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Former administrator charged with fraud

Berlin's one-time manager Fleetwood named in probe after audit unearths issue

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Nov. 10, 2022) Former Berlin Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood has been charged with six counts of forgery of private documents and one

charge of theft and another for theft scheme, the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations said on Monday.

The theft charges, all felonies, are categorized involve an amount of between \$1,500 to \$25,000, according to a statement from WCBI.

According to a press release, the bureau began its investigation after it was made aware of discrepancies relating to the balances for Fleetwood's sick leave and personal time that showed up in an audit.

"Investigators discovered between October 2021 and April 2022, an additional 240 hours of sick leave and an additional 80 hours of vacation leave were added to Fleetwood's leave and earning statement," the release said. "Investigators discovered that the total amount paid out to Fleetwood as a result of the additional leave approximately was \$17,520.00."

Fleetwood, who resigned his Berlin post last April, is now the town administrator of Delmar and as of Tuesday was still in the office.

Fleetwood deferred comments to his attorney, Ocean City-based Steve See FORMER Page 4

Matt Ortt, **DeAngelus** part ways

Company statement says partnership terminated

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Nov. 10, 2022) The Matt Ortt Companies announced the immediate termination of its partnership with Ralph DeAngelus on Monday.

The announcement from the restaurant company includes the complete divestment of DeAngelus and the termination of its relationships with his family members, Kearston Frey and her son, Tyler Mailloux.

The statement made clear that the decision is related to the hit-and-run death of 14-year-old Gavin Knupp, of Ocean Pines, in July.

The announcement comes following continued protests against the DeAngelus family and the Matt Ortt Companies, whom many in the community consider responsible for Knupp's death, in the case of the former, and complicit in it, in the case of the latter.

In the days following Knupp's death, the Maryland State Police received a tip about a black Mercedes that matched the police's description of the suspected vehicle being hidden in DeAngelus's garage in the Ocean See ORTT Page 3

By Jack Chavez

LOOKING OUT

Staff Writer

(Nov. 10, 2022) The newly appointed Ocean Pines Elections Committee wasted no time in making moves during its first meeting on Nov. 3, deciding to suspend online voting for the association.

The move, which new committee chair Tom Piatti stressed was only for the time being, comes after a preliminary look into the ballot mailing and counting process for the 2022 Ocean Pines Board of Directors election.

Online voting unplugged for now

"What we found out, number one, the scanner that was used ... was excellent," said committee member George Alston. "I understand that (our IT department) is the one that suggested which to buy. It was an excellent choice. The speed was fantastic, doing approximately 3,400 to 3600 scans per hour ... It uses multi-See NEW Page 5



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Ortt cuts ties with DeAngelus amid ongoing public backlash

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Reef community in Berlin. Shortly thereafter, the agency

seized the car. Mailloux has two traffic convictions listed in state databases in which he's reported to be driving a black Mercedes.

Since the car was seized, however, progress in the investigation has moved slowly, resulting in frustration in the community and the rise of a Facebook group entitled "Do It For Gavin - Justice for Gavin" where supporters of the Knupp family organize protests.

Many of the posts in the group deride the DeAngelus family, advocate for "turning up the heat" on those the group suspects of being involved, according to at least one post, and suggest protesting Matt Ortt Companies affiliates.

The press release from Matt Ortt reads as follows:

Matt Ortt, Co-Founder of Matt Ortt Companies, today announced the partnership team of Matt Ortt Companies has completely divested and removed Ralph DeAngelus from the organization, effective immediately. Mr. DeAngelus was formerly one of the organization's Members.

Mr. Ortt said, "In the weeks and months following the devastating and sudden loss of Gavin Knupp, the partnership team strongly considered removing Mr. DeAngelus from the company. However, what prevented the move to this point was the partners' belief that it was vitally important to be patient and allow the investigative process to independently move forward before deciding Mr. DeAngelus' future. We were hoping to better understand all of the facts, and each person's role on the night of the accident, with investigative certainty. There is no question that process is as important as outcome."

While it had been everyone's collective hope the criminal justice process would move much more quickly, unfortunately, this has not been the case. Furthermore, it appears the investigation remains open with no indication given as to when that process may be completed. As a result, Matt Ortt Companies' partners decided to wait no longer and moved forward with Mr. DeAngelus' divestment and removal. Additionally, both Kearston and her son, Tyler, are no longer affiliated with the company in any way.

Regarding the ongoing investigation, Matt Ortt Companies reiterated that the organization has been, and will remain, transparent and responsive to any and all requests made by those investigating the incident. Matt Ortt Companies strongly emphasized that none of the remaining partners, or their families, were involved in, have any information about, or would shield anyone involved in this case. To say otherwise is simply not true.

The entire organization expresses its heartfelt sorrow for the Knupp family and all who have been impacted by this terrible tragedy.

Personal Statement of Apology from Matt Ortt

"In the days following the devastating and sudden loss of Gavin Knupp, I made a terrible mistake by blindly and publicly advocating for long-term business partner, mv Ralph DeAngelus. I issued a supportive written statement that was based solely on my trust in Mr. DeAngelus without contemplating the deepseated pain my stance would cause. My actions were insensitive, inappropriate and showed very poor judgement. In hindsight, I should have waited until independently verified investigative facts were available before offering an opinion. I deeply apologize and regret my actions. I have always, and very firmly believed, that anyone who is directly involved in, or who has any information about the accident, should immediately come forward and communicate what they know to authorities. There is nothing more important than full disclosure and accountability."



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Former town admin. of Berlin catches eight felony charges

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Jeff Fleetwood

"All I can say is we received his summons," Rakow said. "There are several counts in there, each of which he vehemently denies and maintains

> his innocence. We'll wait and see what evidence the state has and go from there."

> and go from there." Fleetwood did say, when asked if he foresees any changes to

sees any changes to his job status in Delmar, "I'm working today."

Rakow added that his understanding is Fleetwood has talked to the mayors of Delmar — the Maryland town and the Delaware town — and that, as of now, he's still employed.

In its own press release, the Town of Berlin said its independent auditor unearthed the discrepancy. After identifying suspected fraud, the case was forwarded to the Worcester County State's Attorney's Office and turned over to the WCBI.

"As stated in the town charter, one of the most important responsibilities of the mayor is to oversee the man-

Town of Berlin Public Notice



TOWN OF BERLIN NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2022-07 APPROVING THE AMENDEMENTS 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.

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agement of town resources," Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall said in the statement. "As such, over the past two years, we have conducted reviews of existing policies related to financial transparency, controls, and the prevention of waste, fraud, and abuse. We will continue to work collaboratively with the investigating authorities as they move forward with this case."

Special meeting of OPA board set for today over Janasek

(Nov. 10, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors will hold a special board meeting today (Thursday) to discuss legal matters pertaining to the Janasek lawsuit.

Former Director Tom Janasek filed suit against the board this summer after it banned him from using certain amenities following his confrontation with another board member at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. A circuit court judge found in Janasek's favor last month.

Materials for the meeting are now available online.

The meeting will be held as a hybrid of in-person and virtual, with seating available in the Administration Building Board Room. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

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The link can also be found on the Ocean Pines website, under both the calendar and news sections.

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To view the agenda and meeting packet, visit https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/53744/ 1 1 - 1 0 -

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



New Elections Committee hits ground running

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ple media – in other words (can scan) ballots of different size ballots and whatever - was excellent.'

But that's where Alston's praise stopped.

"The software ... there's a lot to be desired," he said. "It had very, very bad reviews. The language it was written in was archaic, at least 10 to 15 years old. It was very unstable.

