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Mailloux trial to go before jury in Sept.

Judge sets aside four days in Knupp hit-and-run case

By Hunter Hine
Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) Tyler Mailloux, the 22-year-old resident of Berlin who has been charged as the driver in the hit-and-run death of Gavin of Ocean Pines, will face a trial before a circuit court jury in September.

The court on May 17 set aside four days in the second week of September — Sept. 11-14 — for the trial, which will be preceded by a motion hearing on Aug. 16 in the courtroom of Judge Brian Shockley. Judge Brett W. Wilson of Dorchester County Circuit Court is scheduled to oversee the first three days of the trial, and Shockley is scheduled to cover the final day.

Worcester County State's Attorney Kristin Heiser filed 17 charges against Mailloux in circuit court on April 28, about 10 months after the incident that killed 14-year-old Gavin Knupp on Grays Corner Road last July. Four of the 17 charges are felonies, two of

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OP man gets 50 years for abuse of infant

Prosecution says baby boy suffered multiple fractures, but was able to recover

By Hunter Hine
Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) Connor Paul Kelly, 32, of Ocean Pines, was sentenced to 50 years in prison in Worcester County Circuit Court last Friday for the abuse, assault and neglect of his infant son in 2021.

On March 15, a jury found Kelly guilty of second-degree child abuse, three counts of second-degree assault and neglect of a minor.

Judge Beau Oglesby gave Kelly the maximum sentence for each crime; 25 years for a repeated second-degree child abuse offense that was merged with one of the second-degree assault counts, two 10-year sentences for the remaining counts of second-degree assault and five years for neglect of a minor. All the sentences are to be served consecutively.

The judge gave Kelly credit for 785 days he has already served in jail.

The offenses took place between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, 2021, according to the Maryland Case Search. That was when, state prosecutor Pamela Correa told the court, Kelly abused

his son while on probation for a 2018 second-degree child abuse conviction he received for trying to smother his four-month-old daughter with a blanket in 2017. His daughter recovered.

Oglesby issued an arrest warrant for Kelly on March 24, 2021, which was served on March 25, 2021.

Before sentencing, prosecutors argued that the maximum sentence was the only way to protect society at large, saying that Kelly had demonstrated a pattern of violence and never showed remorse or took responsibility.

Prosecutor Mary-Ann Burkhart

was also present, but Correa led the presentation.

"The defendant displays what I would describe as a God complex, or perhaps more accurately the son of God complex," Correa said at the hearing.

As evidence, Correa read text messages between Kelly and his children's mother, in which Kelly describes his and his children's enormous energy and power, posting in the chain a Wikipedia page about "Nephilim," or beings that are of God and angels, and comparing them to his children.

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Participation by residents in meetings decided by board

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors reviewed and approved a number of revisions to resolutions and bylaws at their meeting on Saturday.

Revisions to Resolution B-02 would require any person seeking to make a public comment to attend the board of directors meeting in person.

Both directors Steve Jacobs and Colette Horn disagreed with the amendment, contending that it would not allow for full participation of members.

The revision was passed four to three. Monica Rakowski, Doug Parks, Rick Farr and Stuart Laker-nick voted for the revision; Steve Jacobs, Colette Horn and Frank Daly voted against it.

The revision to Resolution B-03 would allow members to fully participate and be counted at the Ocean Pines Association annual meeting either in person or virtually. The general manager would have to ensure that only qualified members of the association are be counted toward a quorum, to vote and to participate in the meeting.

Members who are not present would be able to vote by electronic transmission, no later than 24 hours after the conclusion of the meeting, or by proxy and be considered present for a quorum proposed through their proxy.

Horn asked why the board would allow for virtual participation in the annual meeting and not the board meeting.

Jacobs suggested the difference was that board meetings are for the board to discuss business and the association meeting is on a broader scale and the changes are intended to provide the ability for members to participate and be counted without

being present.

The general manager would have to certify that all individuals who participate are members in good standing.

The board agreed to table the revision until the June meeting so the general manager can address the requirements.

A revision to Resolution B05 states that directors, officers, employees, or community members of the association cannot knowingly misrepresent facts for personal gain for themselves or an affiliated company. It also states that disclosure of confidential association information without prior approval of the board is not permitted,

and any conflict of interest must be fully disclosed in writing to the board of directors.

In discussion, Park said, "If we don't state confidentiality requirements in a conflict of interest, we are missing something."

Jacobs suggested bringing back B-08, which has to do with ethics, and would include the appropriate discussion of confidential information.

Horn countered that this resolution might not go far enough and suggested creating a new resolution that does will do the job.

The resolution was approved unanimously with the expectation that a resolution that would cover further ethics issues be addressed by the Bylaws Committee.

The revision to Resolution B-06 allows Ocean Pines to indemnify individuals who are acting in good faith and within the authorized scope of employment for reasonable expenses.

The revision was passed, unanimously.

The revision to Resolution M-06 requires the board of directors to re- See RESOLUTIONS Page 5

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Harm to infant son results in 50-year sentence for dad

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Correa also provided the court a transcript of a phone call Kelly had in jail with his mother in May 2021, in which he said the state cannot do this to a “son of God.”

