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TABLE FOR ONE A heron examines its dining options while standing on a fish-cleaning station in Ocean Pines.

CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## Rt. 90 bridge repairs to begin

(Jan. 26, 2023) The State Highway Administrationwill begin routine maintenance work on the Route 90 bridges over the St. Martin River and the Assawoman Bay on Monday.

Crews will make repairs to the bridge deck and substructure to prepare for the summer season.

Work is expected to be complete by late spring.

Crews will work 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday. Motorists can expect intermittent single-lane closures with a work zone and flagging operation.

The work zone will accommo-See RT. 90 Page 3

# **Heron Park prospect has** added time to negotiate

Town agrees to extension of exclusivity agreement with Coastal Ventures

**By Jack Chavez** Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) The Town of Berlin is extending its exclusive negotiation privilege agreement with Coastal Ventures Properties – the developer assessing Heron Park - by 180 days.

The mayor and Town Council discussed the idea Monday night before voting 3-1 in favor, with Councilmember Burrell opposed and Councilmember Shaneka Nichols absent.

The pre-vote discussion included a

suggestion from Councilmember Jack Orris to shorten the window to 90 days.

"I feel like another six months is just another six months to drag it on,' he said.

Mayor Zack Tyndall said 90 days runs the risk of having to renew the agreement for a second 90-day period if progress were to stall, which would ultimately waste more time. Besides, he added, Coastal Ventures is already in agreement on 180 days.

Burrell suggested they don't extend the period at all.

"I think the council has been briefed on some level with memos as to where our agreement stands or ne-See PROSPECTIVE Page 3

# **Cleaning local waters with** help from mighty mollusks

'Oyster gardening' does more than people realize by filtering out nutrients

### **By Cindy Hoffman**

Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) Dave Allen began raising oysters off his dock in Ocean Pines last February after hearing a presentation by Joe Jankowski about how to help clean the St. Martin's River.

Jankowski, who also lives in Ocean Pines, works with the Protectors of the St. Martin's River on the Oyster Restoration Project. He attended a Marine Advisory Committee in Ocean Pines to promote the idea of canal owners raising oysters to help improve the health of local waterways.

That might sound like using a toothbrush to sweep Ocean Parkway in terms of scale, but the filter-feeding oyster is one mighty mollusk in terms of its cleaning ability. Research See SINGLE Page 2



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYISIDE GAZETTE Dave Allen with a seed oyster.



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# Single oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water daily

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by NOAA has found that a single adult oyster of three-to-five inches long can filter more than 50 gallons of water a day, every day, for up to 20 years.

Considering that Allen purchased two cages from Jankowski for \$35 a piece and 75 seed oysters for \$5, that means if all his seed oysters made it to maturity, they would be removing nutrients such as nitrogen from 3,750 gallons of water daily.

Jankowski makes the cages himself out of PVC pipe and thick plastic mesh and sells them at cost to anyone interested in growing oysters, also called oyster gardening. He says, "He builds about 20 cages each year in his free time.'

Allen's first batch of oysters matured by November. At that point, he returned them to Jankowski to be planted on a reef in St. Martin's River. He forked over another \$5 for his next batch of seed oysters, which are now growing off his dock in one cage. Once they start to mature, he will move half of them into the other cage, so they have more room, and the cage is not too heavy to lift out of the water.

"Maintenance is pretty easy," said Allen. All he must do is pull the cage up and down twice a month to wash out any muck. In warmer months he hoses them off. Allen said, "For a little effort, there is a great benefit," he said.

Allen encourages all canal owners to participate in this project. He said people take the local waterways for granted. He said, "Let's cherish it and not let it erode.'

Has Allen ever been tempted to harvest them for a nice oyster stew? "They have become like a pet to me now, so I don't want to eat them." If he is in the mood for oysters, he'd rather go to the Full Moon Saloon in West Ocean City and enjoy them there.

The Oyster Gardening program is a project of Maryland Coastal Bays Program and Protectors of the St. Martin River.

Once the oysters mature, oyster gardeners return them so they can be added to a local restoration site or oyster reef in the Isle of Wight Bay.

Carly Toulan, an environmental scientist with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) said, "MCBP's program is open to all full-time residents of the coastal bays area that have water access to hang an oyster cage. The Protectors of the St. Martin also has a handful of members who live outside of Ocean Pines along the St. Martin River. The Coastal Bays Program currently has 38 oyster gardening volunteers who maintain 30 cages.

Jankwoski said, "I began this pro-See OYSTER Page 3





JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Berlin Mayor and Town Council voted to extend the lease agreement for Heron Park developers Coastal Ventures for 180 days during their meeting on Monday. The agreement allows the developers to figure out ways to best utilize the long-vacant space.

# **Prospective park developer** granted extension of deal

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gotiations stand," Tyndall said. "I think it's prudent (at) 180 days because we do have a little bit of work to still accomplish. It's not just working through some of the items that we have on our most recent agenda."

Councilmember Jay Knerr asked what is impeding the development of a contract right now.

Town attorney Dave Gaskill said now is the time to have that done.

"We're likely going to have some more survey work because, as it stands right now, the town intends to keep part of the property and the metes and bounds of what is being kept need to be laid out," he said. Heron Park, the site of the former Tyson chicken processing plant, has been a mostly unused eyesore for the Town of Berlin for years as the town looks for ways to revitalize the nonetheless promising property.

The agreement stipulates that Coastal Ventures has the exclusive right to negotiate with the mayor and council for the purchase and/or lease of three Heron Park properties owned by the town.

"We're looking forward to continuing the conversation with Coastal Ventures," Tyndall said after the meeting. "We're looking forward to it and hope to pass something to report back to the public very soon."

## Rt. 90 bridge work coming up

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date emergency vehicle access to each side of the bridges. Motorists are encouraged to use Route 50 to and from downtown Ocean City as an alternate route during the project duration.

ANA Contracting of Bethesda will perform the work.

## **'Oyster gardens' help clear water**

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gram in 2014. It has ballooned into about 65 people buying cages with seed oysters."

For more information on this program, contact Carly Toulan at ctoulan@mdcoastalbays.org Those interested in growing oysters off their dock or bulkhead can contact the Protectors of the St. Martin River at protectorsstmartinriver@yahoo.com. For a list of all major SHA projects, go to "Project Portal" or visit the SHA home page at roads.maryland.gov. For a look at real-time traffic conditions, go to md511.maryland.gov



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# January GM report highlights outsourcing

Contractors being used to address lack of staff, help OP keep up with workload

### By Cindy Hoffman

Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) General Manager John Viola's presentation at the Jan. 21 board meeting included reports on maintenance, the use of contractors, and favorable finances.

He highlighted the extensive maintenance being done on the administration building, which includes painting, floors, a new ceiling, new HVAC system (hoping to get the materials in time).

The administration building certainly needed renovation," Viola said. "It's a long time coming." The work should be done by the end of February.

He added that much of the work on this and other projects is being done by outside contractors.

We are outsourcing because we don't have the people. This has resulted in tremendous savings in manpower,"he said. "I look at them as part of our team."

The work being handled by contractors includes the pipe replacement and liners, bulkhead topsoil and sod, HVAC and refrigeration, plumbing, painting, road painting,



Ocean Pines residents attend the Jan. 21 board meeting.

carpet and tile installation, drainage ditches, fencing and concrete work and T-docks replacement.

Viola asked Eddie Wells to estimate how many full-time employees (FTE) the association would need to cover all of the work being done, and Wells estimated it would amount to nine people. "Five more than we have," said Viola. "And the products and prices are good."

The marina gas dock project, which was approved by the board, is expected to be completed before the season begins in May. Viola reported

that fabrication is to begin next week. A marine contractor is lined up to install and remove the old pier as soon as the new docks arrive, which are expected in March. The estimated cost is \$633,500.

On the matter of health and safety, Viola reported that Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are now located at the racquet center, public works, all pools, the golf clubhouse, rec and parks, the yacht club, beach club, marina, administration building, and in four police cars, for a total of 19 AEDs. An outside unit has been ordered for the racquet club. Teams at each facility are trained in the use of the AED.

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Viola updated the board on the status of the amenities. He said the aquatics department is advertising to fill open positions for the season. Golf is selling rounds due to the warm weather. Interest in junior golf, club fittings and lessons is high.

He said the majority of the revenue for golf is coming from Ocean Pines residents and the surrounding area. Golf revenue is organic and he See BOARD Page 7



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The Ocean Pines Golf Course will offer more opportunities for lesson and clinics in 2023.





# **OP Golf Course offers more clinics and camps in 2023**

### **By Cindy Hoffman** Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) The Ocean Pines golf course will have more opportunities for clinics and instructions in 2023.