"If my software company wrote a piece of software like that, I'd be out digging ditches right now. It was a poorly written piece of software. Overpriced and underrated, (just a) terrible piece (of software).²

This is where the problems began, Alston said. There was only one jam in 2,700 ballots – due to a ballot being folded an extra time.

Taking over the review report, Piatti continued to say the lack of ability of the scanning software to focus on the actual block of the ballot was an issue.

"They had to keep adjusting it," Piatti said. "It was just the wrong software to use."

The committee's ability to research potential new vendors was limited, Alston said. But he stressed that there is viable software to be pursued.

"My advice is ... we third-party out everything else now except for the counting of the ballots," Alston said. "I don't think that the committee should be actively involved in the counting of the ballots. They should



Tom Piatti

be there to supervise it and if there are any problems or if a hand count is necessary, but we need someone who is an expert, a professional, to do it."

The committee is talking to the current contractor, Ace Printing and Mailing, to see if they can still accommodate the association, committee member Elaine Brady said.

"This was the first year that the Elections Committee has been involved in the actual counting of the

ballots or running the process, whereas Tom (Gulyas, owner of Ace) has done it (before)," Brady said.

She also conceded that Gulyas's political aspirations (he was a county commissioner candidate but lost in the primary) may force the association to find another vendor.

In discussing the decision to suspend online voting, Brady said the committee didn't want to rush back into it.

"We don't know who made the decision not to send out the multiple ballots correctly," she said. "If that was due to their software and to them or if it was an internal decision made within Ocean Pines. It didn't work but we don't even know if they can handle all the single ballots. It seems like they should be able to. But if they can't, we can't use them again. We have to find a contractor who can do it the way we want our election run."

The committee also determined that it wants an envelope with a ballot sent to every property address, Piatti said.

"If you own six properties, you're going to get six envelopes," Piatti said. "And we want to make sure that the governing documents allow for the contractor to do the ballot counting under our direct supervision in an office. We've all looked at the 2019 video where the contractor was there. If something didn't work, he handed it to the Elections Committee, which went through it and made a decision."



Berlin HDC discusses plans for Purnell Building and more

(Nov. 10, 2022) The replacement of 14 windows at the Purnell Building at 116 N. Main Street was approved unanimously 5-0 by the Berlin Historic District Commission at their regular meeting last Wednesday.

Austin Purnell represented the applicant, Purnell Inc., at the meeting. He explained to commission members that four second floor windows were in need of replacement on the Main Street side, while eight were to be replaced in the back and another two windows on side locations of the Purnell building.

The windows will all be wood framed and double hung. Purnell said the exact timing of the window replacement was unknown, but he expected the entire project to be completed before the Christmas holiday.

In other business, the HDC discussed plans with contractor Bob Purcell for improvements to the exterior of 204 S. Main Street owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Ball.

The commission earlier this fall approved a two-column exterior for the home's main entrance. They also supported further project clarifications that were presented to them by Purcell at the November meeting.

The HDC also supported a recommendation by member John Holloway to restore the painted advertisements on the sides of two brick walls on the building on Pitts Street that is owned by Billy Esham and is the location of Pitts Street

Treasures.

Holloway said he was inspired by the recent restoration of a similar painted wall ad in downtown Snow Hill.

Holloway said it would be another authentic way of restoring the historic look of downtown Berlin.

Currently almost all of the original painted ad space has worn away over time except for a large area marked with "5 cents' that is still visible on the east side of the building.

All of the HDC members were supportive of Holloway's recommendation and suggested that the idea be shared with not only the Town of Berlin, but also with Berlin's Main Street Program and We Heart Berlin.







JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines residents vote at Showell Elementary School on Tuesday. The bayside community is one of the areas that many believe would have been impacted by an athletic complex.

Worcester residents respond with solid 'no' on Question A

By Stewart Dobson Editor/Publisher

(Nov. 10, 2022) Question A on the Worcester County election ballot Tuesday became Question Nay instead, as voters soundly defeated a measure that would have allowed the County Commissioners to finance the design and construction of a sports complex by selling county government bonds.

Of the 17,996 voters who cast ballots in the referendum, 9,424 of them sided with the petitioners who led the campaign to block the commissioners' pursuit of a sports complex on Route 50 next to Stephen Decatur High School.

That gave opponents of the bond financing approach an 852-voter edge over the 8,572 sports complex advocates who voted.

Vince Gisriel, who with Ocean Pines resident Slobodan Trendic launched the petition drive to force the county to put the matter to the voters, said their intention was to stop the Route 50 sports complex proposal specifically. But because the language of the question was written in general terms, similar proposals elsewhere in the county would also be blocked.

"Question A is not specific to the Rt 50 location," county Public Information Officer Kim Moses wrote in an email Wednesday. "It is specific only to the legislative bill (the bond measure) passed earlier this year. The referendum is an up/down vote on the legislative bill that authorized the Commissioners to issue a bond to construct a sports complex."

Moses said County Attorney Roscoe Leslie advised prior to Tuesday's vote that if the bill were to be defeated, there would be no authority to bond that kind of project at this time.

But he also pointed out, "I don't believe a referendum is a permanent bar to anything. It just causes the particular legislation passed by the commissioners to become ineffective."

In theory, he said, the next board of commissioners could pass a new bill authorizing the financing, even though that would be a bold move given the referendum's results.

It's further unlikely given the ouster of incumbent Josh Nordstrom of Pocomoke City by challenger Caryn Abbot. Nordstrom was one of the four commissioners who backed the complex, along with West Ocean City/Berlin Commissioner Bud Church, who did not seek reelection this year. He was replaced by Eric Fiori.

That will end, for now at least, the county's four-year push to capitalize on sports tourism and the sprawling youth sports market that began to take shape earlier this year with the commissioners' earlier agreement to buy the 95-acre Route 50 parcel for \$7.1 million. Settlement on the sale was expected to take place after the first of the year, and that assumed the county could find the money it needs to make the deal happen.



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The Posting of Colors is performed by the Joint Color Guard, with members from American Legions in Ocean City and Berlin, First State Detachment and the Marine Corps League, on Veterans Day at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines in 2021.

Veterans Day ceremonies planned

By Lisa Capitelli

Managing Editor

(Nov. 10, 2022) Ceremonies are planned in Ocean Pines and Ocean City on Friday to commemorate Veterans Day.

The patriotic celebrations will kick off at 11 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway.

The event was originally scheduled to take place outside at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines, but it was moved indoors because of forecasted storms.

Hosted by the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, the event will include music from the Delmarva Chorus, a color guard presentation of local American Legion representatives, and an address by guest speaker Dr. Jeff Hilovsky, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel with a 25year military career.

He retired as the medical commander for the 512th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base.

Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said Veterans Day

events are important as the only holiday that honors all U.S. Armed Forces service members.

"Veterans Day is the one day a year that we honor all veterans of military service – not just those who died, but anyone who has served and in all branches of the service," Gilmore stated in a press release. "Many people who served our country find it difficult to talk about their experience, but it's important for us to honor them and recognize their sacrifice. Only 1 percent of the U.S. population has ever served in the military."

Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs, as only limited seating will be available.

For more information on the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, visit www.opvets.org.

Following the Ocean Pines event will be a Veterans Day ceremony at the Ocean City American Legion Post 166, on 24th Street.

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"A lot of guys will go to [the Ocean Pines ceremony] and then go to the Post," said American Legion Post 166 Second Vice Commander Bob Paul.

The 76th annual Veterans Day program will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will feature speakers who served in See SERVICES Page 8



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Members of Cub Scout Troop 261 and Scout Troops 261 and 621 lead the Pledge of Allegiance at American Legion Post 166 in Ocean City on Veterans Day 2021.

