, which has begun.

All departments have received their budget sheets, she said.

Some factors they’re looking at early on include open positions, the association’s efficiency on its expenditures and the minimum wage, which increases to \$13.25 per hour on Jan. 1 and then to \$14 per hour in 2024.

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Joins foundation

Nicole Turner of Berlin, is one of five new members recently added to the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. board of directors.

Turner has worked for the federal government for over 30 years in project management, policy and budgetary management. She earned her M.B.A. from Salisbury University in 1997.

Other members joining the board



Nicole Turner

are Dawn Adkins-Harcum of Hebron, Ruby Brown of Eden, David Harkins of Salisbury, and Eric McLauchlin of Fallston.

Guided by a 29-member board, the foundation was created in 1973 to accumulate funds by gift and investment to enhance the university.

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Worcester Preparatory School juniors Lebbby Becker, right, and Elaina Elrick were selected to attend the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar this past June.

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE



Worcester Prep juniors were county reps at June seminar

(Oct. 20, 2022) Worcester Preparatory School juniors Lebbby Becker and Elaina Elrick were selected to attend the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar this past June, working their way up to 100 hours of community service by the end of the year.

More than 200 high school student leaders representing all Maryland counties attended the four-day seminar this summer at either Salisbury University in Salisbury or Towson University.

The student ambassadors interact with distinguished leaders in the business, governmental and educational arenas to discuss topics including global education, volunteerism, media literacy, entrepreneurship, world hunger, goal-setting, leadership and motivation.

The goal is to provide a stimulating forum for HOBY ambassadors to learn more about the American incentive system and the democratic process, while they gain a broader understanding of their leadership po-

tential and quest for self-development.

HOBY leaders are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the seminar.

Following the seminar, Becker spent her summer volunteering at the Rehoboth Beach Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce, and plans on continuing her work there through the fall.

Recently, she also volunteered with Chesapeake Housing building construction projects in the local community.

Elrick spent her summer volunteering for Jamie Dykes campaign for States Attorney, and is a member of the Worcester Prep Volunteer Club, working with nearby organizations to help local communities.

Elrick also worked alongside Becker for Chesapeake Housing, and plans to volunteer with Run the Boards and the Seagull Century in the future.

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Pocomoke High nurse gains nomination for yearly award

(Oct. 20, 2022) Pocomoke High School nurse April Price has been nominated for the 2022-23 National LifeChanger of the Year award.



April Price

Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.

Price was nominated by her colleague, Elizabeth Hilliard, for her exceptional work as a nurse and caregiver for her community.

“Not only does April care for the students, but she also helps many of the adults at Pocomoke High School,” Hilliard said.

Throughout the last two years of the covid-19 pandemic, Price has helped establish appropriate protocols to lower the number of students and staff who have been affected.

She has continued to coordinate with the local health department and the Board of Education to ensure the safety of every individual in her building, as well as outreach to community members, all while still doing the many tasks required of a school nurse.

Price makes sure the students are healthy, both physically and mentally. She is always there for students and cares for them as if they were her own children.

They trust her, especially if they find themselves struggling to find a caring adult.

“The Pocomoke community and Pocomoke High School are very appreciative and grateful for all that April does every single day,” said Hilliard. “April is a true LifeChanger!”

Each school year, LifeChanger of the Year receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Eighteen individual LifeChanger of the Year awards will be given during the 2022-2023 school year.

The grand prize winner will receive \$10,000 to be shared with their school/district.

Four grand prize finalists will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school/district.

Ten LifeChanger award winners will receive \$3,000 to be shared with their school/district.

A Spirit Award will be given to the nominee whose community demonstrates the most support for their nomination. The winner will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school/district.

A Capstone Award will be given to a nominee retiring at the end of the

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Town of Berlin Public Notice



TOWN OF BERLIN
NOTICE
OF A PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ORDINANCE 2022-07
APPROVING THE
AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 2
– ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II
ETHICS PROVISIONS

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Berlin will hold a first reading on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. and hold a public hearing on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Berlin Town Hall Council Chambers, 10 William Street, on Ordinance 2022-07. A copy of the proposed Ordinance will be available in the Mayor and Council Packet on the Town website, www.berlinmd.gov or can be emailed or mailed to you upon request, please call 410-641-2770 or email info@berlinmd.gov to request a copy for inspection.

Ordinance 2022-07

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of The Town of Berlin, Maryland approving the amendments to Chapter 2 – Administration, Article II Ethics Provisions

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Tyson demolition plans taking one more step forward

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 20, 2022) The Berlin mayor and Town Council voted unanimously to hire Salisbury firm Davis, Bowen and Friedel for engineering administration services for the demolition of the former Tyson plant at Heron Park during its meeting on Oct. 10.

The preparation of bid documents will cost \$23,500 while the engineering administration services come in at \$16,000 for the demolition of the plant.

Andrew Welch, a structural engineer with the firm, laid out what needed to be done before requests for proposals could be put out to contractors. Among the criteria was a topographic survey of the land, locating pertinent features of the land, locating pertinent features of

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FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Berlin Mayor and Town Council have moved into partnership with a firm tasked with surveying the former Tyson chicken processing plant to move ahead with demolition bids during its Oct. 11 meeting.

Surveyor to assess old Tyson plant for demolition bidders

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the site and building structures, identifying old wastewater treatment facilities and a property line survey.

“All of those are important to develop a set of specifications for a demolition project,” Welch said. “We’ve been very specific down to the removal of paint.”

It’ll be vital to hold a pre-bid tour of the property with prospective buyers too, Welch said.

Councilmember Jay Knerr asked Welch about the property boundaries, specifically whether the mayor and council will hear from the firm if there are any encroachments on the property.

Welch responded that he believes their drawings will “bear that out” but doesn’t think they’d report vehicles on the property.

When asked for further clarification by Councilmember Jack Orris about vehicles on the property, Welch said that their work will include photographing

the property.

“If vehicles are encroaching on the property, again, our surveyors aren’t going to local vehicles but we photograph the entire site so that we can sit down in the meeting and show you, in our opinion, that there may be some encroachment,” he said.

Councilmember Shaneka Nichols said she wanted to ensure the people of Berlin that the process would not be done carelessly.

Town administrator Mary Bohlen ensured her that the \$500,000 strategic demolition grant making this project possible is not running up against a deadline anytime soon.

“I just want to make sure and put that out into the atmosphere while we’re still sitting here — the time we’re looking at to make these things happen so that no one out there in TV land worries that we’re trying to do this with haste, too fast,” Nichols said.