At the recent budget discussions with the Board of Directors and the Budget and Finance Committee, Bob Beckelman announced the golf course is bringing on Matt Ruggiere as a fulltime instructor in March.

Ruggiere is no stranger to Ocean Pines: he went through the junior golf program here and recently got his PGA membership. He played golf for Stephen Decatur High School. Other part-time instructors will also be available.

Beckelman's intent is to have enough instructors to fill the demand. "There is a huge demand for instruction in Ocean Pines and the surrounding area. The clinic end will expand quite a bit. We plan on doing junior golf clinics and camps; ladies' and men's clinics; and beginners' clinics. We already have a clinic set up in March."

The instructors will pay Ocean Pines 20 percent of their lesson income for the use of the facilities. General Manager John Viola said, "Matt is a great recruit. I knew Matt when he was about 15 and running around this place. He knows the course and he knows everybody." If this business model works out, Viola hopes to introduce it to the racquet club.

"This will be great for the community," Beckelman said. "We want to introduce people to the game and help people improve their game. Down the road, we hope people will become regular players or members."

A rate increase of \$5 during the weekend is proposed for 2023 because of the high demand.

Most membership rates increased

between 2-3 percent in the proposed budget. An individual membership is \$1,650 and family membership is \$2,550. Memberships for post-noon play are \$1,100 and \$1,800 respectively.

At the January board meeting, Justin Hartshorne, the director of golf course maintenance and his team were credited with making improvements to the conditions of the course that have made it more popular and profitable.

"We are seeing an increase in play because people see the conditions are good," Hartshorne said.

Because of this greater popularity and the improved conditions at Ocean Pines, the rates for the OP golf course packages are going up this year, Beckelman said.

"Hotels and packages wanted me to raise the rates. We were well below in our pricing in comparison to other local golf courses. We were at \$85 a round. We pushed it up to \$105. Last year, hotels brought in \$209k from November to November. "This was a big chunk of our revenue."



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The new Berlin town flag, designed by Brian Robertson Designs, could be sold in the future to help with costs associated with building a community center on Flower Street. But, town Finance Director Natalie Saleh said such profits cannot be used directly for such a purpose.

# Town discussing community center fundraising options

#### **By Jack Chavez** Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) The Berlin Mayor and Town Council began discussions during their Monday meeting to determine ways to raise money for the proposed community center on Flower Street.

Mayor Zack Tyndall has his sights set on fundraising, an effort that he stressed would "not nearly be enough to cover what we have to do" but would nonetheless make a difference.

The two main ideas he brought

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The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of Berlin Town Hall at 10 William Street, Berlin, MD to hear the Appeal.

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forth were to fundraise by selling the recently designed town flag and selling street signs that are set to be replaced soon.

"We don't have that flying anywhere (yet)," Tyndall said of the flag. "We would like to get it flying and purchase some of these, as well as tack on a donation fee for anyone who would like to purchase a flag.

He claimed that residents have already asked about purchasing street signs.

A subcommittee tasked with pursuing the community center project met Wednesday, and it was expected that they'd discuss these ideas as well. However, issues with both ideas

popped up right away.

To begin, the town would not be able to be the fundraiser for any possible merchandise.

Councilmember Jay Knerr, who owns the Kite Loft in Ocean City, pointed out that the town sells its flag at cost but can't sell them for profit.

Town finance director Natalie Saleh broke down the issues with both ideas.

"You have to have a specific program dedicated to the community and benefits," she said. "We cannot ultimately say we're going to fundraise and build a building. We have to run a program. There is legwork that needs to be done before we start ... It should have a program and purpose and the benefit outlined.'

As for the street signs, Saleh said that if they're sold at auction - as Tyndall suggested - the money must be applied to the purchase of new street signs.

"I don't think there is a profit there per se," she said. "The flags, I guess we just need to do a little more research.'

Councilmember Jack Orris said that people should know exactly what their money is going toward – more See STREET Page 7

# Berlin park lights staying on till 11

#### By Jack Chavez Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) The Berlin Mayor and Town Council are keeping the lights on late.

On Monday, the body unanimously voted to allow the tennis and basketball court lights at Stephen Decatur Park and Dr. William Henry Park to stay on until 11 p.m., well past the consensus of 9 p.m. from the town Parks Commission.

Commission Chair Mike Wiley said during the meeting that feedback from a recent survey was minimal two people said 9 p.m., two said 11 p.m. and one said no lights at all.

"We haven't heard any real negative or real positive," he said. "Just general comments about it."

During the public hearing that preceded the vote, resident Tony Weeg said that he spoke "on behalf of the kids who get off at 9 p.m. during the summer" that the lights should stay on until 11 p.m.

"I can see them through the woods. I can hear them playing. I can hear my daughter hitting tennis balls back and forth ... I think changing Decatur Park would be an absolute mistake," he said. "There are people that use it. The (Stephen) Decatur (high school) team tennis players go over there in the evenings and play after they get off work. The changing would just be nonsense."



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The lights at basketball and tennis courts at Dr. William Henry Park (pictured) and Stephen Decatur Park in Berlin will remain on until 11 p.m. after the Mayor and Town Council voted to make the hours uniform. Advocates say that it will be a benefit to people whose schedules don't necessarily align with free daytime hours during the summer, such as hospitality industry workers.

"As far as Henry Park, same scenario. You're going to have people that get off work at 9 o'clock in the summer and want to go play basketball for a couple of hours in the prime of beautiful weather. If you shut that off at 9, you're going to have no lights on during the summer, which defeats the purpose of the lights. If you kept it the same it'd be 11 p.m. at both parks."

Weeg added that if the town gets a skate park — a project that his nonprofit We Heart Berlin is working to bring to life — having all the lights go until 11 p.m. would be helpful to keeping "with the same timeframe and same thought process." Resident Gina Velong said that the later the lights are on, the better for those walking around the area as well, as it makes walkways feel safer.

However, Mary Bohlen pointed out that no one should be using park walkways after sunset. The hours for town parks are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Another resident said that it's better to know that area youth are there on the courts than anywhere else they may be at that hour and another suggested that 11 p.m. should be the absolute earliest option, never mind the latest time.

The ordinance will go into effect on Feb. 12.

### Street signs, flags among ideas for Flower St. funds

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than the general concept of a community center.

"We're fundraising for something overall but what is that? I think that right now we're at the point where it's, we know that we have a bucket ... for funds for a community center ... Selling the town flag for fundraising, OK. But asking for fundraising without a plan (is my concern)."

Councilmember Steve Green asked who would run the community center and Tyndall pointed out that Berlin Community Improvement Association has seats on the subcommittee, but it was not clear at the time if it counted as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Town administrator Mary Bohlen said that the operation of the community center wouldn't be all that different from how the Calvin B. Taylor Museum is run.

"The town owns the property and the Heritage Foundation runs the museum and does the fundraiser and that sort of thing," she said. "I think a relationship like that could be established (for the community center)."

"Whatever goes over cost would go to maintenance. It's not just profit coming to the town — it's with the intent to provide future maintenance."

# **Board provides positive outlook on finances**

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said it is a big part of the association's favorability in the budget this year. This coming season a PGA professional is coming in to provide more lessons and clinics.

Linda Martin, senior executive office manager, reported that Rec and Parks is at full capacity for the youth basketball camp, with 165 participants; indoor youth soccer with 100 participants; and the skate park is open. Racquet sports are doing well, with member play and drop in pay on good weather days and indoor pickleball fills up each week.

"If we had a bigger rec and parks building, we would fill it up. The place is packed," Viola reported.

Martin also provided an update on the Bainbridge Project one year after the completion. She said the cost of the project was \$717,337, with \$314,783 coming from OPA, and \$402,554 in grants.

Viola followed up by explaining that the main purpose of the project was water filtration for better water quality out to the bay, not flood control.

"This is the water from our area going into the bay," he said. "Everything we have done with the pipe liners and ditches... that helps with the flooding."

Viola ended his presentation with a report on the financials. The outlook is favorable due to revenue growth, re-allocation and cost efficiencies. In December, OPA saw a net favorability of \$98,000, with a year to date of \$1,036,000.

"We do have a few more months [in the fiscal year]. These are the months where we go through a lot of cash," Viola said.

In December, the total unaudited reserves were at \$8.3 million. Viola projected an increased balance of \$6,653,000 at the end of this fiscal year from \$6,147,000 in April 2022.