Services in Pines, Ocean City

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WWII, Cold War and Vietnam War, as well as a Navy SEAL. Sen. Mary Beth Carozza will also say a few words.

"We try to get someone from one of the wars or in the service," Paul said. "They will talk about joining [the service], and now that they are vets, and the history of what they did."

In addition, a wreath will be presented in memory of Prisoners of

War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) service members.

Snow Hill High School Junior ROTC members will present the colors, "Taps" will be played and there will also be a rifle salute outside the American Legion.

Service awards will be presented as well. A light lunch will be served after the program.

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The Worcester County Commissioners approved the FY24 Capital Improvement Plan, which included funding for designing an all-new Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin.

Wor. Commissioners approve schools CIP, bond resolution

By Jack Chavez Staff Writer

(Nov. 10, 2022) Approval of planning and design funding requests for Buckingham Elementary School and design funding requests for the Snow Hill Middle/Cedar Chapel Special schools roof placement project was

granted last week by the Worcester County Commissioners in its review of Worcester County Public School's FY24 Capital Improvement Plan proposal.

The Buckingham Elementary requests — listed by the school system as the top priority — total about \$1.5 million for FY24 and, if estimates hold, over the next five fiscal years could total about \$17.2 million.

The project is categorized as a replacement.

The funding request for Snow Hill Middle/Cedar Chapel Special schools totals \$59,500. Estimates could see the project up for another estimated \$1.9 million in FY25.

"As you know, the CIP is a forward-thinking and (forward-looking) document and we have identified additional future projects including roof replacement projects at ... Pocomoke Elementary School and Worcester Technical High School," Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor told the Commissioners.

He added that the proposal includes future renovations, additions and replacement school projects for Buckingham Elementary and Snow Hill Elementary schools.

Commissioner Jim Bunting asked if the district would approach Buckingham's replacement as it did the replacement of Showell Elementary School in Ocean Pines.

"Absolutely," Taylor responded. "I think that was one of the most successful planning processes we ever had for putting a school together. We plan on putting a committee together which will involve some of the commissioners ... We will follow that same process."

Bunting said he'd like to serve on that committee.

Commissioner Chip Bertino asked when an in-progress feasibility study on Buckingham Elementary would finish, to which Taylor replied that it would be completed by December and in front of the commissioners in March.

Commissioner Joe Mitrecic asked about the population of Stephen Decatur High School, which sits at 1,515 students currently, and the school's future capability to accommodate its student body.

Taylor said it's handling its load fine right now, but that "if it goes over 1,600 (in the future), we may have some thinking to do."

In another budget discussion, the commissioners approved the consolidated public improvement bond See COUNTY Page 10





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OP committee talks fire house, yard debris

Budget and Finance looks at options for new OPVFD facility, new revenue stream

By Jack Chavez

Staff Writer

(Nov. 10, 2022) The Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee has asked the board of directors to consider what's needed in the near future in its discussion to replace or renovate the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department's South Station, committee chair Dick Keiling said.

The committee met on Oct. 26 with officials from the department to discuss the project.

"(Our request) means that we should properly justify, economically justify maintaining the north space," Keiling said this week. "And that's part of the analysis and recommendation that needs to be made. That's been our request to the board."

Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola heads a team that is to determine viable routes for the project, including recommendations for a feasibility study. Viola will make his recommendations to the board of directors at its next meeting.

At a town hall meeting earlier this year, the department proposed an 18,000-square-foot building, but Viola's team has come up with a new proposal that would pare it down to 13,000 square feet.

Department officials also provided an assessment of budgetary needs.

A preliminary look at the 2023-24 budget yielded a possible 10.3 percent increase, with increase in general operating expenses, compensation and related costs, apparatus replacement and capital purchases.

Departmental revenue increased this year from last year, \$1.11 million over \$1.04 million.

The department's current budget is roughly \$2.4 million while the new budget, if it stays as estimated and gains board approval, would be in the neighborhood of \$2.6 million.

Capital purchases represent the greatest increase — it would more than triple from \$45,000 to \$142,000. These purchases include three mobile heart monitors. The committee encouraged the department to assess its need for any more replacement assets that could become part of the yearly reserve replenishment.

The department also asked for the addition of two full-time positions to provide fire coverage during busier



. • Kox W hours. The department is forecasting that its current split of 85 percent volunteers and 15 percent paid staff will flip in the coming years, perhaps as soon as within five.

In another discussion, the committee looked at ways to tinker with the association's leaf collection process and find ways to maximize revenue.

Director of Public Works Eddie Wells proposed to the committee that a new program be explored for leaf and garden debris disposal that could include an expanded calendar into May and November or December for drop-off sites at a charge that has not yet been determined.

The goal, according to the committee's minutes, is to encourage homeowners to stop raking yard leaves and garden debris into drainage ditch areas. Lessening the burden on the association to clean those ditches could save money and reduce the need for outside contractors.

Keiling stressed that these ideas are strictly in the exploratory phase right now.

"It's nothing that would be implemented this year but down the road," he said. "(The committee) liked what it heard about the thoughts but certainly is looking forward to hearing more as the concept is further developed."

The Budget and Finance Committee next meets on Nov. 23.

County approves school CIP, public bond resolution

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The resolution totals about \$28.63 million, breaking down to \$10.02 million for the Stephen Decatur Middle School addition project, \$10.96 million for phase two of the county jail improvement project, \$3.05 million for a public safety logical storage facility and \$4.6 million for the Ocean Pines service area belt filter press.

Bertino asked county Finance Officer Phil Thompson, who gave the presentation, what the interest rate might be.

["]My guess is 4-and-a-half (percent) based on current market conditions," Thompson said.

The previous bond had a rate of 2.32 percent, Thompson said, nearly half the current projection.

"It's a dramatically different environment in the last nine months," he said. "Currently, you're looking at a prime upwards of 7 percent. Mortgages are hovering in the 6.5 to 7 (percent range). We're usually somewhere in the two-thirds range with the tax exemption issue."

MCBP to unveil report card Mon.

Along with five-year State of the Bays, assessment looks at progress in region

(Nov. 10, 2022) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program will unveil its 2021 Coastal Bays Report Card and the five-year State of the Bays report next Monday at 1 p.m., at the Ocean City Marlin Club, across from the Ocean City Harbor in West Ocean City.

Program organizers are encouraging members of the public to attend and learn about the current results and initiatives to protect the coastal bays.

The Report Card provides a detailed assessment of the current health of the five coastal bays and the

Annual Turkey Bowl Pickleball tourney set for Nov. 19-20

(Nov. 10, 2022) Worcester County Recreation and Parks will host the annual Turkey Bowl Pickleball Tournament later this month.

This two-day tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19-20, at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill.

Saturday's play will consist of men's and women's doubles, and Sunday will be mixed doubles.

Doors will open and check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. Competition will start at 8 a.m.

The tournament is open to ages 18 and older. The cost per person is \$45, which includes a T-shirt.

To play, register online at www.pickleballtournaments.com.

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

To view a full list of upcoming special events, visit www.playmarylandscoast.org.



St. Martin River. The overall health of the bays is determined by assessing four water quality indicators, and two biotic indicators scientifically derived ecological thresholds or goals. The six indicators are combined into one coastal bays health index, presented as a report card score.

The State of the Bays report documents the most up-to-date status of the water quality and living resources in the Coastal Bays and highlights the management steps being taken to preserve them.

The report card and the report are a scientific collaborative effort among the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science z -Integration and Application Network, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the National Park Service. Funding for the publication is provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This year's report card release program includes four Gold Star award presentations to recognize the contributions of partners and individuals, and their efforts to protect the coastal bays.