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OP Chamber of Commerce announces '22 award wins

(Oct. 20, 2022) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce recently announced its 2022 “The Best of Us” award recipients.

• **Business Of The Year** – JDog Junk Removal and Hauling (Carol Vaillancourt, owner).

JDog Junk Removal and Hauling is a team of veterans and military family members offering junk removal and hauling services for homes and businesses in Ocean City and the surrounding areas.

It proudly adds to the sustainability of the community by donating and recycling 60 to 80 percent of the items it hauls.

Vaillancourt currently serves in the Delaware Army National Guard holding the rank of major as the operations officer for the 721st Troop Command.

• **Business Person Of The Year** – Kim Shanahan (owner of Gifts Fulfilled)

Kim Shanahan started Gifts Fulfilled with the mission of creating jobs for people with disabilities.

She became passionate about this cause when she was pregnant with her last child.

Having many months to think about the “what ifs” one “what if” she knew she could directly impact was job creation for disabled people.

She is proud to say that Gifts Fulfilled has been a “first job” for more than half their staff.

Taking over 20 years of gift industry experience she adapted the processes for creating gift baskets and care packages into systems that could work for a variety of people.

Her goal is to continue to grow the business to create jobs that empower more individuals to pursue the goals of opportunity, full participation, and economic self-sufficiency.


• **Nonprofit Of The Year** – Beach to Bay Heritage Area (Lisa Challenger, executive director).

The Beach to Bay Heritage Area promotes, preserves and protects the cultural heritage, historical linkages and natural assets of Maryland’s lower Eastern Shore.

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PHS nurse earns nomination

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2021-22 school year. The winner will receive \$3,000 to be shared with their school or district.

A Spotlight Award will be given to a nominee in a specific discipline each year. The winner will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school or district.

Winners are chosen by a selection committee comprised of former winners and education professionals, and will be announced in early 2022. Nominees must be K-12 teachers or school district employees. To be considered for an award, nominees must:

Make a positive impact in the lives of students

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Demonstrate exemplary leadership at the school and/or district level

Possess a proven record of professional excellence

Show commitment to building a nurturing environment that supports learning

Adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards

A resource page with ideas for how to celebrate nominees can be found at <http://lifechangeroftheyear.com/showspirit/>.

To view Price’s LifeChanger of the Year nominee profile, or to nominate someone, visit www.LifeChangeroftheYear.com.



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Ramp for veteran in Snow Hill built by area students

(Oct. 20, 2022) A group of Worcester Preparatory School students, in partnership with the Community Church of Ocean Pines Small Miracles program and Chesapeake Housing Association, built a ramp for a local veteran in Snow Hill on Sept. 10.

Worcester Prep teacher Allison Bescak and students – freshman Caitlin Shimko, sophomore Landon Schul, juniors Lebby Becker, Dylan Simons, Hunter Simons, Elaina Elrick, Moorea Phillips, Natalie Chadwell, Claire Windrow, Isabella Huber, Vanessa Hall and Luke Hopkins, and senior Cooper Ludt – were joined by members of Small Miracles and Chesapeake Housing Association.

About six years ago, Worcester Prep alumni Devin Wallace expressed interest in joining the Appalachia Service Project (ASP).

Bescak had already worked with the program for many years, so she gathered a large group of students to travel to the mountains and help build homes to be safer in the rigid atmosphere. Unfortunately, when covid hit they had to come up with a new plan.

“We realized that it is just as important to serve our own community,” Bescak said. “We partnered with the Community Church of Ocean Pines and their program, Small Miracles, to do similar work for our fellow neighbors.”

This past weekend’s project surfaced by Michael Franklin, director of the Chesapeake Housing Mission and Worcester Prep parent, who was ap-



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

A group of Worcester Preparatory School students, in partnership with the Community Church of Ocean Pines Small Miracles program and Chesapeake Housing Association, built a ramp for a local veteran in Snow Hill on Sept. 10..

proached by Small Miracles asking if a group of individuals would be willing to help build a ramp for a local veteran.

“I have found, along with the students, that once you get out of our comfort zone and push yourself to be of service to others, there is a such a positive feeling that arises, and that makes it contagious,” Bescak said of taking on the project. “Some might argue that it is a selfish feeling to want to feel good for helping your neighbor. I say, capture that feeling and let it spread like wild fire!”

She hopes that the project will become a movement for the school, as more and more students become involved, which is good news considering Chesapeake Housing Association has already expressed interest in partnering with Worcester on a regular basis.

Pines chamber award winners

Continued from Page 12 with individual citizens, organizations and public agencies, the heritage area works to blend economic development at the local level with the conservation of the area’s natural, cultural, and historic resources in a regional approach that better serves all counties and municipalities.

• Ambassadors Of The Year -

Emily Meadows and Pip the Beach Cat
Emily Meadows and her husband, Jack Bulak, had no idea that by rescuing a street cat they named Pip in 2018, they would spend the next several years devoted to helping hundreds of stray and feral kittens find medical assistance and forever homes.

Partnering with the local nonprofit Town Cats Inc., they provide financial and adoptive support through advocacy on social media and through their store in Ocean Pines, Pip’s Kitten Emporium.

Becoming an Ocean Pines Chamber Ambassador in 2021, Pip has brought

positive attention to the community and is a huge tourism draw for his online followers. He has over 300,000 fans worldwide and has been featured in national publications such as Catster Magazine and the New York Post.

Meadows has published three books about Pip’s adventures. Two spotlighting his life in Ocean City, featuring many businesses and attractions, and another about his travels through Poland, where, at the end of this year, the trio will be relocating.

Awards will be presented during the Nov. 3 “Do-Si-Do at the Downs” awards banquet at Ocean Downs Casino. The Learner’s Lab Foundation and Competency Group are the cocktail hour sponsors.

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With a national shortage of lifeguards affecting pool operating hours, several local retirees have helped keep the pools running in Ocean Pines, including Mike Castoro, left, and Dave Blazer.

Ocean Pines retirees help at
local pools, offset shortage

(Oct. 20, 2022) With a national shortage of lifeguards affecting pool operating hours, several local retirees have helped keep the pools running in Ocean Pines.

Dave Blazer has worked as a lifeguard in Ocean Pines for three years. Originally from Catonsville, he moved to Ocean Pines with his family in 1999 and served as director of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program for nine years.

Blazer worked for Ocean City Beach Patrol while in college and had experience before that lifeguarding for the YMCA and the Forest Hills Swimming Club in Ellicott City.