# **Berlin Planning Commission approves revision**

Body also gives OK to new Hebron Savings Bank to go in vacant lot off Route 50

### **By Jack Chavez**

Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) The Berlin Planning Commission heard the following cases during its meeting on Jan. 17:

### West View

The commission approved a requested revision to the development plans for West View, a 28-unit townhome community by Purnell Crossing on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

Attorney Mark Cropper and representatives from developer D.R. Horton were only requesting that the single-car garages in the initial proposal be struck in favor of a recessed door front entrance.

"The density doesn't change. The layout of the project doesn't change. The road network doesn't change. Setbacks don't change," Cropper said. "It's merely the design of the structure on site and the elimination of the garage and therefore the elevations would not show a garage door on the front."

A D.R. Horton representative said that the change helps with their "affordable home" scope.



The new design for the West View townhomes by Purnell Crossing in Berlin no longer feature single-car garages. The revamped look plays into the "affordable housing" aspect that the developers say they intended for the project.

"It's just that it's a better product for the area," he said. "It's got great curb appeal and it's worked on many of our sites along the ... Eastern Shore and Delaware.'

Commission member Pete Cosby took issue with the recessed door, saying that it's neither aesthetically pleasing nor sensible, as it takes away living space.

The developers said that they would need to determine the cost and obtain the authority for such a change, but if it is feasible they will bring their findings back to the com-

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### **Hebron Bank**

The commission approved plans for a new branch of the Hebron Savings Bank to go on the empty lot at the intersection of Routes 818 and 50.

The lot has sat empty for years following its life as the site of a gas station.

The 1,800-square-foot will sit on 1.5 acres and include three drive-thru lanes and 32 parking spaces. A representative from developer Atlantic Group said the intention is to preserve 54 percent of the land for open space.

Chris Carbaugh of the Atlantic Group responded to an inquiry about connecting the property to the properties next to it that those owners were not interested "in granting us entry."

But, Carbaugh argued, with the advent of mobile banking, less traffic at the site itself means that there won't be as much congestion as may have been the case in years past.

## **OP Marine Committee plans** events to educate residents

### **By Cindy Hoffman** Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) Members of the Marine Activities Committee of Ocean Pines met in January with a focus on educational opportunities for Ocean Pines residents. Members hope to focus on a topic a month and provide materials and possible speakers during their monthly meetings, which are held the third Tuesday of every month in the administration building

"I want to remind residents that our meetings are open," Donna McElroy, secretary for the committee, said. She encourages people interested in boating and marine issues to attend.

While they will take their February meeting to lay out a full calendar and priorities, they already have plans for some events and topics.

They expect to host a free boat inspection in April, with the specific See MARINE Page 10



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# **Residents voice concerns at board meeting**

### By Cindy Hoffman

Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) Three residents provided comments during the Jan. 21 board meeting, and took time to recognize what they agreed was the hard work and dedication of the board members and the general manager.

Rebecca Ferguson, a retired nurse of 42 years and active member of the racquet complex, expressed support for moving the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) from the racquet center locked position to a public position.

She also encouraged an audit be conducted of the number of people in Ocean Pines that are employees and board members who are currently up to date in CPR.

"The AED needs to be 1.5 minutes from any spot to deliver an effective response at the site," she said. "Every minute that is lost is a decrease of 10 percent of survival. We are talking about money here to save a life."

She also expressed how important it is that staff practice how to respond to an emergency. She suggested offering CPR training for employees and community members so as many as possible can become certified and more knowledgeable on the issue.

Ferguson also raised concerns about the conditions at the racquet center, which she said is deteriorat-



Some think it's time to consider a new Ocean Pines Racquet Club facility to accommodate storage and tournaments.

ing. She said the nets are molding because they are left out in the winter and equipment is placed in the hallway and surrounding the racquet center because there is no place to store it.

She suggested the idea of a three-tofive-year plan for the complex along with a director of the racquet center that could make it a revenue maker and improve the facility to make it a site for tournament level events. She also suggested hiring a director that could talk to all offered sports.

Dutch Oostveen asked the board to

consider writing an article in the next quarterly magazine to explain to residents the process for paying assessments in installments and the impact unpaid assessments or accrued interest might have on their right to vote in the next OPA elections.

Paula Gray raised concerns about the election committee. She suggested giving serious reconsideration to repopulating the members of the election committee. She said, "There are concerns among the general population, although they don't come here... that the election committee has been populated by people who have a vested interest in activities that might be contraindicated with the board."

She was specifically concerned that "everyone showed up to populate this potential committee within 20 minutes of one another. No consideration was given to a lot of people who did not make it in within this time window."

She suggested there should be another way to populate this committee that would reflect the integrity of the board.



# Marine committee explores educational opportunities

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date dependent on "when people put their boats in the water," committee member Jerry Leuters said.

Volunteers from the Ocean City Power Squadron will be there with a checklist of what boaters should have on their boat to ensure safe boating. "If you pass the boat inspection, you will receive a sticker for your boat," Donna said, "Your insurance might even give you a break."

The committee will also be working with the Ocean Pines Angler's Club to host a Fishing Flea Market, tentatively scheduled for April 22. The event will be held alongside the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond area. People will have the opportunity to rent tables and sell their fishing equipment. Leuters said, "We did one two years ago, we had 20 tables, we are trying to expand to more tables this year.

Dave Allen, chair of the Marine Advisory Committee, said, "We are hoping to host another 'Marine Debris Plunder' in the fall. Last year it was canceled due to weather." These "plunders" bring people together to help clean up the bays, beaches and streets.

The committee has been involved with Maryland Coastal Bays in en-

couraging residents to raise and donate oysters in Ocean Pines canals to improve water quality in the St. Martin River. Some of the members of the committee, including Allen, are growing oysters themselves.

Allen said the committee is also looking at installation of lights on the canal bridges for safety purposes.

In April, committee member Sue Challis plans to work with Maryland Coastal Bays Program to educate residents on the use of turtle excluder devices for crab pots. These devices are lifesavers for turtles, which can get caught in crab traps and drown. "We had a table and display last year at the OP farmers market for a few weekends in April," said Challis. "We will probably do that again this year."

"Residents should look at this committee as a conduit for residents, that we can answer questions or get answers from [General Manager] John Viola and the board," Allen said.

McElroy added, "The committee keeps up with new laws and regulations." It will use the various Ocean Pines communication platforms to keep residents abreast of these changes and all of their educational opportunities and events throughout the year.



# **OPA Board votes on motions,** reviews multiple resolutions

### **By Cindy Hoffman**

Staff Writer

(Jan.26,2023) There were first readings of the following resolutions at the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting Saturday:

Resolution M-01 proposed revisions are meant to clarify the process for identifying, declaring, and giving notice of violations and to incorporate the mandates.

The resolution allows property owners whose HOA membership rights are restricted as a penalty for continuing violation of the HOA to be given the opportunity to appeal the restrictions to the HOA governing body in a closed session. Doug Parks suggested the need to identify what a closed session means.

Resolution M-02 proposed revisions are meant to bring policies up to date and incorporate the comments from the court relative to the handling of amenity rule violations and ensure they are consistent with

recent changes in state HOA law as they pertain to decisions by the board to restrict member access to amenities.

Comments and edits by board members will be reviewed and synthesize into a document that can be voted on by the board.

Resolution B-01 requires that where written review has occurred legal counsel is required to affirm by signature that review took place.

Resolution B-07 clarifies that a person addressing the board about a petition must be a member eligible to vote on the petition. That person may be assisted by others who do not have to be members of the association.

Resolution F-03 would establish a separate drainage reserve account to assist in planning for and addressing drainage projects in the future.

Revision of Resolution M-05 is to clarify who has legal authority in Ocean Pines regarding animal con-See RESOLUTIONS Page 11

# **OPA Treasurer Rakowski's** report shows cash increase

### **By Cindy Hoffman** Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) At the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meet-

ing on Jan. 21, Treasurer Monica Rakowski reported that, as of Dec. 31, 2022, the Ocean Pines Association had approximately \$15.1 million in cash.

increased M. Rakowski

same time period last year. Cash decreased by \$900,000 from November 2022.

Investments include \$13.1 million in Certificates of Deposit (CDARS) and \$2 million in insured cash sweep, money market and other operating accounts.

She reported that with interest rates continuing to increase in the marketplace, there will be an upward trend of interest income realized within the reserve accounts in the coming months.

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### **Worcester County Board of Education Briefs**

#### By Jack Chavez Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) The following was discussed at the Jan. 17 Board of Education meeting:

### **BES replacement**

Representatives for the Becker Morgan Group presented their feasibility study for the replacement or renovation of Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin during the meeting and highlighted two options.

The group recommended option "B," a replacement school for a total cost of \$60.7 million. The local funding request would be \$55.9 million.