Hundreds of volunteers work with MCBP, including residents and visitors, to support environmental initiatives that protect, promote, and preserve our coastal bays. Some of the volunteer work includes assisting with population surveys of horseshoe crabs, terrapins, and birds; collecting water samples, working on restoration projects, participating in trash clean ups, and assisting in many other activities.

Part of the National Estuary Program, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is a non-profit partnership among the towns of Ocean City and Berlin, the National Park Service, Worcester County, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Environment, & Planning. One of only 28 such programs nationwide, the goal of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program is to protect and enhance the 175-square mile watershed, which includes Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin, and Assateague Island National Seashore.

Report cards are available online at www.mdcoastalbays.org. If you would like to obtain copies for school projects and citizen groups, please contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or by calling 410-213-2297 ext. 106.











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SHA reduces speed limit on Gray's Corner Rd. to 40 mph

(Nov. 10, 2022) The State Highway Administration (SHA) has reduced the speed limit on Gray's Corner Road from Route 589 (Race Track Road) to Riddle Lane in Berlinfrom 50 mph to 40 mph.

The SHA's announcement said the administration initiated a traffic study along Gray's Corner Road in response to community concerns. Those concerns arose following the death of Gavin Knupp, 14, of Ocean Pines who was struck by a hit-and-run driver on July 11. The case remains unresolved.

After traffic engineers collected and analyzed data, including actual speeds, traffic counts and travel demand, they determined the speed limit should be lowered to enhance the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

"The safety of every customer on our

roadway system is our priority," said SHA Administrator Tim Smith. "SHA will continue to work with our stakeholders to identify conditions where roadway users will benefit from improved safety measures and then implement wise solutions."

New speed limit signs were recently installed to alert motorists of the upcoming change.

The Move Over Law in Maryland requires motorists to make a lane change or slow down when approaching any stopped, standing, or parked vehicle displaying hazard warning lights, road flares or other caution signals.

The expanded law is in place to protect emergency responders and motorists who encounter a roadside emergency.

Worcester council's 'Small Treasures' exhibit on display

(Nov. 10, 2022) The Worcester County Arts Council's Gallery will be exhibiting "Small Treasures," a juried art competition, through November and December.

This exhibition includes 29 original artworks submitted by established and emerging artists, with work in all media.

Although the subject of this show was open to artists' personal inspiration and interpretation, the main objective of this show was to encourage and challenge artists to become involved in the world of miniature art.

Entries submitted for the competition were judged by local artist Martha Graham.

Awards will be presented on Friday, Nov. 11 at the open to the public reception to be held from 5-7 p.m. All artwork is available for purchase. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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

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





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Dave Landis and Kitty Wrench kick off the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's toy and coat drives last year.

Kiwanis Club hosts toy, coat drives Wednesdays in Nov.

(Nov. 10, 2022) The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City will host coat and toy drives again this year.

The drives will take place on Wednesdays in November from 9 a.m. until noon.

Vehicles will be in the Ocean Pines Community Center parking lot accepting donations to supplement the ones made by the Kiwanis Club.

Coats will be delivered to Worcester County charities for distribution and toys will be delivered to Worcester County G.O.L.D.

For more information, contact David J. Landis, Sr., public relations committee, at djlandissr@gmail.com or 410-641-7330.

Homeowner Center open Sun.

(Nov. 10 2022) Beginning Nov.13, the Home Owner Convenience Center, located at the Central Landfill in Newark will be open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

The Newark center will continue offering Sunday hours throughout

the duration of a 90-day project to repair and upgrade the center in Snow Hill.

For more information about the center or hours, contact Worcester County Recycling Manager Mike Mc-Clung at 410-632-3177.





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Mid-Atlantic Symphony to perform in OP this Sunday

(Nov. 10, 2022) Presenting Antonio Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" and Astor Piazzolla's "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires" (a combined Eight Seasons) on the same program seems to be a very logical pairing – and that is precisely why the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra's November program will feature violinist Igor Yuzefovich's version of these two works.

On Sunday, Nov. 13 at 3 p.m., hear the performance at the Community Church of Ocean Pines. Tickets cost \$50.

Although composed centuries apart – Vivaldi's work from 1716 to 1725 and Piazzolla's from 1965 to 1970 – the two works represent nature's seasons in the composers' respective times and hemispheres.

"We are so pleased to be able to bring these vibrant, joyous, and beautiful pieces to our audience," said MSO Board President Jeffrey Parker. "Igor's musicianship and understanding of these works will give our audience a perfect rendition of the two composers' visions."

The Mid-Atlantic Symphony offers a group discount for the purchase of 10 or more tickets to a single concert.

The Orchestra also makes a limited number of free tickets available for students 18 or under; tickets for accompanying parents are \$10 each.

Reservations are required for the free tickets and may be made by calling 888-846-8600.

For more information, visit www.midatlanticsymphony.org.

The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra (MSO) is the only professional symphony orchestra serving southern Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore with a full season of programs.

The MSO is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council; the Talbot County Arts Council; the Worcester County Arts Council; the Sussex County, DE Council; and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Inc.

LSLT celebrating conservation efforts at Flannel Formal Sat.

(Nov. 10, 2022) Tickets are now available for the Flannel Formal, the annual celebration of land conservation held each year to benefit the Lower Shore Land Trust, on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 3-6 p.m.

The event will include a pig roast, oysters on the half shell and other treats as well as beer, wine, a Bloody Mary bar, and live music from Margot Resto & Fil Rhythm Band.

Wear flannel to celebrate the season.

Tickets cost \$75 and are available online at https://lower-shore-landtrust.networkforgood.com/events/45 623-2022-flannel-formal It will be held at Brooklyn Meadows, 10442 Brooklyn Lane (also known as Katelyn Lane) in Berlin.

The Stephen N. Parker Conservation Legacy Award will be awarded at the Flannel Formal as well.

This award is to be given in honor of renowned conservationist, Stephen N. Parker, to recognize a landowner or conservation practitioner for their contributions to private land conservation on the Lower Eastern Shore.

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Ribbon cutting for fiber installation for Newark in Oct.

(Nov. 10, 2022) The Worcester County Commissioners joined Bay Country Communications officials at the foot of the Newark water tower on Oct. 19 to cut the ribbon on a new fiber-optic installation project to make broadband available in the Newark area.

The company is known for its partnership initiatives, county officials said, and representatives from both Talkie Communications and Choptank Fiber were also on hand to celebrate the new stretch of fiber backbone.

"Bay Country Communications is making rapid progress to install a fiber-optic network to make broadband available in Newark and are making their way down south," Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young said. "This expansion is possible thanks in large part to the commissioners who have made extending the much-needed high-speed fiber to all rural areas of the county their number one priority.

"To accomplish this wide-scale, \$67.6 million initiative, the commissioners have provided incentives to Bay Country Communications, Choptank Fiber, and Talkie Communications, the three vendors that have stepped forward to tackle rural broadband projects in Worcester County."

County incentives include applying for state and federal pass-through grants on behalf of these organizations and distributing roughly \$7 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds allocated to Worcester County to shovel-ready rural broadband projects.

This includes allocated \$1 million in Rescue Plan funds to Bay Country with a 15 percent match, to install approximately 31.8 miles of fiber in the Newark area.

Bay Country isn't new to Worcester County. In 2016, the company stepped in to provide service to the Worcester County Developmental



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Center after the organization lost its original internet provider.

"The WCDC project became much more time-consuming and costly than we anticipated," said Brian Roche, chief technology officer for the Bay Country Communications Fiber and Maryland Broadband Cooperative board member.