"I always loved lifeguarding. To this day, when I go to the beach, I still have to watch the water and watch people there. It's just something that's ingrained," he said.

At 62, Blazer still competes in triathlons and open water events.

"I swam across the Chesapeake Bay one year in the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim, and I've been doing the

Choptank River Swim every year in May. So, I just love swimming and I love being in the pool," he said. "Pools have been a very integral part of my life, ever since I was little."

After retiring a few years ago, Blazer said he decided to fill some of his free time by working as a lifeguard. He became recertified and approached Ocean Pines Aquatics Director Kathleen Cook about a part-time position.

"Aquatics is a great group of people," he said. "I work two days a week, I open the pool up, and then I'm done at 1 o'clock and I get the rest of the afternoon to do other things."

Blazer has also worked to recruit other potential lifeguards. He encouraged anyone who is a strong swimmer to consider taking a job.

"If you can swim 300 yards, the rest of it we can train and help them pass their certification," he said. "And it's a great job. You get to meet a lot of people, and if you love being in the

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OP residents ease lifeguard issues

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water it's a lot of fun and it's a great experience."

Mike Castoro started working at the Sports Core Pool just this week.

He's originally from Ocean Port, New Jersey and spent 35 years in the IT sector working for companies like Microsoft. At age 50, he retired, went back to school and earned a master's degree, and became a special education teacher.

Castoro and his family moved to Ocean Pines in 2017. More recently, he was among the active swimmers at the Sports Core Pool who Blazer tried to enlist.

"I've been a swimmer all my life, and I had been taking advantage of swimming at the Sports Core Pool since we moved down here," he said. "Coincidentally, my oldest daughter is the director of a YMCA in New Jersey and she had been talking about the complete lack of lifeguards and how she couldn't hire anybody. Keeping her pools staffed was difficult.

"It's a nationwide problem and it's just everywhere," Castoro continued. "We were just out in California, and it was the same issue – they're all looking for lifeguards."

When Castoro saw issues in Ocean Pines he thought, "Gee whiz, maybe I could help with this."

"I talked to some of the lifeguards at the Sports Core Pool and they said, 'Give it a shot.' So, I did," he said.

Castoro took a precertification test in Ocean Pines, and then became certified through a Red Cross program in Salisbury.

A 70-year-old, Castoro said the test was strenuous, but he had no more trouble passing than some of the other candidates who were 17 or 18.

'It's a nationwide problem and it's just everywhere. We were just out in California, and it was the same issue – they're all looking for lifeguards.'

Mike Castoro

"If you can pass a prequalification test, you're strong enough to do what has to be done," he said.

Castoro said the prequalification process includes swimming 300 yards – roughly 12 lengths of the Sports Core Pool – and treading water for two minutes.

In the final test, "they drop a brick in the deep end of the pool, you swim the length of the pool, dive down to the bottom, pick the brick up, come up to the surface, and then swim with

the brick on your back the length of the pool," he said.

"That's the physical strength, stamina and duration required to take the course. The bottom line is, you need to be a strong swimmer," Castoro said.

He encouraged others to take the plunge and join the team at Ocean Pines Aquatics.

"If you've got the idea, you should go forward with it," he said. "You're helping the community and giving back, besides picking up some great skills for yourself in terms of being able to swim better. And you have the capability of saving somebody's life.

"I would say to anybody who is considering it, that it's a worthwhile endeavor that will build your own self-esteem, your own skills, and allow you to give back to the community," he added.

For more information on becoming a lifeguard in Ocean Pines, contact Kathleen Cook at 443-299-9949.

Spring lifeguard certification classes are scheduled April 21-23 in Ocean Pines. The Association will waive the class fee for anyone hired as an Ocean Pines lifeguard. Applicants must be 15 by the date of the last class.

Certifications are also available through the YMCA in Salisbury.

WYFCS announce hire of three new members to team

(Oct. 20, 2022) Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services announce the hiring of three members.



Christine Felix

Christine Felix will direct the Worcester Navigation program.

Felix earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from SUNY Albany and had previously worked in caretaking and resource navigation.

She has a history with Worcester Youth & Family, being a previous member of its Family Connections team for individuals and families across Worcester County.

Those who would like to work with the Worcester Navigation program or need assistance in finding low-income or needs-based resources can call Felix at 410-641- 5498 or email cfe-lix@gowoyo.org to make an appointment.

Rachel Mitchell has been named the front office coordinator.

Mitchell is an Eastern Shore native with a degree and work history in psychology for both children and adults with mental illness, as well as market-

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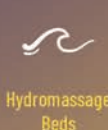
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KIWANIS DONATION

At the end of the tenure of a president of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, it is customary to give the outgoing president a gift in appreciation. Outgoing President Tim Lund requested that his gift be a donation to a favorite organization of his that helps young children. Incoming President Bob Wolfing, left, presented the check to Lund for \$300 made out to Believe In Tomorrow.



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LAYERING DEMO

Guest speaker Patricia "Trish" Reynolds, center, gave the Worcester County Garden Club a demonstration on layering bulbs in a container for continuous blooms throughout the spring. She is pictured with Worcester County Garden Club President Deb Young, left, and Karene Fisher.



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FASHION SHOW

The Republican Women of Worcester County recently held its 13th annual Patriot Day Fashion Show at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, with fashions by Bruder Hill. The theme this year was "Honoring Local Women Who Have Served in the Armed Forces." Pictured are the ladies who were honored for their service to the country.



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SCIENCE RULES

Students in Kelly Upchurch's enrichment class at Berlin Intermediate School used microscopes to look at a sample of pond water. They observed many different microorganisms. Pictured are Gavin Jadwin and Ronan Keller.



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GEEZER GOLF

The Geezer Golf group held its annual banquet on Oct. 5 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club with 50 members attending plus their guests. Trophies and shirts were awarded to the team that placed first at the championship: Ken Happel, Dave Brzozowski, Don Van Reenan and Barry Eccleston. Many other members received awards for their consistent play throughout the season.

Oktoberfest



Assateague Island's Scales and Tales show off a horseshoe crab at Berlin's Oktoberfest on Saturday.



Burley Oak was on hand with beer at Berlin's Oktoberfest on Saturday.



Plenty of folks dressed the part at Berlin's Oktoberfest on Saturday.



The Edelweiss Band entertains the masses at Berlin's Oktoberfest on Saturday.