Option A would be to renovate and add on to the current school, which is projected to cost \$68.6 million but could increase to upwards of \$82.8 million with potential price escalations factored in. The local funding request would be \$65.6 million.

The replacement school option





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Worcester County Board of Education listened to a report on the feasibility study ordered to examine whether to renovate or replace Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin. The report favored a total replacement, which it indicated should be cheaper than a renovation. Above are two site plans.

could cost around \$73.1 million with escalation factored in.

The elementary school in its current iteration opened its doors in 1978.

### **Board members**

Prior to the start of the meeting, re-

elected members Bill Buchanan, Todd Ferrante, Bill Gordy, and newly-elected Katie Addis were sworn into service on the Board of Education.

Addis replaces Nathaniel Passwaters, who was appointed to the seat following the sudden passing of Eric W. Cropper in July 2021.

Ferrante was elected as board

president and Buchanan as vice president for the 2023 board.

### **Teacher of the Year**

Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor presented the nominees for the 2023 Worcester Continued on Page 10

# Resolutions, motions considered by board

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trol. An amendment is recommended to allow the Ocean Pines Police Department to take custody of an animal if Worcester County Animal Control is unable to act at the time. The general manager should have a schedule of fees for the impoundment of the animal.

The following resolutions were approved:

Resolution B-04 provides guidance for agenda development within the parameters of Robert's Rule of Order.

Resolution C-09 establishes an executive advisory council to serve as a forum for committees to discuss how they may relate to other activities; serve as a clearinghouse on how proposed rules, regulations or guidelines may affect the committees and their responsibilities; perform studies or recommending disposition of matters assigned to it by the board; and other duties as assigned by the board. The

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council will consist of chairpersons of each advisory committee and the president, vice president, and secretary of the association.

Revision to Resolution C-14 brings language in line with the racquet sports offered by the Ocean Pines Racquet Center. The revision replaces the term "paddle ball" with "platform tennis."

The motion passed for enhanced video surveillance at all venues to provide 100 percent coverage of the entire properties. The board asked the general manager to do an audit of how many cameras are in Ocean Pines and where they are located by the February board meeting.

The motion passed regarding email dissemination to association members. It directs the general manager to establish a procedure to disseminate association email when requested by members.

Resolution M-08 regarding originating and maintaining department manuals was rescinded. The board

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determined this needed further review so members can look at how the financial policy manual and the HR manual are maintained.

Appointments were approved for John Dilworth for a third term and

chair of the Architectural Review Committee; Susan Holt for a second term on the Architectural Review Committee; and John Wherrity for a first term on the Budget and Finance Committee.



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County Teacher of the Year during the meeting.

Those nominees are Chris Adkins (Snow Hill High School), Michelle Bradley (Pocomoke High School), Dawn Davis (Snow Hill Elementary School), Carli Dixon (Pocomoke Elementary School), Silviya Gallo (Worcester Technical High School), Michaela Hatlee (Buckingham Elementary School), Wendy Macrides (Ocean City Elementary School), Kristin Morris (Cedar Chapel Special School), Jaimie Ridgley (Stephen Decatur Middle School), Kristina Salvorola (Snow Hill Middle School), Elizabeth Singer (Showell Elementary School), Brittany Tracy (Stephen Decatur High School), David Wells (Berlin Intermediate School) and Stephen Zubko (Pocomoke Middle School).

"These teachers are amazing examples of the high-quality teaching occurring in our classrooms across this county," Taylor said. "I hope the next time you enter one of those schools, you'll join me in congratulating each of these educators."

The 2023 Teacher of the Year will be announced on March 24.

### **ESSA**

Dr. Tom Hamill, coordinator of research and student information systems and grant manager Dr. Brian Cook presented the updated ESSA



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Clerk of Court Susan Braniecki swears into service on the Worcester County Board of Education, from left, Bill Gordy, newly-elected Katie Addis, Todd Ferrante and Bill Buchanan during last Tuesday's meeting.

(Every Student Succeeds Act) Consolidated Plan for the 2022-23 school year at the meeting.

The plan is meant to highlight focus areas and goals for improving the school experience for Worcester County students.

Goals included improving i-Ready (an online program) assessment scores in English language arts and mathematics, a safety goal to reduce chronic absences and risk ratios and a gifted and talented goal to increase

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### **SDMS** addition

The Stephen Decatur Middle School addition is now in use follow-

ing the winter break, meeting its opening goal. Stormwater accommodations were completed in the last 30 days and courtyard plantings have been installed. Still to come is artificial turf and lighting in the courtyard, waiting for grass to grow around the property and CCTV and intercom replacements, the latter should be completed over the next month.

# Mediacom Communications extends application deadline

(Jan. 26, 2023) Mediacom Communications is extending the application deadline for its scholarship program, Mediacom World Class Scholars.

In its 22nd consecutive year, the program will award \$1,000 World Class Scholarships to 60 high school seniors planning to obtain further education.

Scholarship applications must be submitted by Feb. 28. The deadline was extended from an earlier date and high school seniors are encouraged to apply.

Mediacom's World Class Scholar-

ship applications are available online at mediacomworldclass.com.

Applicants do not have to be Mediacom customers but must live in areas where Mediacom's fiber-rich broadband network delivers Gigabitspeed internet service.

Recipients will be selected from the 22 states where Mediacom's residential customers reside. A complete list of communities in Mediacom service areas is included with the online application.

Inquiries may be sent to scholarship@mediacomcc.com.

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Worcester Prep students who worked with Only Positive Stories and Worcester Goes Purple to grant Christmas wishes to men in local recovery housing, from left, are Landon Schul, Dylan Simons, Luke Hopkins, Max Halle, Connor Ferguson, Ryan Lenox, Aleksey Klimins, Dillon Scopp, Koda Bauer, Cole Myers and Hunter Simons.

# Area students helping smash recovery stigma

(Jan. 26, 2023) Following an assembly at Worcester Preparatory School highlighting the negative stigma surrounding recovering addicts, a group of students felt compelled to get involved.

Worcester Preparatory School recently hosted representatives from the Art League of Ocean City who presented "Stigma Highlighted: Portraits of Recovery," an art exhibit addressing negativity toward individuals battling addiction.

The project is designed to use artwork and personal stories to challenge misconceptions and negativity toward individuals battling addiction.

It is sponsored by the Giving Spirit Foundation, Worcester County Health Department, Worcester Goes Purple, Talbot Goes Purple and the Art League.

During the assembly at the Berlin school, Hope4Recovery Executive Director Brandon O'Brien spoke to students. O'Brien is a recovering addict who opened a recovery home, the Douglas K. Hamilton House in Salisbury.

Following the assembly, Only Positive Stories founders, Worcester Prep juniors Dylan and Hunter Simons, along with a group of friends felt inspired and wanted to get involved.

The students reached out to Worcester Goes Purple President Debbie Smullen to see how they could help, and decided to grant Christmas wishes to men in local recovery housing.

"Seeing past the stigma, and understanding that these are men who are trying to make their life better through recovery has prompted the boys and their classmates to help," Smullen said.

"Our goal is that everyone learns

something in the process about stigma, kindness, giving back and making a difference. We hope this encourages younger men to participate and be active in giving back to the community," she added.

Only Positive Stories is a group of local youth who partner with organizations that share the same goals in hoping to change a life, one person at a time.

For more information about Only Positive Stories, visit www.OnlyPosi t i v e S t o r i e s . c o m , www.facebook.com/onlypositivestories or @onlypositivestories on Instagram.

Worcester Preparatory School Pre-K students Hannah Farr, William Hall and Enzo Fitzgerald are the first to emerge from their classroom to see the hallway filled with balloons. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE



# WPS Lower School THRIVE's with balloon-happy activity

(Jan. 26, 2023) During December, Worcester Preparatory School students practiced ways to help each other be happy as part of this year's THRIVE theme, and the Lower School was all smiles with a balloon activity.

THRIVE is an acronym for Trust, Happiness, Respect, Innovation, Value and Empathy.

All of these concepts will be practiced throughout the school year through activities and will culminate in one big THRIVE celebration at the end of the year.

On Dec. 13, the Lower School participated in a "Happiness Activity."

Teachers started the day with a group discussion about things that

make them happy. Students were then instructed to go out into the hallway, which was filled with balloons, and find the balloon with their name on it.

When they realized how difficult it was to find their balloon within the mix of the other balloons, they were then instructed to select the balloon nearest to them and give it to the student whose name was written on the balloon.

The goal was to teach the students that when they are focused only on their own happiness, it can be harder to find, but when they focused on the happiness of others, they were able to find happiness too.