"We persevered. We leveraged a portion of the ... network and fellow member Choptank Electric Cooperative's fiber to get the WCDC connected. The entire project is an example of the way our company has done business over the past 30 years — bringing local partners together to solve the complicated problem of getting broadband to underserved communities. Since then, we have continued to invest in the area and solidified our ongoing commitment to the citizens of Newark and Worcester County."

Bay Country, a founding member of the cooperative, is installing 32 miles of fiber to make broadband available to another 566 homes and 10 businesses south and east of Newark. Those residing in this service area may sign up for service or request additional information by visiting bcctv.com.





44th Annual Christmas Bazaar

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FIRE ASSEMBLY

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Worcester Preparatory School hosted the Berlin Fire Company for a Fire Prevention Assembly to raise awareness of fire safety measures on Oct. 11. Berlin Fire Company Spokesperson Jimmy Corron highlighted the importance of establishing fire safety practices, and students also got to meet Sparky the Fire Dog. Pictured is Camille Jenkin's fifth grade class with firefighters Colbey Sirman and Nate Thompson and Corron.



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SOUP COOK-OFF

Barbara Entwistle, Dress Ministry director, and volunteer Veronica Weiss greet visitors at the Soup Cook-off held in Berlin on Oct. 15. Dress Ministery is a Delmarva-based group that provides missionaries with clothing, personal care items, sleep mats and other needed supplies for children. The money raised at the Soup Cook-off will pay for transporting these supplies.



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Every year at Christmas, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City rings the bell for the Salvation Army's "Red Kettle" Campaign at the Berlin Walmart on Rt. 50. Capt. Matthew Trantham is pictured with Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing after he was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting on Oct. 12.



RED KETTLE



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The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines named Alison Webb Schweiger as the November Crafter of the Month.

OP Pine'eer's Nov. crafter of month Alison Schweiger

(Nov. 10, 2022) The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines named Alison Webb Schweiger as the November Crafter of the Month.

Schweiger worked as a floral designer for 45 years in the Baltimore area. About five years ago, she retired and moved to Ocean Pines with her husband, Joe.

Upon moving to Ocean Pines and finding pine needles everywhere, Schweiger decided to take up basket making.

To make the baskets, Schweiger collects needles from her yard. She chooses only the very long ones and picks them up, one by one. She also obtains, locally and with permission, extra-long needles from a special Southern Long Needle Pine.

Schweiger then incorporates interesting bases, beads, dyed needles, shells, feathers, and other found objects in her one-of-a-kind creations.

She has been a member of the Pine'eer Craft Club for more than a year. Along with her artistic creations, Schweiger also helps to create the craft displays at the Pine'eer Craft Store in Ocean Pines.

View Schweiger's projects and other handmade items at the Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park, on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

The shop is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit https://www.oceanpines.org/web/page s/artisan-gift-shop.

EAGLE SCOUT

Jace Rabon of Boy Scout Troop 225, was presented his Eagle Scout merit award at a Court of Honor by Scoutmaster Clint Bickford on Oct. 16 at Ocean City Lodge #2645. He is also pictured with his parents, Brandy and Jason. SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

(Nov. 10, 2022) The Worcester County Public Schools Board of Education discussed the following matters at its Oct. 18 meeting.

Public comment/board response

Several members of the community approached the board to express their feelings on the book "All Boys Aren't Blue" during the public comment portion of the meeting.

During the board's reports, nearly all board members responded that the procedure to review the book "All Boys Aren't Blue" was followed to the letter.

The review process ended following the superintendent's review and determination, as the original complainant on this book did not appeal the superintendent's decision within the time detailed in the procedure.

Policy revisions

The board unanimously approved two policy revisions.

Policy II-B-04: Grade Weight & Student Records was revised to ensure that course language contained in the policy accurately reflects the language of the Worcester County High School course catalog.

Policy IV-A-11: Foreign Exchange Student Program was revised to adjust the submission deadline for approved student placement agencies from May 1 to June 1, to align better with the school year calendar. The adjustment also changed deadlines for other milestones in the timeline.

The Worcester County Teachers Association and the Worcester County Educational Support Personnel Association announced their respective negotiating teams for FY24 contract negotiations.

The school system previously announced its negotiating teams at the September meeting.

Commendations

Student athletes from all across the county were honored by the board for their exemplary performance during the spring sports season.

The leadership of Berlin Intermediate School was honored by the board for the school's being named an Apple Distinguished School (2022-2025).

The WCBOE thanked the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club for its continued support of schools.

The club was recognized for funding the establishment of Imagination Studios, a state-of-the-art professional learning lab at the board of education office.

Proclamations

October marks National Principals

Month, so the board presented Dr. Amy Gallagher (Berlin Intermediate), Thomas Sites (Stephen Decatur High School), and Ryan Cowder (Showell) with a proclamation honoring them and their school principal colleagues.

WCPS Transportation Manager Kim Heiser and Bus Contractor Association President Alan Hudson were presented with a proclamation in honor of School Bus Safety Week, which was Oct. 17-21.

WCPS Manager of School Safety Shawn Goddard, Sgt. Mark Powell, and Cpl. Mike Valerio were presented with a proclamation honoring Oct. 16-22, as National Safe Schools Week.



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Opinion

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Commissioners could shift to new majority

Nothing is forever in government and politics, although the time between shifts in philosophy and approach might seem like an eternity to the members of a minority voting bloc.

Keeping that in mind, things are looking up for county commissioners Ted Elder, Jim Bunting and Chip Bertino, whose constituencies reside mostly outside the Ocean City resort area's sphere of influence.

The trio of dependable "no" votes that have been thwarted routinely by a four-member majority over the last four years are on the verge of enjoying a reversal of fortune that will give them the voting edge for a change.

The election victory Tuesday of Caryn Abbott in the Pocomoke district over incumbent Josh Nordstrom should give Elder, Bunting and Bertino the fourth vote they need to take charge of the discussion.

Whether that's a good thing or a bad thing is a matter of personal perspective, but it's certainly on the positive side of the equation for Ocean Pines, which would have two commissioners in the majority voting bloc.

That doesn't mean Ocean Pines could ask for and get whatever it wants, but it does give it an edge in discussions that involve its interests. The same cannot be said for Ocean City, however, with its representative, Joe Mitrecic, now facing more of an uphill battle to get what he wants for his district now that he doesn't have the votes to back him up.

All this bears watching in the months ahead as county officials begin preparing their budget for the next fiscal year.

As for a sports complex being constructed anywhere near Berlin, that doesn't appear to be in the cards anytime soon, at least by a 4-3 vote.



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"BAYSIDE GAZETTE"

OP farmers market offseason hours

(Nov. 10, 2022) The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market has returned to offseason hours of 9 a.m. to noon in White Horse Park.

Along with the new hours, Market Manager David Bean said several new merchants recently joined the marketplace.

That includes Abigail Farm, a hydroponic operation based in Worcester County and offering a selection of microgreens.

"Abigail Farms uses green technology and automation in harmony with mother nature to produce microgreens. Solar energy, hydroponics and vertical farming allow them to maximize production in a minimal farming footprint," Bean said.

Bean said microgreens are also quite useful in the kitchen.

"Sprouts bring a burst of flavor to anything you add them too. Sprinkle them on a salad, atop a cracker with hummus, or stuffed into a sandwich," he said.

Also new to the marketplace is Story Hill Farm from Frankford, Delaware. Owners Steven and Helen Raleigh will bring heritage pork and grass-fed beef, starting on Saturday, Nov. 12.