OKTOBERFEST IN BERLIN

Berlin's Oktoberfest and Fall Sidewalk Sale over the weekend brought the crowds back in full force in its first year free of all covid restrictions. The Saturday event included kids' activities, street vendors, music, German cuisine, and, of course, plenty of brews on tap.

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WCYFS working on several projects with new employees

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Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services is currently working on several projects including food drives, opening its SAGES program for after-school programming for middle school-aged girls, and revamping its Worcester Navigation program.

For more information, contact Mitchell at 410-641- 5498 or email rmitchell@gowoyo.org.

Kayla Figueroa will direct the Worcester Connects youth mentoring program.



Kayla Figueroa

Figueroa has extensive work with case management, volunteer management, and childcare for children aged 0-10.

She previously was Lower Shore CASA volunteer supervisor.

Families with students in Worcester County public school grades 1-12 or adults aged 18 and older who would like to volunteer with these students can contact Figueroa at 410-641- 5498 or email kfigueroa@gowoyo.org to find out more about our youth programming.

For a full list of programs offered at Worcester Youth & Family, visit www.gowoyo.org.

Help for those caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease

(Oct. 20, 2022) For several years, Billie Chambers struggled to cope with each new symptom of her husband's dementia.

"In the beginning, his symptoms were intermittent: sometimes surprising, annoying, quirky, but manageable," she said. "Near the end, his symptoms were increasingly debilitating, sadly predictable, frightening, and nearly impossible for one person to manage."

For those struggling to care for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia, Chambers' message is simple: you are not alone.

The MAC Alzheimer's/Related Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets twice each month at the Ocean Pines Library, offering caregivers

professional support, access to resources, and encouragement from others in similar situations.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, from 3-4 p.m.

"Dementia is an ugly disease and increasingly common. It can suck the life out of those who have it as well as the people who care for them at home," Chambers said. "Throughout the years of Paul's dementia, we were blessed with the support of family and friends, for which I'm forever grateful. And yet, as with most life changing events, until you are actually living it, you can't truly understand it."

"And that is the value of being part See HELP Page 19



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Help available for caretakers of Alzheimer's disease patients

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of our local dementia/Alzheimer's support group," she continued. "Everyone is being affected by some stage of the disease. Each person can offer help and insights that only experience brings. For me, taking part in the group educated me, calmed me, sometimes made me laugh, and gave me hope that I could handle both our present life and what the future might hold.

"If you have questions, need help, or just need to vent a little, this is a great place to start," Chambers added.

Margaret White has run the meetings in Ocean Pines for about a year and a half. She is the director of the Life Bridges program for MAC Inc., a Salisbury-based group created to help older adults live with dignity and thrive in their homes and community. MAC is one of the oldest agencies on aging in the United States.

"In the Ocean Pines community and surrounding area, we know that there is a need out there and we need to make sure people are aware this is available to them," she said. "We really have an interest in how we can reach the community and let them know we are holding these meetings, and that we are there for them," she said.

Mark Bender, an Ocean Pines resident, has cared for his wife, who has Alzheimer's, for eight years. He's been going to support meetings for six years.

"It's basically a group of people that has the same issues, and you can talk about your problems and try to help each other," he said. "It helps just to hear other people tell their stories and hear their suggestions."

He said those, like himself, who

have been caring for someone for an extended period are able to share their knowledge.

"You let people know what the journey is going to be like, especially for those in the first year or the second year," he said. "It can certainly help to hear other stories. And you don't even have to share – you can just listen."

For many, White said caring for a partner with Alzheimer's or dementia can be one of the biggest challenges of their lives. That's why the help, support and experiences of others is so important.

"Some people are a little tentative at first, but most realize the support, the friendships, the information that they receive is so helpful," she said. "Having the opportunity as a caregiver to step away for a few moments each month and be able to be with others who are going through similar situations – they can be understood and they can get that support they so greatly need.

"They also build a bond," she continued. "Most of the time, the facilitators stay quiet. We're there to support and we will answer questions."

Bender said there are many in Ocean Pines who could benefit from the support group.

"It's definitely helpful, especially for new people going through this," Bender said. "It can be so overwhelming in the first couple years."

For more information on the MAC Alzheimer's/Related Dementia Caregivers Support Group, contact White at 410-742-0505, ext. 128 or mwhite@macinc.org.

No reservations are needed to attend support group meetings, and all are welcome.

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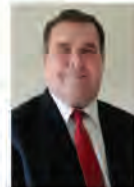
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Environmental organizations report conservation success

(Oct. 20, 2022) The partnership of Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Audubon Mid-Atlantic, and Maryland Coastal Bays Program, announced another successful year for the innovative conservation project to preserve three of the state’s listed endangered colonial nesting waterbirds – the Common Tern, Royal Tern, and Black Skimmer.

The floating, wooden-framed platform deployed in Maryland’s Atlantic Coastal Bays produced a highly successful Common Tern colony this summer before volunteers safely returned it to shore this week.

The project, now in its second year, is providing a floating wooden-framed platform as a nesting site for endangered colonial waterbirds, which have declined by a staggering 90-95 percent since the mid-1980s due to sea level rise and the erosion of their natural barren sand nesting islands in the coastal bays.

The second year of the project was a resounding success. The platform was used for nesting by 155 pairs of Common Terns, an increase of 132 pairs over the initial year, and making it the largest breeding colony of this species in the Coastal Bays in 2022.

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Bird conservation very effective

to ride out with the partners to view this island from a safe distance, and I applaud the ingenuity behind this important effort,” Gov. Larry Hogan said. “Watching as the birds adopt this island was an incredible experience, and offers hope for the future of these species.”

This year it was discovered that the raft is being used by terns from several different locations.

Banded terns from Poplar Island in Maryland, Hampton City in Virginia, and two terns from Argentina were all found nesting on the raft.

Eighty percent of the terns from the 2021 season returned to the raft for the 2022 nesting season.

The project team also expanded in 2022.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program hired Archer Larned, Ph.D., to the position of Coastal Bird Habitat coordinator to assist with the project, using funds provided by US Wind.

“We monitored the platform through the breeding season. Remote cameras installed on the platform showed Common Terns roosting initially in April,” he said. “Nesting activity began shortly after and the numbers demonstrate the success of the project.”

Dave Brinker, of Maryland DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service, has been monitoring colonial nesting waterbird populations in Maryland since 1985.

“This summer’s highly successful breeding colony on the habitat raft demonstrates the value of providing emergency critical artificial breeding habitat as a temporary solution to maintaining a breeding population of Common Terns in the Maryland Coastal Bays,” Brinker said. “But in order to fully recover and sustain populations of terns and skimmers in the coastal bays, it is essential that we restore and maintain former sand islands that have been lost to erosion. To achieve that, we will need a long-term strategy that allocates locally dredged sand for island restoration.”