“This is concerning to the state your honor. The concern is not one of spirituality. It is that he is using that to refrain from accepting responsibility for his actions,” Correa said.

The judge decided not to play the call in court.

Correa said that if Kelly had the chance to have more children, the state would have no power to intervene until they were injured. They noted that the mixture of healing and freshly broken bones in Kelly’s son suggested a continuing course of abuse in the first few weeks of his son’s life.

“His failure to acknowledge what he is doing means that he will not recognize if he hurts another child,” Correa said.

Prosecutors pointed to Kelly’s criminal record and lengthy history of mental health problems, which included his being bi-polar and experiencing auditory and visual hallucinations, to suggest that he would offend again if he had the opportunity. Correa also suggested that some of Kelly’s recent struggles with hallucinations were feigned.

Kelly was represented by Attorney Andrew Jezic and Anders Randrup III, who was co-counsel.

Jezic acknowledged Kelly’s mental health struggles, hoping the court would give him a split sentence and asked that probation only begin after Kelly’s parole ends.

“He (Kelly) recognizes with his mental health history, which is deep and sincere and longstanding, that he does want supervision from the court when he is eventually released,” Jezic said.

The defense said examples of Kelly’s God complex and some of the startling correspondence with family were all based in his mental health issues.

Kelly’s family and the defense said Kelly had mentioned in years past

that he had caused certain forest fires with his mind, and that he thought an alligator killed a child in Disney World in 2016 because of Kelly’s own sins. The Kelly family had visited Disney world just before the incident occurred.

“Ultimately we are asking your honor to keep in mind and fashion a sentence, that this is a person who has suffered from persistent, serious mental illness from the time he was a very young adult,” Jezic said.

Jezic noted that aside from the incident with his son, Kelly had been compliant with his community service during probation and remained peaceful through these processes.

“He (Kelly) is someone who can control himself to an extent,” Jezic said.

Defense also said that Kelly was acquitted of the most serious felonies in the case and that among the convicted felonies there was no evidence of intent.

Although Jezic argued that facts of the case show Kelly’s son has fully recovered, Oglesby pointed out that may not be true, referencing earlier testimony from the mother’s side of the family, which said that medical research suggests the child could face life-long health consequences.

Members of Kelly’s family gave statements to the judge prior to sentencing, including his father, Paul Kelly, of Ocean City.

“I won’t apologize for my faith. Yes, I do tell my son we are very religious, there is a lot of that God factor, they’re exactly right. We do believe in faith, that’s where that stems from,” Paul Kelly said. “There is a strong guilt feeling that he has in his actions that he takes on and he takes blame for things. I’ve seen it happen over and over again. That’s why we’re here again today, because he’s taken blame for something that didn’t necessarily happen. We have our own opinions.”

He asked the judge to show mercy in the sentencing, saying the families, both the mother’s side and Kelly’s side, were being ripped apart.

“Hopefully there’s some good that turns out of all this bad, that’s what my faith tells me,” Paul Kelly said.

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Defendant addresses court against his attorney's advice

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Jezevic told the judge that although he advised Connor Kelly not to speak, the defendant still wanted to make a statement to the judge.

Kelly told the judge he loves his son and his two daughters, that they are the first thoughts in his head in the morning and his last thoughts at night.

"I don't know what the plan is here that God's got going on, but I have to trust him," Kelly said.

Breaking down into tears, Kelly told the judge again that he loves his son.

Oglesby then took a recess and returned with the sentence.

The judge told Kelly that these allegations were proven beyond a reasonable doubt, and that these serious offenses demonstrate a pattern of abuse within a brief period of time.

"I do endorse the idea that history is a fair prediction of the future," Oglesby said.

The judge said the X-ray of the infant son's broken arm shown during

trial was one of the most grotesque he'd ever seen.

"On one side of the courtroom is a group of people whose instinct is to protect their son, and on the other side of the courtroom is a group of individuals whose instinct is to protect their son," Oglesby said in reference to Kelly's family occupying one side of the court, and the mother's family occupying the other side.

Oglesby said that Circuit Court Judge Brian Shockley, who oversaw Kelly's previous child-abuse conviction, had granted a considerable amount of mercy with the focus of rehabilitation.

"Your behavior and what you did to your son doesn't mean that you don't love your son ... the court finds that it does mean that you cannot be trusted in a community, that society is not a safer place when you are in it," Oglesby said.

The judge asked Kelly to stand and read him his sentence.

Mailloux to face jury in Sept.

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which carry a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. All the charges are related to Mailloux's alleged failures to stop at the scene or report it later.

The list includes charges such as failure to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in bodily injury or death, and failure to report an acci-

dent that involved bodily injury or death within 15 days of the incident happening.

On May 1, a summons was filed for Mailloux's initial appearance in court, set for May 31. If Mailloux's attorney enters an appearance on his behalf before the court date, then the initial appearance will be canceled, Heiser said.