"In addition to the great products their farm produces, the Raleigh's are actively involved with the community and bring awareness to the importance of small family farms," Bean said. "I have no doubt that our marketplace shoppers are going to fall in love with this local farm family."

Steven Raleigh said his booth will offer "every cut you can imagine of pork and beef," including hams, bacon, scrapple, sausage, briskets, shoulders, ribs, chops and steaks.

"Bring your cooler and load up on all the bounty we've worked so hard to produce for you," Raleigh said.

Belle Grove Tea Co. recently joined the marketplace and serves blends of loose-leaf teas. Flavors include Cranbernet, Berry Lavender and Mighty Green Mint. Belle Grove also carries a unique line of flowering tea balls that bloom when steeped in a tea pot.

Additionally, owner Christy McDowell offers catered tea parties and rental services.

"Christy is very passionate about her teas and the services that she has for her customers. It's fun to talk with her and learn about the world of teas," Bean said.

The market also boasts two new bakeries, Anne's Cake Shoppe and Vivian's House. The former offers gluten-free delights including German chocolate cupcakes and oatmeal cream pies, and the latter specializes in cakes and cookies made with all-natural ingredients.

Stag Run Farm has been a staple of the Ocean Pines market for nearly a decade, and recently announced the addition of locally pressed apple cider, the only operation of its kind on the Delmarva Peninsula.

"From the most colorful stacks of produce to the most awesome baked goods, these market days are a true foodie's dream," Bean said. "We will never be done growing our market for our loyal shoppers, who come to support our merchants from near and far every week."

For the holidays, a pair of Thanksgiving markets are scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon and on Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 9-11 a.m.

"If you're baking a pumpkin pie from scratch, you'll find all the pumpkins you need at our market," Bean said. "If you want one of our bakers to bake it for you, you'll find the pies here – and no one needs to know that you didn't make it yourself!"

The Market will return to in-season hours on Saturday, March 4.

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

This letter was sent to The Honorable Horacio Tablada, secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment.

And forwarded to Ocean City Today.

Water and sewer plan

Dear Secretary Tablada,

Before you now is a change to the Worcester County Water and Sewer Master Plan that would extend the City of Pocomoke's wastewater treatment services into Accomack County, Virginia, solely for the benefit of a private business located in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Worcester County Commissioners adopted this expansion on Oct. 18, 2022, without first securing an agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia and State of Maryland.

Instead, the Worcester County Commissioners relied on assurances from the petitioner, Royal Farms Inc., that Virginia approved allowing Royal Farms to connect to sewer pipes installed in 2010 to carry wastewater exclusively from the Commonwealth's New Church Welcome Center to Maryland.

Royal Farms requested this change in the master plan to cut operating costs at its New Church store in Accomack County. No officials from the Commonwealth of Virginia or Accomack County appeared at Worcester County's public hearing to support the change. No written comments from Virginia were presented.

The Worcester County Commissioners also relied on assurances from the Worcester County Planning Commission that extending the City of Pocomoke's wastewater treatment service area into Virginia is consistent with the Worcester County Comprehensive Master Plan.

The Comprehensive Master Plan does not address adding Virginia to Worcester County's jurisdiction or the City of Pocomoke's service area.

In fact, the change from no planned service to immediate service potentially creates new development opportunities that are not anticipated in Worcester County's Comprehensive Plan.

There is an existing 2010 agreement between Virginia's highway department and Worcester County applicable to treating wastewater generated by Virginia's New Church Visitor Center.

This agreement appears to give the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) the exclusive right to determine whether other Virginia properties can use the collector pipes transporting wastewater to Pocomoke's connection in Maryland. The Worcester County Planning Commission has no role in the 2010 agreement with VDOT.

In addition, the Planning Commission claimed expanding the wastewater treatment service area would have several positive environmental benefits.

The Planning Commission provided no independent analysis of how additional service to Virginia customers would improve water quality in the Pocomoke River, the recipient of the City of Pocomoke's wastewater discharge.

Nor did the Planning Commission independently assess alternatives, such as land application in Virginia, for treating wastewater from the Royal Farms store in New Church, Virginia.

Normally, a regional or interstate wastewater management agreement defines the responsibilities of the government agencies authorized to oversee the collection, treatment and discharge of wastewater within the area governed by the agreement.

Neither the City of Pocomoke nor Worcester County showed a new, interstate agreement had been reached with the Commonwealth prior to Worcester County's decision to accept wastewater from Virginia for discharge into the Pocomoke River.

The Pocomoke River is a designated scenic river that originates and stays within the State of Maryland before entering the Chesapeake Bay. It is a slow flush system with limited ability to assimilate wastewater nutrients, even those reduced by advanced treatment.

Moreover, the impact of increasing loadings of wastewater disinfectants should be examined before the Pocomoke is designated as the discharge point for this region.

This action by Worcester County essentially sets a precedent, giving county governments a claim to the authority to negotiate interstate compacts where no such authority has been assigned by the State of Maryland or the government of the United States.

I am urging you to conclude Royal Farms has not shown that Virginia determined the septic system serving its Accomack County store had failed and cannot be rehabilitated.

Further, that Royal Farms provided no documents from Virginia declaring Royal Farms and Virginia had explored all treatment options in Virginia, where grant funding may be available to help businesses that collect sales taxes and pay other taxes to Accomack County and the Commonwealth.

In addition, I urge you to advise Worcester County that it lacks the authority to expand wastewater treatment to Virginia users other than the Welcome Center without the approval of the Department of Environ-Continued on Page 21



Bayside Gazette

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Tuna poke in Hawaiian barbecue sauce

To build a wine cellar, or not to build a wine cellar.



Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, or to, once again, simply build a wine cellar.

By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

This is what vexes me on sleepless nights. Well, there are other things,

but this is what woke me up last night.

I guess this is what happens when you're a 54-year-old with a mind that runs like an out-of-control freight train.

Wine has always been a fascinating subject to me. Who is the best? France? Italy? The U.S.? Are there good wines in the islands? Japan?

Can Sake really live up to European classics, and should I serve this during the holiday parties with tuna poke or sushi?

As the modern world has evolved into this strange realm of over-extracted, 'jammy' and viscous syrups, you have to be careful not to overlook the Old Country style of winemaking.

If you drink many wines in and from Europe, you will notice that they are not as rich and full-bodied as their cousins in the New World, notably New Zealand, the U.S., South Africa et al.

The reason for this is wine was originally meant to be consumed with food, not as a stand-alone beverage as we see with so many interesting vintages nowadays.

In fact, I have had a number Italian and French wines over the years that didn't resonate without the accompaniment of a glorious pasta dish or coq au vin, but with said food, the wine selection was magical.

Of course, it would not be a stretch to think that most, if not all, winemakers whether European or American, have at least one over-extracted fruit bomb in their repertoire.

Years ago, some fellow chefs and I visited a winery on the Eastern Shore some distance from here.

During the tasting, every sampling was incredibly sweet and after the fourth one, a colleague spoke up and asked "These are all so sweet. You obviously know how to make wine. What's going on?"

The answer was heartbreaking,



but the vintner told us that the level of sales of his wines was directly corelated to the sugar levels.

The higher the sugar content, the quicker it would sell. We all notably guffawed, and he invited us back into the fermentation room where he gave us samples from a gorgeous chardonnay straight from the tank.

We all said we would buy a "case of that today", but he said it was for a restaurant client and he still had 200 pounds of sugar to add to it.

We sighed and walked away sad. You must play to the crowd, I guess.

So back to the wine cellar. I have always wanted a cellar to properly store wines, 55° F with a humidity level of 50 percent.