Maryland DNR provides technical assistance, materials and funding through federal Pittman-Robertson

funds that the state receives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Match for these federal funds comes from Maryland Program Open Space funds used to purchase land for state Wildlife Management Areas and from the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species fund (state income tax checkoff).

“It is truly impressive to see firsthand the great strides this endeavour has made protecting and providing a habitat for our endangered nesting birds,” Maryland DNR Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. “We are hopeful this investment is just the



beginning of a long-term effort and strategy to restore this critical habitat along the Atlantic coast.”

Audubon Mid-Atlantic and Audubon’s Seabird Institute provide technical support and assistance with

planning, coordination, and raft construction under a contract with DNR.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program assists with local support, planning, coordination, and providing local volunteer assistance.

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Opinion

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Community matters put in perspective by loss

The Bayside Gazette and its sister paper, Ocean City Today, mourn the passing this week of one of its shareholders, Hale Harrison, who suffered a fatal heart attack Monday.

Although this space is usually devoted to commentary regarding events, issues and circumstances specific to Ocean Pines or Berlin, the departure of this irreplaceable part of the papers' existence puts these day-to-day affairs, internal squabbles and politics into perspective.

The importance of Ocean Pines election difficulties, or its recent court cases can't be denied, just as the maybe, maybe-not development of the Margaritaville resort on the Boardwalk in Ocean City has everyone's attention, while the demolition of the old Tyson Plant in Berlin is on everyone's mind.

But as compared to the jolting loss of someone so well-known and so engaged in local affairs — and so tolerant of the journalistic independence exercised by these papers — these other matters are bumps in the road. Sooner or later, these concerns will be paved over and other issues, also deemed to be just as critical to the communities' welfare, will arise.

The loss of Hale Harrison, however, will not be so easily forgotten at these papers, if only because of the reason he invested in them. Although some of the original investors — Mr. Harrison was not among them — might have believed owning a portion of a newspaper would serve them well in their public pursuits, Mr. Harrison stepped in almost a year later for one reason only: he did it to help prevent his friends from losing the money they put up early on in the paper's development.

That's it. He had no designs on its news or opinion pages and made that clear at the time. He also did it, as he would admit, against his better judgment.

Simply put, he did what his instincts told him not to do because his friends needed help. That's important, as was his tolerance of a freewheeling (and occasionally wrong) editorial crew, and it's a loss that will be felt a long, long time.



"Even my treats are pumpkin flavored. What's next, Pumpkin Bacon?!"

Arts council invite creatives to show

(Oct. 20, 2022) The Worcester County Arts Council invites all interested artists to participate in a juried art show: "Small Treasures" to be exhibited during the months of November and December at the Arts Council's Gallery located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin.

This miniature art exhibition is open to established and emerging artists with work in all media.

All work must be original and completed within the last three years. Work must be delivered to the Arts Council between Oct. 26-28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to be accepted.

Artwork will be judged for

the competition by local artist, Martha Graham.

Monetary prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place during an open to the public reception on Nov. 11 from 5-7 p.m. Artwork will be available for purchase.

Guidelines for the competition are available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcestercount-arts-council.org.

For more information, call the Arts Council's office at 410-641-0809 or email curator@worcestercount-arts-council.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council is a non-profit organi-

zation 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.

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More partners sought for Track or Treat

(Oct. 20, 2022) Area businesses are invited to partner with Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) for this year's Track or Treat.

This safe trick or treating event will take place at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill on Friday, Oct. 28, from 6-8 p.m.

"Our Track or Treat event is a great opportunity to get involved in the community," WCRP Director Kelly Rados

said. "Over 700 people attended last year, with families from all parts of the county, making this is a spooktacular opportunity for area entrepreneurs to meet area families, distribute fun treats, and introduce their businesses to area residents."

Vendor space is free. WCRP staff will provide each vendor with one table and two chairs.

Vendors will provide candy to hand out to the participants.

They may also decorate their tables and post or handout information about their organizations and businesses.

For more information about becoming a vendor for this year's Track or Treat, contact Tyler Keiser at 410-632-2144, ext. 2505 or tkeiser@marylandscoast.org.

Visit www.playmarylandscoast.org to learn about other special events happening in Worcester County.



Ocean Pines resident Jo Ann Pullin earned the Pine'eer Club's October Crafter of the Month award for her renowned seashell craftsmanship.

Pine'eer Club selects Pullin as October Crafter of Month

(Oct. 20, 2022) The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines has chosen Jo Ann Pullin as the October Crafter of the Month.

Pullin is the owner of NeiShell's Coastal Crafts.



Jo Ann Pullin

She has been collecting shells for most of her life, something special her dad and she enjoyed doing together.

She enjoys creating one-of-a-kind pieces with treasured finds.

With the help of her husband, Kevin, wood is cut to design and hardware is added.

If she is not on the beach or in the studio, she is making memories.

View Pullin's crafts at the Artisan

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By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Confessions come in many flavors. Willpower was once my best friend, but we have parted and gone our separate ways. It is for this reason I refuse to glimpse at my trusty mirror; days of primping and praise have become a figment of my imagination.

There was a time when a fat-free diet was my everyday menu, but this is no longer a reality. I cannot always say “no.” But all is not lost, sometimes enlightenment crosses my daily path for better judgement.

Indulgence can be a good thing if it is served in moderation. Instead of preparing a whole meatloaf where temptation will get the best of me, I will make mini, bite-size meatloaf cupcakes with mashed potato icing.

Anticipation comes to the forefront as I start to prepare one of my favorite meals. Before I get started, allow me to share a few tips so you can enjoy the philosophy behind the making of meatloaf.

If one were to ask me what is the key to this dish, I would respond that every ingredient has a purpose and it is these particulars that make it so special.

Meatloaf is simple to make but do not be fooled by its straightforwardness. On that thought, let us start from the beginning.

Fat is imperative for fabulous meatloaf. It keeps the meat moist and tender. The combination of beef, veal and pork is your best bet and can be found in most supermarkets. If you buy meats from a local butcher, have him grind the meat twice for extra tenderness.

Meatloaf needs seasoning; do not skimp on the salt and pepper. Onions, garlic, celery, bell pepper and mushrooms can also add great depth to the dish.