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The Atlantic General Hospital Junior Auxiliary Group (JAG) recently donated \$5,000 to AGH's upcoming Certified Nursing Assistant Program.

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# AGH Junior Auxiliary Group raise \$5K for CNA program

(Jan. 26, 2023) The Atlantic General Hospital Junior Auxiliary Group (JAG) recently hosted its annual Tacos, Tiaras and Sombreros FUNdraiser event.

The \$5,000 raised from the event was donated to AGH's upcoming Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program.

The Certified Nursing Assistant Program, which is currently awaiting approval from the Maryland Board of Nursing, was initiated in response to the need for certified nursing assistants in the healthcare workforce at Atlantic General Hospital. The program will consist of six students who will apply from the general public.

The program is a seven-week training, comprised of classroom, clinical skills lab and hands-on patient care on the Med/Surg inpatient units. The first session is projected to start in April or May of 2023.

This program will be offered costfree to the student, with an agreement that the student will commit to one year of service as a CNA with Atlantic General Hospital once the program is completed.



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# Support for caregivers of loved ones with dementia

### By Cindy Hoffman

Staff Writer

(Jan. 26, 2023) If you happen to be one of the more than 11 million Americans providing unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias, help and understanding are available: an Alzheimer's support group meets at the Ocean Pines Library the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 3 p.m.

One person who attends those meetings is Steve Habeger, who said, "So many people think they are the only ones going through this. This group is a way for us to at least commiserate with each other."

Habeger said tools and techniques to help are available as well.

"I applied for and was accepted into a research study by People Power," he added.

People Power and U.C. Berkeley received a grant from the National Institute on Aging to address issues related to caregiving for people with dementia.

Habeger applied online and was accepted.

"So far, University of California has provided me with door sensors, should my loved one wander; motion sensors to detect a fall; an alert button that alerts my phone; a water sensor to detect possible water overflows in the bathroom, and a base station to tie the components together," he said.

Both his wife and he were given an Apple Watch, which has a fall detector.

"They are paying me a stipend to provide them with feedback and observations" Habeger said.

Habeger encourages caregivers for loved ones with Alzheimer's to apply for the study at https://www.peoplepowerco.com/caregiver.

"They are especially interested in people in small towns or rural areas. Additionally, they would like to have Spanish-speaking caregivers," he said

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that affects memory, thinking and behavior. More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. One in nine seniors over the age of 65 has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

### Warning signs for Alzheimer's

\*Note: **Stages 1-2** may indicate the beginnings of the disease, but rarely lead to diagnosis. Stages 3-6 typically lead to early diagnosis, treatment efforts, and the need for outside support, and stage 7 includes physical and mental difficulties associated with a severe decline that necessitate extensive help.

**Stage 3**: Early stage, can lead to a diagnosis for some

• Frequent difficulty with names, new or known, and right words

• Work suffers because of lack of attention

• Reading a problem, no memory of what was read

• Difficulty in social settings

• Losing or misplacing valuable object /money

• Problems with planning/organization

Anxiety as person begins to deny what's happening

**Stage 4**: Moderate decline, doctor should be able to detect symptoms and family/friends are aware

• Forgetful of recent events, headlines, etc.

• Travel, even familiar, causes anxiety

• Mental math a problem, counting backward by 7

• Problem with paying bills, managing money • Forgetting own personal history

Moodier, likely to withdraw
Shies away from tasks that are a challenge

**Stage 5:** Gaps in memory and thinking are noticeable to all, begins to need help with daily activities

• Unable to recall own address /phone number

• Confused about where they are, day, time

• Trouble counting backward from 20 by 2's

Need help choosing clothesRemember details about

themselves and family, but

• have trouble recalling relatives rarely seen

• Do not need help eating or using the bathroom

Stage 6: Severe Cognitive Decline

 Lose Awareness of surroundings

• Recognize familiar faces, not names and relationships may be forgotten

Experience sleep disordersNeed help with most daily

routines, dressing, bathing, etc.Bowel or bladder issues may

• May exhibit agitation, anxi-

ety, delusions, and sometimes aggressive behaviors.

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# **Snapshots**



### GIFT COLLECTION

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Worcester Preparatory School students gathered on Dec. 14 to load a truck with gifts to be donated to Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity). Worcester County GOLD Inc., improves the quality of life of local citizens for whom traditional means of well-being support is not fully available. A non-profit organization, Worcester County GOLD promotes dignity by providing financial aid to families in crisis, vulnerable adults and children in foster care. Pictured, in front, from left, are Assistant Head of School and Head of Upper School Mike Grosso, Claire Windrow, Elaina Elrick, Caitlin Williams, Vanesska Hall, Laney Hoch, Ronen Poddar, Bella Fernley and Upper School teacher Linda Bragg.



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### COMMITTMENT

Worcester Prep senior student-athletes, Caitlyn Hoen of Bishopville, right, and Isabella Borsoni of Ocean City, recently signed letters of commitment to play National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III lacrosse at Mary Washington University in Virginia, and St. Mary's College-Notre Dame in Indiana, respectively.



### **PRESENTS FOR DIAKONIA**

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Each Worcester Preparatory Lower School student (Pre-K through grade 5) arrived in the dining hall on Dec. 14 with a wrapped gift and handed it to Santa to distribute at Diakonia. Hundreds of gifts were donated to Diakonia's homeless shelter in West Ocean City, which provides emergency and transitional housing, food services and counseling for their guests. Pictured is the first grade class with art teacher Rebecca Tittermary and teacher Angie Bunting. (Below) Pictured are Kindergarten students with Santa and teacher Heather Dennis and assistant Ingrid Poffenberger.





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NEW MEMBERS District Gov. Cliff Berg recently installed two new members into the Ocean City Berlin Rotary

Club. Pictured, from left, are Michael Simcock, Berg and Cnedra Williams. The Club meets every other Wednesday at The Sterling Tavern in Berlin. more information, For email ocberlinrotary@gmail.com



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### **APPRECIATION**

Norbert Violante, left, is presented an Appreciation Award from Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City President Bob Wolfing. He helps transport the tables and chairs needed for the club's weekly 8 a.m. Wednesday meetings in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines **Community Center.** 



### DONATION

The Ocean City-Berlin **Optimist Club donated** \$3,500 to cover expenses for 22 school counselors to attend the National Center for Youth Issues, **Maryland School Counselors Conference, in** Cambridge in March. Pictured, in front, from left, are Linda McGean, **Denee Bowen, Tammy** Funk and Stephanie Zanowic, and in back, Lauren Williams, Val Riley, Staci Aperance, Michelle Bankert, Marcea Redden, Josh Horsman, Ari Johnson, Veronica Hayes, **Stephanie Covington and** Erica Hensley. Not pictured: Cherie Townsend, Mary Shockley, **Charlene Creese and Carlton Cartwright.** PHOTO COURTESY ROGER PACELLA



### HOLIDAY Luncheon

The board of the Republican Women of Worcester County enjoyed their holiday luncheon on Dec. 15 at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin. SUBMITTED PHOTO/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE



### **ANGLERS CLUB AWARDS**

PHOTO COURTESY JACK BARNES

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club presented awards for top angler in 13 fish categories for the 2022 Walt Boge Memorial Fishing Tournament during its December meeting. Pictured, from left, are John Jewer (fresh water trout, 16 inches), John Dilworth (black drum, 27 inches), Bob Woodward (sea trout, 13.5 inches), Ted Glick (croaker, 9.5 inches), Ken Thompson (red drum, 26 inches), Budd Heim (bluefish, 22.5 inches; tautog, 19 inches). Not pictured: Adam Thompson (flounder, 24 inches), Steve Gaylor (tuna, 40 inches), Jim McWhinney (black sea bass, 16 inches), Walter Klein (large mouth bass, 17 inches), Greg Donahue (spot, 8.5 inches) and Kevin Welkner (sheepshead, 14 inches).



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**GUEST SPEAKER** Ellen Yannuzzi, president of the Ocean Pines Camera Club, was the guest speaker during a recent Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City meeting. The Ocean Pines Camera Club that meets on the second Monday of the month in the Ocean Pines Library at 7 p.m. She is pictured with Kiwanis President Bob Wolfing.

### **Community Briefs**

### Joins board

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore recently announced that William "Bill" McCain and John



**Bill McCain** 



Phoebus have joined the Foundation's Board of Directors. McCain is the

chairman and founder of W. R. McCain Associates, Inc., one of the largest comprehensive real estate valuation and consultation companies located in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

McCain is active in community affairs and has served as a member of numerous civic and professional or-

ganizations including prior service as a Wicomico County councilman, TidalHealth Board of Directors, and YMCA of the Chesapeake Board of Directors.