With bottles resting on their side, the corks will have much less propensity to dry out and your bottles will stay airtight. If your temperature is too low, the aging process will fall almost dormant. If too high, it can age the wines too quickly and ruin them.

And don't forget about the types of wines that you can age. Don't just think the classics.

Consider a Grand Cru chardonnay (a noble grape), expanding your Sake collection and, of course, your everyday wines.

In 1994, I was fortunate enough to taste a Martha's Vinevard chardonnay from the 1970s (possibly a Heitz that was offered to us, the staff at Citronelle, by Robert Parker himself) and we could not comprehend how this was possible. And that is the joy of wine.

In your cellar, don't forget a nice Sake selection for your Japanese-inspired meals.

Don't forget Rieslings (an oft-overlooked grape) that can be bone-dry to sweet. That is up to you. Just make sure you don't neglect this. Have some on hand for your party platter of tuna poke.

And Hamlet, leave me alone with your monologues. I need sleep.

Tuna Poke Platter

serves 4

1# fresh ahi tuna 1/2 c. Hawaiian BBQ Sauce (Recipe follows)

4 c. Sushi rice, cooked

1/2 c. Seaweed salad (purchased online)

1/4 c. Pickled ginger

3 scallions, cut on the bias, whites in the poke, greens as garnish

1/2 ea. Vidalia onion, fine julienne

Sesame seeds and sushi seasoning, to taste

• Dice the tuna into small pieces and toss with BBQ sauce, scallion whites and onions. Set aside until ready to assemble.

• Place sushi rice on a platter, and top with the tuna, seaweed salad, pickled ginger.

• Season with the sesame seeds and any sushi seasoning that you may have laying around.

Hawaiian BBQ Sauce

makes about 1 quart

- 1 c. Soy sauce
- 1 c. Pineapple juice
- 2 Tbsp. Ketchup

1/2 c. Rice wine vinegar

- 1/2 c. Brown sugar, light
- 1/4 c. Roasted garlic
- 3" piece of peeled ginger, fresh
- 3 Tbsp. Black and white sesame seeds

2 Tbsp. Red pepper flakes

• Combine everything in a saucepan except for the sesame seeds and pepper flakes.

• Bring to a simmer and slowly reduce until it has slightly thickened. As it cools down, it will thicken more. Also, the more you reduce it, the saltier it will be, so be judicious in your simmering actions.

 Strain to remove ginger after you are happy with the consistency.

• Add the sesame seeds and red pepper flakes and refrigerate until ready to use.

> - Paul Suplee is the owner of boxcar40, boxcar on main, boxcar crafted events and sportfish catering. www.boxcarrestaurants.com

ROY MICHAEL FOREMAN

Ocean Pines

Roy Michael Foreman, 73, of Ocean Pines, Maryland, passed away Nov. 3, 2022.

Born in Washington D.C., he was the son of the late William Foreman and Elizabeth (McLean) Foreman.

He was the beloved husband of Candace Foreman.

In addition to his wife, Roy is survived by his children, Sean Foreman (Katherine) and Timothy Foreman (Ann Marie); his g r a n d c h i l d r e n , Ember, Orion and Alice; brothers, John



Roy M. Foreman

Foreman (Linda) and Daniel Foreman (Daphne); as well as numerous nieces and nephews and, great nieces and nephews.

He was a graduate of Salisbury University where he met his wife, Candy, of nearly 50 years.

He taught Social Studies as a teacher in Prince George's County for 35 years.

A true history buff, he was heavily involved in historical reenacting in both the Fort McHenry Guard and the First New Jersey Blues Revolutionary War Unit.

Roy was a devoted father to his two sons, Sean and Tim. He was also very involved in their numerous activities at all ages.

He heavily encouraged and guided them both to be better than him and reach the highest level of Scouting as Eagle Scouts.

The family tradition is in good hands as all three of his grandchil-

Letters to the Editor

Continued from Page 19 ment, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources.

There are other issues that appear to make this expansion endorsed by the Worcester County Planning Commission little more than a land grab by the planners and a bailout for Royal Farms.

For example, the financial terms clearly benefit Royal Farms, while doing little more for Pocomoke than help pay for treatment system upgrades that are needed to service the 29-year-old Royal Farms store.

Royal Farms' attorney claimed it is his understanding the store will be closed and jobs will be lost if the connection to Pocomoke's treatment system is not approved.

Royal Farms offered no assurance this store would remain open for any set period if the connection is approved.

Stephen Katsanos Berlin dren are currently involved in the Scouting program.

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Roy retired and settled in Ocean Pines in 2006.

He has been an extremely active member of the Ocean Pines Kiwanis Club, where he has served as president twice as well as other various leadership roles throughout the years.

Roy lived a rich life and enjoyed many things, be it bowling in the Young at Heart League, or simply enjoying a cold one and yelling at the Redskins with friends and family.

One of his greatest enjoyments was traveling the world with his wife and family. He recently returned from a very exciting Mediterranean Cruise.

Without a doubt, most importantly, was spending quality time with friends and family.

A visitation will be held at The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, Maryland, on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 from 2-4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Roy's name may be made to the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines Foundation, 174 Sandy Hook Rd., Berlin, Maryland 21811.

Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, Maryland. Condolences may be shared via: www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each

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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.

Sat., Nov. 12

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Matthews by-the-Sea United Methodist Church, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Featuring baked goods, crafts, jewelry, White Elephant sale, attic treasures and more. Serving homemade soups. Donna, 301-512-7146.

AGH PENGUIN SWIM APPRECIATION WEEK-END

The Shrimp Boat Restaurant and Seafood Market, 9724 Stephen Decatur Highway, Ocean City, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., Featuring \$12/lb. or 5lb. for \$50 shrimp. Eat in or carry out, steamed or raw. \$1.99 steamed crabs. Eat in or Carry out, available till 3pm each day. Bake sale. Leave a donation take home a dessert! 410-213-0448.

SHOPPER FAIR

Willards Fire Co, 35356 Regnault St., Willards, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Featuring many different vendors, breakfast and lunch items and baked goods available. 757-408-3170.

8TH ANNUAL STORM WARRIORS 5K WALK AND RUN

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9-11 a.m., Registration begins at 8 a.m. Awards in many age groups and an overall award. Participation cost is \$30 at https://www.ocmuseum.org/5k-walk-run. Benefiting the museum.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 9:30 a.m. Big Bird is back to tell his story and talk about all things fishing. Also, updates on the new whale migration speed limits, menhaden rules and members charter trips. All welcome. 410-641-7662.

44TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Christmas Home Place, vintage and new jewelry, bakery delights and gifts, silent auction and carry out lunch (chicken salad and homemade soups). AUMC Thirft Shop will also be open. 410-289-7430.

DIANA MCDONOUGH RELEASE OF; GINGER STAR

The Greyhound - An Indie Bookstore, 9 S. Main St., Berlin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Local author Diana McDonough will be selling and signing her newest novel. This book completes the trilogy of the; Stuck in the Onesies series. dianamcdonough.com.

CRAFTY SATURDAY; PAPER PLATE CRAFTS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 10 a.m. Make animals, masks, boats, cars and more out of paper plates. Prepare for a mess. For ages 4 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

DRIVE THRU LUNCH

Powellville Volunteer Fire Co, 5085 Powellville Road, Pittsville, 10 a.m. Offering oyster fritter sandwiches for \$12, chicken salad sandwiches for \$5 or \$8 per pint, Maryland crab soup for \$7, pint of chili for \$6 and peas and dumplings for \$6. 410-251-1647.