Some cooks prefer to sauté their vegetables before combining it with the meat. I prefer to keep it raw, this way the natural juices permeate the meatloaf. However, vegetables should be sautéed when making mini meatloaf cupcakes due to the short



amount of cooking time.

Bread crumbs or stale bread is the next topic for debate. If you decide to use stale bread you must soak it in milk or it will reduce some of the moisture in the meat. However, it is more difficult to distribute it evenly in the meatloaf mixture. This is why I think bread crumbs produce better results.

Most meatball compositions contain egg protein which adds solidity to the product. You will be surprised how many cooks skip this step. The size of the meatloaf will dictate how many eggs you need. Whisk 1 teaspoon of whole milk per large egg.

Brown or red gravy depends on personal taste. Sometimes if I want to upscale my meatloaf, I will make a wild mushroom gravy. Otherwise, I top the meatloaf with a tomato-based sauce.

Just like other types of meat, it is best to let the meatloaf rest before cutting into it. This gives the juices time to redistribute and settle.

If you slice into your loaf too soon, the juices will seep out, leaving you with a drier meatloaf.

Mini meatloaf cupcakes with mashed potato icing are a delicious meal for the entire family. If you are going to a Halloween party and want to take a dish, add a little orange food coloring to the mashed potatoes for a Halloween theme.

This recipe will make about 50 mini cupcakes. Remember, they are literally bite size. As you are cooking the

mini cupcakes, you will not be able to top it with a sauce. Instead heat your base (tomato or brown sauce) with some of the drippings in a separate pan and serve it on the side.

In addition, you will need extra mashed potatoes for piping purposes. If you have just enough potatoes, it is more difficult to pipe. Enjoy!

Mini Meatloaf Cupcakes with Mashed Potato Icing

Ingredients

- 1 carrot, coarsely chopped
 - 1 rib celery, coarsely chopped
 - ½ yellow onion, coarsely chopped
 - 4 cloves garlic
 - ½ green bell pepper, coarsely chopped
 - 4 baby portobellos, coarsely chopped
 - 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 2 ½ pounds meatloaf mix (ground beef, pork and veal)
 - 1 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 teaspoon whole milk
 - 1 large egg
 - 2 teaspoons kosher salt
 - 1 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1 cup bread crumbs
 - cooking spray
 - 2 (10 ¾ oz.) cans condensed tomato soup
 - 10 cups favorite mashed potatoes
1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
 2. Place the carrot, celery, onion, garlic, bell pepper and mushrooms in a food processor and pulse until

finely chopped.

3. In a large sauté pan, cook vegetables for 3 minutes.

4. In a large bowl, gently mix the meat with the vegetables.

5. In a small bowl, whisk the Worcestershire, milk, egg, salt and pepper together. Add egg mixture to the meat mixture and gently blend using your fingers.

6. Pour in bread crumbs, gently mix with your fingers until combined.

7. Spray mini muffin pans. Cook meatloaf in mini muffin pans until thoroughly done. Temperature should reach 165 degrees. This will take approximately 45 minutes. Once they are cool enough to handle, transfer to a cooling rack.

8. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine tomato soup and drippings. Cook until the sauce is hot but not boiling.

9. Pipe each meatloaf cupcake with mashed potato icing. If cupcakes get too cool before serving, simply microwave them for a short time. Serve the sauce on the side.

Secret Ingredient – Influence. “We perceive and are affected by changes too subtle to be described.”

– Henry David Thoreau

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Calendar

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

Thurs., Oct. 20

SUNFEST
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Arts, crafts, food and live entertainment under the big top tents. Also featuring activities on the beach including the Halloween Beach Maze. Admission is free. <https://www.ococean.com/events/sun-fest>.

11TH ANNUAL O.C.TOBERFEST
Ocean City Beach - South End, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Featuring the Halloween Beach Maze. All O.C.Toberfest events are free. <https://specialeventpro.com/oc-tober-fest>, 410-798-6304

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

RIGAMAJIG THURSDAYS
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Drop in any time during the day 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 ‘BATHTIME & BUBBLES’
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

FARM-TO-LIBRARY EVENT
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Held in conjunction with the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library Meeting which begins at 10 a.m. Local farmers will share their stories. Refreshments served. All are welcome. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. The workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research by Tom Dempsey followed by a Q&A session. Bring your family information. Registration requested: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

WORCESTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT JOB FAIR
Worcester County Human Resources, 1 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 12-3 p.m. Computers will be available for job seekers to complete and submit applications onsite. For a list of jobs: <https://worcesterhr.co.worcester.md.us/>.

Info: Ann Hankins, 410-632-0090.

READER’S THEATER
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Kelley Rouse teaches reading/acting skills for Shakespeare’s “Measure for Measure” while also providing context for the play. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FIRESIDE CHAT
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. A popular and entertaining book discussion featuring books participants want to share. Come and find your next great read. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

DESIGN A MONSTER ENGINEERING CHALLENGE
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 Create a mother that can stand on its own using limited materials. For ages 8-12 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

DINE TO DONATE
The Sterling Tavern, 119 N. Main St., Berlin, 5-8 p.m. Proceeds to support Rolling Stones 33AD Youth Ministries. Come and enjoy a night out and The Sterling Tavern will donate a percentage of your bill to Stevenson UMC. 410-641-1137

YOGA FOR ALL
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 5:30 p.m. Erica Dennis uses props as power tools and posture variations suited to individual needs. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OCEAN CITY TRIBUTE FESTIVAL
Ocean City Fontainebleau Resort, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Tickets \$139. “Images of the King” Concert begins at 7 p.m. After Hours Event to follow the Concert begins at 10 p.m. in the Horizons Oceanfront Restaurant. Tickets: <https://tributefestival.rocks/ocean-city/>.

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., Oct. 21

SUNFEST
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Arts, crafts, food and live entertainment under the big top tents. Also featuring activities on the beach including the Halloween Beach Maze. Admission is free. <https://www.ococean.com/events/sun-fest>.

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OUR AMAZING BUTTERFLIES!
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Learn about butterflies and make a special T-shirt craft. Presented by Jerry Schneider. For ages 6 years and older. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MUSIC & MOVEMENT ‘JAMMIN’ W/MR. JAKE’
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Join Mr. Jake and his guitar for some silly songs and a chance to dance out all those sillies. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OCEAN CITY TRIBUTE FESTIVAL
Ocean City Fontainebleau Resort, 10100 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m. Tickets \$139. Images of the King Preliminary, Round 1 begins at 11 a.m. “Kings and a Queen” Concert at 7 p.m. The Great ETA Auction Returns! at 10 p.m. Tickets: <https://tributefestival.rocks/ocean-city/>.