He is an active member of the Wicomico Rotary Club and has served as president and was a former Rotarian of the Year.

McCain is active with Trinity United Methodist Church having served in numerous leadership roles. He is also a 2013 inductee into the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame.

Phoebus is a partner at Anthenelli, Phoebus & Hickman, LLC., and concentrates in criminal defense and personal injury cases.

A native of Crisfield, Phoebus graduated from Crisfield High School, Washington College, and the Dickinson School of Law.

Phoebus has served on a variety of civic organizations including the Crisfield Area Chamber of Commerce, the Wor-Wic Community College Foundation, Hudson Health Services, Coastal Hospice, the McCready Foundation, and the Somerset Count Long Term Recovery Committee.

He is presently the chair of the Leadership Council of the Lower Eastern Shore YMCA and a member of the Edward A. Plank, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Committee.

### **Dean's List**

Several Worcester County residents recently earns spots on the Dean's List for their respective colleges and universities.

James Blackmore of Berlin, was among the 579 students who earned Dean's List honors for the fall semester at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Students who maintain a 3.4 grade point average or higher are eligible for this honor.

Julianna Fohner of Ocean City, and

Gabrielle Izzett of Berlin, were among the 1,087 students who made the fall Shenandoah University's Dean's List.

To qualify, students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher at Shenandoah University, headquartered in Winchester, Virginia, with additional educational sites in Clarke, Fairfax and Loudoun counties.

Rafe Parsons of Berlin, was named to the 2022 fall semester Dean's List at Bridgewater College, located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Parsons is a business administration major at Bridgewater.

He was among nearly 550 students named to the Dean's List. Students must attained a 3.4 or better grade point average out of a possible 40

Chadwick Fischer from Berlin, achieved Dean's List for the fall semester at Nichols College in Massachusetts. Students with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- receive Dean's List honors.

### President's List

Julianna Fohner of Ocean City, was one of 477 students who made the President's List at Shenandoah University for the fall semester.

To qualify for this academic recognition, students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.90 or higher.

Elizabeth Pivec of Berlin, was

named to the President's List for the fall semester at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, achieving a 4.0 grade point average.

Cristina Jones of Berlin, was named to Southern New Hampshire University's fall President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum gradepoint average of 3.70 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

### Graduates

Molly McCormick of Berlin, recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the College of Charleston in South Carolina. Mc-Cormick was among more than 290 students who received degrees.

### Honor society

Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, welcomed 1,085 new initiates from 45 universities during November.

They include: Berlin residents Amber Whittaker (Salisbury University), Sarah Beesley (Salisbury University) and

Eric Brandenberg (University of Baltimore), and Sarah Hancock (Salisbury University).

Students initiated into the society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35 percent of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.





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The election of officers of the Stephen Decatur Middle School Kiwanis Builders Club took place on Dec. 20. Pictured receiving the \$500 check from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines -Ocean City to support their projects and efforts, from left, are SDMS Advisor Mindy Ouellet, SDMS Principal Lynne Barton, Builders Club President Julia Park, Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing, Secretary TJ Jacobs, SDMS Kiwanis Club Advisor to the Builders Club Sarah Walker, Treasurer Brycen Pendleton, Vice President Lily Sperry, and Co-Advisor Kathy McDaniel.

## **SDMS Builders hold elections**

(Jan. 26, 2023) The election of officers of the Stephen Decatur Middle School Kiwanis Builders Club took place on Dec. 20.

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City's president and advisor to the Builders Club installed the newly-elected officers: president, Julia Park; secretary, TJ Jacobs; treasurer, Brycen Pendleton; and vice president, Lily Sperry.

The SDMS Builders Club has been very active under the guidance of Mindy Ouelltt.

### Boat safety class offered virtually by local Coast Guard

(Jan. 26, 2023) The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering the Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course, virtually, Feb. 7-9, from 6-9 p.m.

The first class of 2023 will be held virtually, making it possible for anyone to attend from anywhere.

The course is taught by the same US Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors as the in-person class.

All the required material is covered along with time for questions.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland.

Those attending the class, and passing the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

The cost is \$20 for all three evenings. Register or get more information by calling Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or email CGAUXOC@Gmail.com.

Checks should be made payable to: USGCAUX 12-05 and mailed to: USCGAUX 12-05, P.O. Box 1682, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

Payment via PayPAL is also accepted.

The students do projects, such as collecting toiletries with two other school student organizations – the National Junior Honor Society and the Student Government Association – to be sorted and wrapped in towels for Diakonia through Delta Kappa Gamma's "Helping Hands," an organization for educators both current and retired, and through the Beyond Your Walls Project.

There is a competition between homerooms to see who collects the most items. Just an example of how these students learn to do community projects and give back to the community.

Stephen Decatur High School Kiwanis Key Club has a student member liaison to the SDMS Builders Club, Kirby Bounds, who attends meetings to share her experiences as a past member of the SDMS Builders Club and her SDHS Key Club.

Students can begin with elementary school Kiwanis K-Kids Clubs in Buckingham and Showell and progress through Berlin Intermediate School and SDMS Builders Clubs to SDHS Key Club. WE WANT YOUUI NOW HIRING



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# Opinion

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



# Letters

# Wind farms not a threat to whales

Editor,

Here are some critical facts regarding offshore wind projects and the safety of whales.

Scientists from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and independent academic institutions have all stated that there is "no evidence" that offshore wind vessels caused any whale mortalities.

Off the Maryland-Delaware coast, offshore wind companies finished their geophysical surveys at sea nearly a year ago with no marine mammal incidents.

Their vessels include pro-

tected species observers who watch for whales and other protected species and halt work when they are in the area.

Whale mortalities are also occurring in North Carolina, Florida, Oregon, and California — states that have no offshore wind projects at all.

In fact, the fourth whale to wash ashore on the West Coast was found Sunday.

Marine mammals do face severe threats. NOAA has stated that entanglements in commercial fishing gear not offshore wind — are the primary cause of North Atlantic right whale mortalities.

Whales are also known to be moving closer to commercial shipping lanes in pursuit of another food source, menhaden, which puts them at greater risk of encountering commercial cargo ships.

The foremost threat is ocean acidification caused by a changing climate.

Ocean acidification is associated with a 50 percent drop in the krill populations that are a critical whale food source. Transitioning to clean energy sources like offshore wind enables us to reduce our dependence on the fossil fuels that acidify our oceans.

Whales deserve our protection but protecting them can only happen if we have a clear understanding of the facts and the actual threats they face. Only then can we all work together toward sensible solutions.

> Anna Henderson Executive Director Offshore Wind Alliance

# **Opiate 'Warriors' continue their fight**

(Jan. 26, 2023) Six years ago, Heidi McNeeley and Jackie Ball turned their experience of having a family member who struggles with addiction into a movement that's helped hundreds of local people find treatment.

The pair formed the

Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction and held their first meeting at the Ocean Pines Library in 2016 to talk about the problem and its potential solutions.

About 50 people came to that first meeting. A month later, their numbers swelled to the hundreds and included local politicians and law enforcement, educators, and addiction specialists.

More recently, the Worcester County Warriors merged with Worcester Goes Purple, a nonprofit addic-See WARRIORS Page 21

# **OPA continues with its positive changes**

Judging from the general manager's report in Ocean Pines last week, it appears that the association's business continues to travel in the right direction.

Revenue is still rising above expenses, making it likely that GM John Viola's projected end-of-the-year balance will be about a half-million dollars better than it was last year.

That's certainly worth noting, given the many years of financial struggles that the association experienced in earlier times. But another positive indicator of the association's direction were the resolution modifications the board of directors considered this week.

Most, if not all, of them appeared to designed to reduce the possibility of conflicting interpretations by clarifying the language and ensuring that the parameters of the board's authority are made clear.

Such is the purpose of revisions Resolution M-02 regarding how the board may respond to violations of the association's amenity rules.

Clearly, as was pointed out in a recent court case involving the board's decision to ban one association member as punishment for his behavior at the Yacht Club, there are always limits on what the board can and cannot do.

The proposed change takes the judge's opinion in that case into account, thus establishing a clearer path for this and future boards to follow should a similar circumstance ever arise.

With the association's financial house in order and improving, it makes sense that the governing structure also ought to be cleaned up and clarified as well, with rights, recourse and responsibilities well defined.

Misunderstandings and misinterpretations are the bane of any governing body's existence, and these revisions should help reduce these possibilities.

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# Warriors' and Worcester Goes Purple merge

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tions resource center backed by Worcester County government.