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURE

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

SATURDAY MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, 11 a.m. Join the group for this biographical football movie starring Denzel Washington. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

JEWELRY MAKING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 12-2 p.m., Spend the afternoon make jewelry. Supplies will be provided to share, but feel free to bring your own also. For ages 12 years and older. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

LOWER SHORE LAND TRUST FLANNEL FOR-MAL

The Manor at Brooklyn Meadows, 10442 Katelyn Lane, Berlin, 3-6 p.m., Pig roast, shucked oysters, desserts, bloody Mary bar, craft beer, wine, outdoor yard games and live music. Wear your best flannel. Tickets cost \$75 at www.lowershorelandtrust.org or 443-234-5587.

POT ROAST DINNER

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 5-7 p.m., Homemade tender pot roast with potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. Cost is \$15. Dine-in or carryout. Call 410-641-2186 or email

bethany21811@gmail.com by Nov. 11 to place an order.

Sun., Nov. 13

MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY PRESENTS; EIGHT SEASONS

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, Berlin, 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$50 at

www.midatlanticsymphony.org or 888-846-8600. There are a limited amount of Continued on Page 24

Thur., Nov. 10

RIGAMAJIG THURSDAYS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Join in anytime 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; THINGS THAT FLY

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

ROCK LEGENDS SERIES; JIMI HENDRIX

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 2 p.m. Watch a 1973 documentary focusing on Hendrix's career triumphs, from the Monterey Pop Festival to Woodstock. Also featured are Eric Clapton, Mick Jagger and Little Richard. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

TRIVIA WITH THE LIBRARY

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, 2 p.m. Test your knowledge and win prizes.

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

SMITH ISLAND CAKE DEMO

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, 2 p.m.. Lisa Evans teaches the secrets and tips for making this famous cake. Sampling included. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

TURKEY RACES

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, 3:30 p.m. Craft the fastest turnkeys possible and race them. For ages 5-10 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

ZUMBA FOR ALL

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

Fri., Nov. 11

MID-MORNING CRAFT;MAKE A WISH (11:11)

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin. 10:30 a.m. Make some crafts to celebrate all of the wish makers and dreamers. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-2600. www.worces-

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VETERANS DAY CEREMONY; OCEAN PINES

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. 11 a.m. The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation will host a traditional ceremony to commemorate Veterans Day. Ceremony will include patriotic music from the Delmarva Chorus, a color guard presentation of Local Legion representatives, and an address by guest speaker Dr. Jeff Hilovsky.

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HOBBIES CLUB; CREATIVE WRITING WORK-SHOP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 1 p.m. Explore the world of storytelling, poetry and more. The group will begin with a simple idea with participants. For ages 6 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-

2600.

76TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, Annual Veterans Day ceremony at 1:30 p.m. The event will feature speakers who served in WWII, Cold War and Vietnam War, wreath presented in memory of P.O.W., Snow Hill High School Junior ROTC presenting the colors, "Taps" being played and a rifle salute. Service awards will also be presented. A light lunch will be served after. Open to the public. For more information, call the America Legion at 410-289-3166

OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH: ABUN-DANCE; BY SENA JETER NASLUND

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 2 p.m. Marie Antoinette was sent from her family and country at the age of 14 to become the wife of the future King of France. Books available at the branch. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

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free tickets for students 18 years and younger with tickets for accompanying parents for \$10 each.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$75, \$65 and \$55. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Art League of Ocean City. Tickets: https://ocmdperformingartscenter.com/upcoming-events/fiddler-on-the-roof22.

Mon., Nov. 14

MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS REPORT CARD AND STATE OF THE BAYS

Ocean City Marlin Club Inc, 9659 Golf Course Road, Ocean City, 1-5 p.m., Unveiling of the 2021 Coastal Bays Report Card and the five-year State of the Bays report. Public is welcomed to come learn about the current results and initiatives to protect the Coastal Bays. 410-213-2297.

MONDAY MUSIC MASTERS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 1 p.m. Learn how to build your own sound. Hear how different sounds can be made using various methods on instruments. Recommended for children ages 9 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 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.

GREATEST SPORTS MOVIES

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

STORY STONES

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 3:30 p.m. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month and learn about story stones and make some for vourself. For ages 8 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY OF BERLIN -**GROUP #169**

Atlantic General Hospital - Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 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 Campion, 410-641-0157.

TED TALK: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE Worcester County Library - Snow Hill

Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, 5:30 p.m. Elena Coelho facilitates a few talks that look at race through art. Join in for some stimulating and thoughtprovoking conversations. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

Tues., Nov. 15

PARACHUTE GAMES

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

STORY TIME; NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 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.

OC KNITTING GROUP

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

BLOCK PARTY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill. 11 a.m. Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, join in for a block party. Play with blocks and other toys while socializing with other families. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

TRIVIA WITH JIM MECKLEY TALKING TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 3-4:30 p.m., A turkey time trivia contest. Prizes awarded to the top three teams. Refreshments provided. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

NINTENDO SWITCH GAME NIGHT

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 5 p.m. Play Nintendo Switch on a large projector. For ages 10 years and older and their families. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

UPCYCLED CRAFT NIGHT & WREATHS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, 5:30 p.m. An evening of crafting with upcycled items. Supplies provided but space is limited. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under Events or 410-957-0878.

Wed., Nov. 16

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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



THANK YOU

The Community Church at Ocean Pines recently celebrated its 40th anniversary with a compilation of church history shown prior to each Sunday service. The celebration culminated with all three services coming together for worship followed by a party where Reverend Dale Brown, District Superintendent Rev. Christina Blake, former church pastors and parishioners enjoyed dinner and festivities. Diane Holmes presents Celebration Co-Chair Andrea Barnes with thank you bouquet. Diane McGraw and Pastor Dale Brown look on.

KIWANIS COAT & TOY DRIVE

Ocean Pines Community Center Parking Lot, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 9 a.m.-noon, Coats may be new or gently used and toys, new and unwrapped. Coats are for local charities to distribute and toys for Worcester G.O.L.D. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City.

EASTERN SHORE SEWIST

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 10 a.m. Sewing education, activities and textile crafts. For artisans of all skill levels. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

STORY TIME; SHAPES

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10:30 a.m. Practice recognizing shapes with stories and games. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. & 'Jack' Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 1-2 p.m., For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880.

SMITH ISLAND CAKE DEMO

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, 2 p.m. Lisa Evans teaches the secrets and tips for making this famous cake. Sampling included. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 3-4 p.m., For stroke survivors, family and friends. bglime@atlanticgeneral.org. 410-641-4765.

PUZZLE PIECE WREATHS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 3:30 p.m. Use hot glue to make wreaths. Parental supervision required. For ages 10 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600.

ONGOING EVENTS

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, Nov. 17 through Dec. 31. An expanded walking tour through thousands of sparkling holiday lights. Also featuring hot chocolate, photos with Santa, gift shop and a 50-foot Christmas tree. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Admission cost is \$6 for adults and free to children 11 years and younger. Event is weather permitting. Pets are welcome on Wednesdays. 410-250-0125, 800-626-2326

TINY ART CONTEST 'CLAY EDITION'

Takes place at all branches of the Worcester County Library. Pick up a Take & Make Kit from November 1-12. Submit your creation by Nov. 14 for judging. First place winners from each branch will win an art kit. For ages 6-10 years and 11-15 vears.

WINTER TRAIN GARDEN

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Nov. 15 through Jan. 15, 2023. Interact with buttons that activate accessories and sounds and participate in a scavenger hunt. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ART EXHIBIT

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, until Jan. 31. Featuring 3-D framed pictures created mostly from vintage jewelry plus picture of crabs, birds and seascapes produced from products of the sea. 410-208-4014.

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