HOBBIES CLUB ‘DIY PROJECTS’
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Make your own haunted house from recycled materials and simple craft supplies. For ages 6 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH: ‘THIS IS HOW IT ALWAYS IS’ BY LAURIE KRANKEL
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Join the group for their monthly discussion. Books available at the branch. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

IN 3D!
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a classic horror thriller starring Vincent Price in 3D. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

Sat., Oct. 22

SUNFEST
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Arts, crafts, food and live entertainment under the big top tents. Also featuring activities on the beach including the Halloween Beach Maze. Admission is free. <https://www.ococean.com/events/sun-fest>.

11TH ANNUAL O.C.TOBERFEST
Ocean City Beach and Boardwalk - South

End, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Halloween Beach Maze (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), The Great Pumpkin Race (1 p.m., register at noon) and Trunk or Treat (4 p.m.). All O.C.Toberfest events are free. <https://specialeventpro.com/oc-tober-fest>, 410-798-6304

BLOOD DRIVE
Blood Bank Of Delmarva, 32442 Royal Blvd. Clayton St., Dagsbor, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Bikers Without Borders Foundation and Blood Bank of Delmarva’s 2022 Blood Drive. Pre-registration encouraged. Food available for purchase, music and vendors on site. 443-953-0394, 888-825-6638

11TH ANNUAL MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER RUN/WALK
First Street & Boardwalk, Ocean City. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. with a 9 a.m. start. The run/walk will take place on the Boardwalk. https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?pg=entry&fr_id=103094

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BATS!
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Learn about bats and how they are vital for maintaining a healthy environment. Includes a special T-shirt craft. For ages 6 years and older. Registration required: 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

MAKE YOUR OWN WATERCOLOR POSTCARD WITH ARTIST JOANNE GUILFOIL
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This drop-in program will bring life and color to historic Ocean City line drawings. Free with paid admission. www.ocmuseum.org/history-month

PROJECT T(W)EEN ‘AUDIO RECORDING AND PODCASTING’
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Learn the basics of audio recording and podcasting, giving you the tools to help create your own. For ages 11 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OCEAN CITY TRIBUTE FESTIVAL
Ocean City Fontainebleau Resort, 10100 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m. Tickets \$139. Images of the King Preliminary, Round 2 at 11 a.m. “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin’ On!” Concert at 7 p.m. “Spooktacular”
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Puzzles

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE
BY JESSIE AND ROSS TRUDEAU / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jessie Trudeau, of Cambridge, Mass., recently graduated with a Ph.D. from Harvard's department of government. Next fall she'll start as an assistant professor of political science at Syracuse University. Ross Trudeau is in his final year of a creative writing M.F.A. at Emerson College. His thesis project is a memoir of his life in puzzles. The couple were married on July 23, during the weekend of their last Sunday crossword collaboration. — W.S.

- ACROSS**

1 Like the protagonist at the start of "28 Days Later"

8 -

14 Lady Macduff, e.g.

18 Group of fighters

19 One way to recoil

21 Male deer

22 "My ____" (No. 1 hit for the Knack)

23 One of the two main branches of Buddhism

24 N.B.A. All-Star Gobert

25 *Worker with a brush [three rungs]

27 Fuel option

29 "Ciao!"

32 Completely pooped

33 -

38 A.C.C. school

39 Place with counselors

40 Maker of Pilots and Passports

41 Team ____

42 "____ Canto" (2001 Ann Patchett novel)

43 Structure resembling a pergola

45 -

47 Airport with a BART station

50 Mail, e.g.

52 Otis who founded the Otis Elevator Company

54 Expelled from the body
- 56 *Captain with a periscope [four rungs]

58 Some military wear, informally

60 Carpet specification

61 Former make of Ford

62 [I'm frustrated!]

63 Lab eggs

64 Animation and sculpting, for two

65 Advances through corporate ranks ... and what the answer to each starred clue in this puzzle does

71 "Mon ____!"

74 Singer Grande, to fans

75 Center

76 Celebrity gossip show with an exclamation point in its title

79 Map inits. until 1991

80 Pest control brand

81 -

84 "Really good work!"

86 Sung by a group

87 Writer known for his anthropomorphic animal characters

89 "When r u coming?"

90 *Seasonal orchard worker [eight rungs]

93 Staple of Dutch Golden Age art

95 Feeling while watching a volcanic eruption, perhaps

96 According to

98 Narwhal's tusk, actually

99 Pleasant speech cadence

100 Pen that aptly rhymes with "click"

101 *Worker for AT&T or Verizon [four rungs]
- 103 Common wall mirror shape

104 Sound on Old MacDonald's farm

105 Chicken scratch

106 -

109 Worker who probably isn't paid enough

110 Really, really spicy

115 1/100 of a franc

119 Dirt clump

120 Googles, e.g.

121 Like people in crowds, whether intentionally or not

122 Donations for the needy

123 *One putting a coat on outside [three rungs]

124 Surreptitious assents
- 14 Snowboards well, informally

15 Rabble-rouse

16 Something taken by a waiter

17 "Cya!"

19 "How ____ Your Mother"

20 Con's vote

26 Mafia : Sicilia :: Camorra : ____

28 Harden

29 Latin for "trumpet"

30 Disinclined

31 Temple text

34 Beach in Rio de Janeiro, informally

35 "From now ____ won't be hanging around" (bluegrass lyric)

36 1600, in ancient Rome

37 Tick off

39 ____-by-the-Sea, Calif.