McNeeley, now an Ocean Pines resident, is finding new ways to help the cause.

'We had so much incredible community support when Jackie and I founded the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction in 2016," McNeeley said. "Jackie and I did not really have a plan for the Warriors. We just knew that we had to reach out to find people that were suffering as a result of their own addiction, or the addiction of their loved ones."

McNeeley said she was amazed when more than 200 people joined the group within their first month.

"We quickly grew to become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a board of di-

# **Obituary**

### EDWARD HURD

**Ocean Pines** 

Edward H. Hurd of Ocean Pines, Maryland, passed away on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023 at Coastal Hospice, Stansell House in Ocean Pines.



Born Nov. 10, 1930 at Mountainside Hospital in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, he was the son of the late Francis C. Hurd and Josephine Hurd of Montclair, New Jersey.

Edward Hurd

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jo-

hanna M. Hurd of Ocean Pines, Maryland; daughters, Christina Harrigan, of Berlin, Maryland, Lauren Wieghorst of Shelburne, Vermont, and Amy DiTullio of Big Sky, Montana; and five grandchildren, Gavin Harrigan, Johanna Wieghorst, and Drew, Anthony and Dominic Di Tullio.

Ed graduated from Montclair High School and earned a BA degree from Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersev.

Upon Graduation from Upsala, he served in the Army during the Korean conflict and received an Honorable Discharge.

A Celebration of Life service is planned for Feb. 18, 2023 at 3 p.m. at the Community Church of Ocean Pines in Berlin, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Edward H. Hurd may be directed to: Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Maryland 21802; or Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Rd, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

Arrangements are in the care of Eastern Shore Cremation and Funeral Service, 504 Franklin Avenue, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

To send condolences to the family, please visit www.easternshorecremation.com.

rectors consisting of some incredible people, including Jamie McNeely, Kelley Green, Tish Ottey, Tina Kolarik, Tracy Simpson, Colleen Wareing, Nate Passwaters, Laura Bren, Sean Kelley and Beau Oglesby," McNeeley said.

We had political support from Jim Mathias and Mary Beth Carozza, and so many other community members opened their hearts and businesses to us."

All of that translated into a substantial fundraising ability that helped local people get into addictions recovery.

"The Warriors were strong for five years, and for those five years it became clear that our community was hurting and in desperate need of help," McNeeley said. "We were proud to offer that help whenever we could.

"In 2018 and 2019, my son and Jackie's son had babies. Our sons' worlds changed and so did ours," she continued. "Our passion to help those that were addicted, and their families, now embraced our beautiful grandchildren, and we both realized that it was time for things to change.

At that point, the Warriors approached Worcester Goes Purple founder Debbie Smullen.

"Debbie agreed to take up our reigns, and the group continues to do wonderful work for recovery in our community," McNeeley said.

McNeeley said many prior Worcester County Warriors board members continue to contribute. Ottey, a former Ocean Pines Police Officer, has opened five recovery homes in the area, including the first ever recovery center in Worcester County.

"It has been amazing to watch her Homes4Hope grow to be a lifesaving force in both Worcester and Wicomico counties," McNeeley said.

McNeeley now works as a psychiatric nurse at Tidal Health in Salisbury.

"About 90 percent of my patients are dealing with an addiction, and I hope that I have been able to help them and their loved ones as well," she said. "Next summer I will become licensed as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, and I will be able to medically treat our community members who are addicted.'

McNeeley is a certified Holy Yoga instructor and teaches morning classes at the River Run Community Center. Donations from the classes are used to help people in recovery. This help includes tickets to recovery centers and the purchase of clothes and other essentials.

She also continues to help direct local people in need of treatment.

"I hope that I can still be a strong resource for their families as well, and I would like to still operate as a sort of clearing house for addictions and mental health," McNeeley said. "There are so many needs in Ocean Pines alone. I offer email mv heidimcneeley@gmail.com and my cell 443-513-8370 to anyone who needs resources.

For help and more information on mental health and substance abuse disorders, visit www.samhsa.gov.

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# Cuisine

# Fresh tuna tataki served with Asian slaw

I always feel like a kid when I get the phone call or text message that goes something like this:



Неу, brother, if you can get down to Pirate's Cove by 4 a.m., we're leaving the dock to hunt some bluefins. Let me know.'

By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

Having happened just this past weekend, it is still fresh in my mind.

After about 14 seconds of in-depth consideration, I responded with an emphatic, "I'll be there in four hours." As I pack light, I was on my way to Manteo in less than 30 minutes.

And so it goes when someone asks me to go fishing this time of year in the Outer Banks, something that is incredibly hard for me to pass up, especially when talking about bluefins.

Those things are monsters, and the process at the Wanchese market is fascinating to watch, as the officials grade the tuna and determine whether it is staying local, regional or being sent in "the box" to Tokyo for auction.

The majority of my offshore fishing experience is in Ocean City, and obviously only in the late spring to fall, so when it's hot at the dock, it's hot out there.

It wasn't until last year that I fished a winter commercial trip in February out of the Oregon Inlet.

Bundled up as it was less than 30 degrees outside at the dock, I took a nap on the way out, and a mere 40ish miles offshore, it was sunny and 75 degrees.

I was not prepared for that. Nor, was I comprehending it once it was explained to me.

You see, as the Gulf Stream passes up the coast, it brings with it the warm water so necessary for the fish to run, and with that comes warmer air. It is still fairly unbelievable and shocks me nonetheless.

As there was a nasty little storm rolling through this weekend, the sun did not warm us up tremendously, but it was still more comfortable than it was on the dock and our gear kept us plenty toasty and dry.

While we didn't catch anything of note, neither did any of the rest of the fleet that day.

There was a yellowfin or two but none of the sea monsters that we

were after, despite marking them all morning. The storm was coming in from the south and it was fairly evident that the morning run was not going to yield anything.

We had one bite that took the ballyhoo and ran, but other than that, the fish were not coming up higher than 10 to 20 fathoms. But that is how fishing goes.

Thankfully, I still had some tuna from a previous trip as well as a good vacuum packer. There is nothing like being able to preserve the spoils of the hunt to enjoy when you are least likely to get more.

On a side note, if you do find yourself with a mountain of fish, make sure that you vacuum pack it and not just wrap or put in Ziploc bags.

While the latter is good for shortterm frozen storage, only a vacuum packer can remove the oxygen from the package, thus not allowing the oxidation and freezer burn that so often accompany improperly frozen fish over the long term.

Hopefully there will be some more trips to OBX soon, but if not, summer will be here before we know it and it will be time to hit our docks once more.

Until then, I'll just have to wait impatiently for another text.

### Tuna Tataki, Asian Slaw

serves 4

1# Fresh tuna loin

2 Tbsp. Japanese 7 Spice (recipe follows)

4 c. Asian Slaw (recipe follows)

4 Tbsp. Yuzu aioli (recipe follows)

4 Tbsp. Japanese BBQ sauce

- (Bachan's is great)
- Cut tuna into four barrels.

• Coat with 7 Spice and heat a pan with clarified butter.

• Sear the tuna on the outside on all sides. It will be raw in the middle and seared on the outside.

• Allow to rest for five minutes, then slice thinly and fan it out over a bed of slaw.

### **Japanese 7-spice**

makes about 1/2 c.

- 2 Tbsp. Korean chili powder
- 1 Tbsp. Black sesame seeds
- 1 Tbsp. White sesame seeds
- 1 tsp. Szechuan peppercorns, ground
- 1 sheet nori seaweed, ground
- 1 tsp. Yuzu powder
- 1 tsp. Ground ginger

• Combine all the ground ingredients and store in an airtight jar until ready to use.



### **Asian Slaw**

makes about 1 quart

- 3 c. Shredded green cabbage or Napa cabbage
- 1/2 c. Shredded carrots
- 1/2 c. Shredded red cabbage

1/4 c. Whole cashews

- For the dressing:
- 1/4 c. Mirin
- 1/4 c. Rice vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. Brown sugar
- 1" Fresh ginger, peeled and grated
- 2 Tbsp. Freshly cut chives or scal-
- lions
- 1 Tbsp. Sesame oil
- 2 Tbsp. Grapeseed or other mild oil
- S&P to taste

Soy sauce, at the end to taste

· Combine the dressing ingredients and set aside.

• When ready to assemble, toss the dressing into the slaw mix and season to taste.

• This can be made upwards of three hours in advance. The cabbage is sturdy enough that it won't wilt.