44 Welcomes, as the new year

46 Narcissist's treasure

48 Perceived

49 Output from Sappho

51 Cloud

53 Adjustable bike part

55 "I don't wanna hear it"

57 Boxer Laila

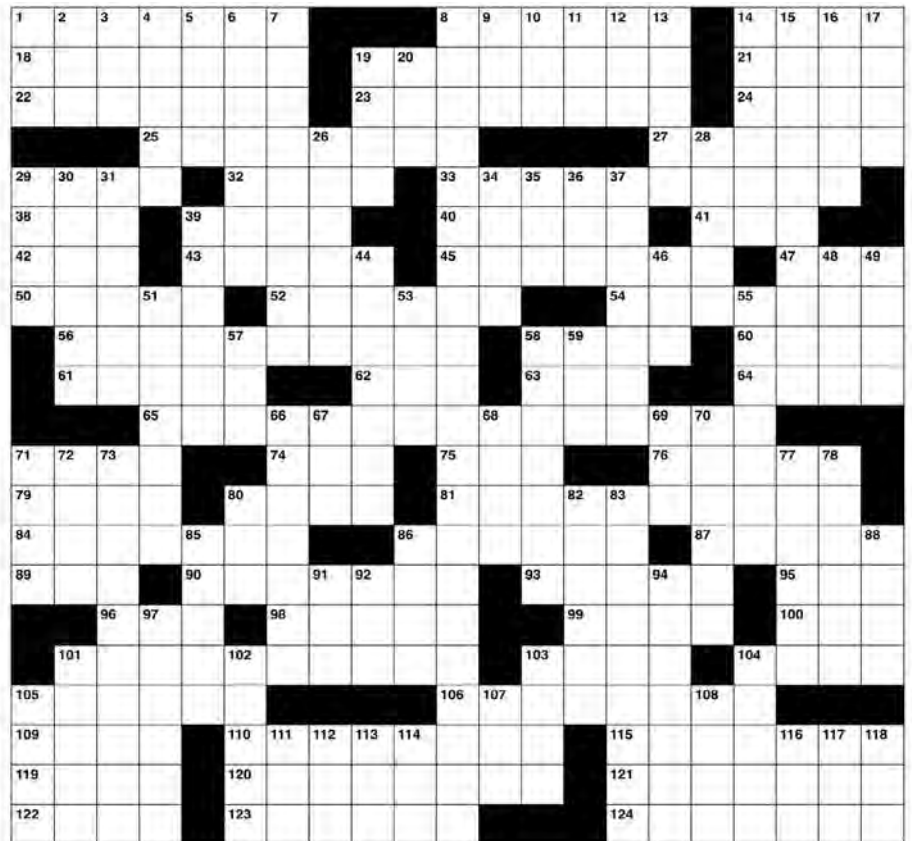
58 Stephen who said: "Think books aren't scary? Well, think about this: You can't spell 'Book' without 'Boo!'"

59 Director DuVernay

66 Play title that superstitious actors avoid saying aloud in theaters

67 Certain sib

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- 68 Currency to which the Maltese scudo is pegged

69 Opus ____

70 Hypnotized, say

71 Sci-fi novel made into films in 1984 and 2021

72 Skeptical reply to "That's true"

73 Activity one tries to get out of?

77 Sushi condiment

78 Strand, perhaps

80 "Silly me!"
- 82 Pope of 1963-78

83 Government bonds?

85 Preppy clothing brand

86 Ending with leuko- or oo-

88 Quick kiss

91 One with a marsupium, affectionately

92 Bacardi, e.g., in Mexico

94 Threat from a squealer
- 97 Antelopes with twisty horns

101 Immune system agent

102 Like luxurious pillows

103 Breakfast that may be prepared overnight

104 Former N.F.L. QB Kyle

105 Pet rescue org.

107 "The Black Cat" author
- 108 Genderqueer identity

111 Soccer star Messi, familiarly

112 Delta ____ Chi, house in "Animal House"

113 B&O and Reading; Abbr.

114 Either half of pocket rockets, in poker slang

116 ____ Jima

117 Rx from a doc, e.g.

118 Newsroom heads, for short

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HARD - 20

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Calendar

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Halloween Costume Ball, 10 p.m. Tickets: <https://tributefestival.rocks/ocean-city/>.

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

OUR HAUNTED POCOMOKE FOREST PROGRAM
Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 12:30 p.m. Having served as a hideout for many during the civil war it’s no wonder this forest is full of urban legends. Free with paid admission. <https://www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org/event>

GAVIN KNUPP FOUNDATION #DOITFORGAVIN BENEFIT
Sinexupent Brewing Company, 8816 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 2-7 p.m. Featuring food, drinks, silent auction baskets, 50/50 raffle, costume contest, face painting, huge lawn games, a performance by Amberlina’s Adventure and music by Full Circle Duo. www.Doit-forGavin.com

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.

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ARTRAGEOUS: AN INTERACTIVE ART & MUSIC EXPERIENCE
Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6 p.m. Combining the visual/performing arts with audience participation. Tickets range from \$25-\$35 and available at ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org, Art League of Ocean City and the convention center box office. 410-524-9433

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

Mon., Oct. 24

PRESERVING THE PAST
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. A workshop on how to properly preserve and care for a personal photo collection. Free. Registration required: www.ocmuseum.org/history-month.

HISTORY OF OUR SURFMAN
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1 p.m. Meet Keeper Allan and learn about life as an Ocean City Storm Warrior. Free with paid admission. <https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month>.

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

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 Campeon, 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 who love to sing invited. Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol, 302-242-7062.

Tues., Oct. 25

STORY TIME ‘NOT SO SCARY STORIES’
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger-plays. A take-home activity will be included. For ages 2-5

years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

HALLOWEEN PARTY
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Stories and games. Wear a costume for some Halloween fun. 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

HISTORY & MYSTERY OF THE AMERICAN EEL
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1 p.m. Delve into the mysterious life of eels. Tuesdays during October. Free with paid admission. <https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month>

TED TALK: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Elena Coelho facilitates a few talks that look at race through art. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

DESIGN A MONSTER - ENGINEERING CHALLENGE
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:30 p.m. Can you create a monster that can stand on its own using limited materials? For ages 8-12 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

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

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

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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

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Tuesdays - Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m.

Wed., Oct. 26

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the third and fourth Wednesday of each month for surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568

COSTUME STORY TIME ‘HALLOWEEN’
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Dress up and join us for stories, rhymes and games all about Halloween. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

COMMUNITY FLU VACCINE CLINIC
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PAGE TO SCREEN BOOK CLUB
Held via Zoom, 1 p.m. Join the group as they continue their discussion/reading of “Holes” by Louis Sachar. Recommended for ages 9-12 years. Books available at the library and Libby. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STATION 4 HISTORIC TOUR
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1 p.m. Walk through Ocean City’s once-active 1891 Life Saving Station and take a trip back through time. Wednesdays during October. Free with paid admission. <https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month>.

FEEL-GOOD MOVIE
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Monthly movies that prove the human sprit can prevail despite overwhelming odds. Call for movie details at 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org

ART STUDIO ‘ACRYLIC VS. WATERCOLOR’
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Explore the difference between watercolor and acrylic paints with fun, hands-on projects. For ages 8-17 years Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600

BALLOON FESTIVAL
The Albuquerque International Balloon Festival celebrates its 50th anniversary. Diane will attend and share its history and photos, 5:30 p.m. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600

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

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