### Yuzu Mayo

makes about 1/2 cup

- 6 Tbsp. Kewpie Mayonnaise
- 2 tsp. Yuzu powder
- 1 tsp. Wasabi powder
- 1 tsp. Mirin

1 tsp. White sugar • Combine all ingredients and allow to sit and come together for at

least an hour.

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

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# Puzzles

#### ABRIDGED TOO FAR BY MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ Michael Schlossberg is a doctor at St. Charles medical center in Bend, Ore., specializing in internal medicine. He started constructing crosswords in 2018 after reading the series "How to Make a Crossword Puzzle" on The New York Times's website This is his sixth puzzle for the paper and his first Sunday. The idea for it came to him after he heard the answer at 121-Across in conversation and thought, I bet there's a literature-themed puzzle in there." — W.S. 56 Timid 121 "In a nutshell" 17 Manatee . or an alternative title for this puzzle? 58 It's symbolized by a 5 Like pangolins and crescent moon and 126 Wallach of "Baby Doll" star armadillos 63 Jewish folklore 10 Pacific weather 127 Stoat in its white creature phenomenon 26 One of Cuba's Castros winter coat 64 Magnum opus about 16 000-00-0002, for 128 Lawyer's favorite dessert? a young man, family and the concept of free will [1866, 1965] Mr. Burns on "The Simpsons": Abbr. 129 Asteroid discovered 19 Apt name for a 70 Not according to plan in 1898 protester? 130 Name that means 73 Celebrity chef 20 Shire of "The "king" DiSpirito Godfather' 131 City that lends its 74 "Go ahead, shoot!" 21 "What's the name to a variety of 75 Major and 22 Job-listing letters ice cream Commander, to 23 Play about love and Biden 132 Warren in the heartbreak in ancient Baseball Hall of 76 Coming-of-age novel Greece [1605, 431 Fame about a teenage boy 133 Fashion letters and his isolation [1951, 1986] 46 Turn from an 80 Like an old apple DOWN 29 Where people might 81 Chicken \_\_\_\_ (South Asian dish) 1 Modern kind of come to a happy medium? purchase 2 Locale for many Panhellenic Games 82 Phenomenon also known as data decay 32 "The Taming of the 3 "Rapunzel" or 86 Placid 49 "Toy Story" toy "Rumpelstiltskin" Shrew" sister 88 Rapper Thee Stallion 4 Kinda getting up there 37 Timeless children's 93 Drudges 5 Poker great Ungar

classic about country dwellers' friendships 94 Celebratory smoke 101 Just peachy 102 Tale about soldiers 43 Vented appliance and treachery in southern Europe 44 Comedy talk show from 2003 to 2022, familiarly [1940, 1603] 110 Polynesian greeting 111 Kleenex : tissue :: : sticky note 112 Yellow-brown shade 115 Mercury and Mars, for two

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  - Dogg in 2019's "The Addams Family" 14 Federal agent who was the inspiration for Dick Tracy
    - 15 Nightmare 16 Addressed

- 18 Adspeak claim of convenience 24 Gin add-in 25 German refusal
- 31 Subject line abbreviation
- 33 Wild group, for short 34 One of many in the "Disney Morgue"
- 35 Leave gobsmacked 38 Scoreboard letters at MetLife Stadium
- 39 D.O.J. branch 40 Helpful connections 41 Halloween symbol
- 42 Busy month for a C.P.A.
  - old pallet into a bookcase, for example
- 47 Title for Charlie Chaplin
- torturer 51 "I can't believe this!"
- 52 Go head to head (with)
- 53 Paul who painted "Cat and Bird" 54 Advanced
- 55 Some F.D.N.Y. pros 57 Juicy gossip
  - 59 Time measurement

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84 Hawaiian fish also

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- 60 One of a classic septet 61 "Key of the Nile"
- 62 Act out?
- 65 Imitation 66 Amazon device 67 Laptop brand
- 68 It's just what you'd expect 69 Bosnian's neighbor



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- for Gadot of "Wonder Woman"
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- (song from "La Cage Aux Folles") 92 Basis for an annual Forbes list
  - 95 Hobgoblin
- 83 Carving station option 96 V8 debut of 1964 97 Music to a masseur's
- 102 More loaded, as a wallet 103 Stadium chant
  - 104 A.F.L. All-Time Team member with a law degree
  - 105 "No. Way!"
  - 106 Old-timey "listen"
  - 107 Default search engine for Microsoft Edge
    - 124 Hydrogen's atomic

114 Wackadoo

118 "Uncle!"

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119 "Downton Abbey" role

123 Small word for small

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108 Some classic jeans 125 Itch

© Puzzles by Pappocom HARD – 6 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 re-

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### Answers to last week's puzzles

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# Calendar

# Thurs., Jan. 26

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. VA personnel will provide one-on-one assistance with VA claims and benefits. Also register for phone appointments Visitor Engagement Reporting Application at https://vets.force.com. 410-957-0878

### STEM THURSDAYS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Use your creativity and build using one of the library's STEM building kits. For ages 4 years and older. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### **PLAY TIME**

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Featuring a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### MID-MORNING CRAFT: BUILD A BOT

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Use shapes and other materials provided to build your own robot. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-208-4014

### HOMEWORK HUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Need some help with homework? Stop by the library for some guidance from friends and staff. All ages welcome. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-208-4014

### **FIRESIDE CHAT**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m. A popular and entertaining book discussion featuring books participants have read and want to share. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Many neighbors are providing care and seek to share their experiences and ideas for assistance. The meetings are private and confidential. Margaret White, 410-742-0505 - 128, mwhite@macinc.org

### ZUMBA FOR ALL

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Registration required: 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

### SHOW AND TELL FOR ADULTS

Tides & Vine, 106 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 6-8 p.m. Join in for an evening of wine and stories. Pop in and bring something you would love to share with the group. 443783-6164, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### **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., Jan. 27**

### HOBBIES CLUB: BEHIND THE SCENES DE-TECTIVES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Join Mr. Jake and some special guests to get the inside scoop. Recommended for ages 7 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-208-4014

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #9053 'BINGO FOR BABIES'

Knights of Columbus - Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes. Play every game for \$25. Refreshments offered for sale. Proceeds benefit the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health. 410-524-7994

### **Sat., Jan. 28**

### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Whaleysville United Methodist, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 7-10 a.m. Buffet includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

### CAREER FAIR!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Career day program. Various professions will be set up for friends to explore, ask questions and look to the future. All ages welcome. Jake Nail, jnail@worcesterlibrary.org, 410-208-4014

### FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

*Saturdays until Feb. 25* - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m. to noon. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

### Sun., Jan. 29

### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

### Mon., Jan. 30

### STORY TIME 'ALPHABET'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories, games and songs about the alPlease send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

phabet. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### **CROCHETED RUGS**

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 2 p.m. Bring a size K, L or M crochet hook and old sheets, cotton or poly cotton fabric or clothing cut into 1 1/4" wide strips with as long a length as possible. Registration required: 410-632-3495.

### T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Campion, 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., Jan. 31

### STORY TIME 'RABBITS'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger plays. Take-home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### STORY TIME 'HIBERNATION STATION'

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Find out what animals do during the cold winter season. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### **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. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### LOVE BUG CRAFT

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 3:30 p.m. Get crafty and make your own Love Bug, just in time for Valentine's Day. For ages 11 years and older. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4-6 p.m. Come participate in a virtual expungement session. Clients receive assistance from volunteer attorneys. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-524-1818.

### **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.

### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

### **OC KNITTING CLUB**

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

#### **ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE**

*Tuesdays* - Experienced dancers and others interested in watching or learning more are welcome, **7-9:30** p.m. No partner required. Info: TangobytheBeach.com.

### Wed., Feb. 1

### **BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP**

Held via Zoom, on the first and second Wednesdays of each month, for non-surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568

### **CREATIVE KIDS CORNER**

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Come create a winter craft at the library or take it to go. Most supplies included. For ages 4 years and older. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### TRADEMARK LAW: THE BASICS

Held via Zoom, 12 p.m. Supervisory Patent Attorney Leigh Callander joins the group to talk about trademark law and how this differs from patents and copyrights. Register: 443-783-6164.

### COLLAGES: INSPIRED BY ARTIST & AUTHOR BRYAN COLLIER

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Create a collage project inspired by Bryan Collier's artistic style and learn about his life and his art. For ages 8-12 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

### **DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5-6 p.m. Group provides discussion, education and a speaker on the topic of diabetes. Darlene Jameson, 410-208-9761, djameson@atlanticgeneral.org

### **KIWANIS CLUB MEETING**

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednesday meetings are offsite and will be updated monthly. Guests are welcome. www.kiwanisofopoc.org

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