Resolutions and other business

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solve any request for a recount of votes in an election. Jacobs asked that this be referred to the Bylaws Committee with the intention of having a second reading in June.

In other business, the board unanimously approved the contract for legal services with Ayers, Jenkins,

Gordy and Almand.

It also approved a capital request for \$26,000 for the replacement of the platform tennis fence that was blown down in a storm.

The board approved two new members of the aquatics advisory committee, Nancy Radke and Tracy Reddell.



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This house off Main Street was a focal point in Planning Director Dave Engelhart's concerns about unlicensed short-term rental properties. Short-term rentals are causing major headaches for the Berlin Planning Department as officials look to crack down on property owners who have been operating without a license. The town is looking at ways it can help the department address the issue.

Short-term rental properties still long-term predicament

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) Roughly a year later, Berlin still has a short-term rental problem.

At issue now are property owners that officials from both the Planning Department and the Berlin Police Department allege are operating "under the radar."

Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart said Monday during the Berlin Mayor and Town Council meeting that six short-term rental licenses have been distributed from a total of 12 applications.

"There are people who are aware that we're going to embark on them with stringent enforcement," Engelhart said. "I will say that the reasoning behind our discussion tonight is because of one individual property owner"

"This owner had been informed in a letter (dated) March 13th that he

wouldn't be granted a license, (as well as) the other five who were denied. I talked to the owner face-to-face several times after that."

Applicants the town denied were not the primary residents of the properties in question.

"This particular owner ... was to transfer the house back into his name only," Engelhart said. "That doesn't mean to me that he lives there. I know for a fact that he does not."

Engelhart's department will now proceed as they have already in determining who can receive a license and who is in violation. They'll inspect properties for safety, ensure licenses are posted and contact businesses such as Airbnb and VRBO to let them know when an unlicensed property appears on their websites.

"We've filed complaints with both of them that this is an unlicensed property," Engelhart said. "Those listings have since been taken down."

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Short-term rentals still causing issues for Berlin planning

There are reservations still on the one property. They were reservations made (in November, January and February)."

To that end, Engelhart said they'll try to issue denials quicker. The town's new ordinance includes a daily \$600 fine for property owners in violation. The department also will continue to work closely with the police department, which typically handles short-term rental issues that deal with the tenants themselves such as noise complaints and drunk and disorderly conduct.

"The short-term rentals themselves are inspected and registered," Police Chief Arnold Downing said at the meeting. "Our job is to know where those locations are. They're all noted. I don't know if it's an issue with the short-term rental, it's the individuals renting properties that aren't part of our short-term rental process. Again, like any other violation at any property, we will go and respond and deal with the situation accordingly."

Councilmember Shaneka Nichols said Englehart is going to need help to handle this workload.

"Only one or two are making noise. The rest are not" Nichols said. "They're rolling every week and looking at the rest of this like, 'Stop, look at such-and-such address, (because) I'm flying high.' That's the part that aggravates me more than what happens in specific locations — the people who are flying under the radar. That's what's making this 12 times worse because they are banking, they're making money off this and we've told them no and they're still doing it."

"There needs to be someone to assist you ... it's time to get you some help."

Last year, the mayor and Town Council passed an amendment that changes the language regarding zones where short-term residential rentals are permitted: districts R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 and B1-3.

The new language states that the rentals are permitted within the R-1 and R-2 districts as well as the R-3, R-4, B-1, B-2 and B-3 districts but that "Rental units in any zoning district must also comply with the requirements for dwelling units contained in the code of the Town of Berlin, Chapter 108 ... and Chapter 6."

The purpose of the short-term rental ordinance, as defined in the code, is to "maintain the character of residential neighborhoods in the town of Berlin and to protect the health, safety and general welfare of residents while allowing short term (sic) rentals to exist under certain conditions and circumstances."

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The aftermath of a fire that broke out Monday evening in the garage bedroom of a home on Woodlawn Road in Berlin is shown. One person sustained minor injuries in the blaze, which was believed to be accidental.

Minor injuries reported in fire

(May 25, 2023) One person sustained minor injuries this week in a fire that broke out in the garage of a Berlin home.

According to a news release from the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office, members of the Berlin Volunteer Fire Company responded just after 5:30 p.m. Monday to 10504 Woodlawn Road for reported "fire conditions" in a garage that had been turned into a bedroom.

The release said crews worked

quickly to bring the fire under control and that the single occupant of the home sustained minor burn injuries, but refused emergency medical treatment.

Investigators determined that the cause of the fire was accidental and was believed to have broken out because of unattended cooking in the garage bedroom.

Fire crews from Ocean City, Showell, Berlin, Ocean Pines, Bishopville and Willards fire departments also responded to the incident.

Protocol mixup delays skate park decision at Town Council

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) Tony Weeg was excited Monday morning for what promised to be a landmark day, with Stephen Decatur Park set to be approved for the long-awaited town skate park at the mayor and Town Council meeting that evening.

"Tonight at council meeting, I'm going up to get (the park) approved as our skatepark location," the executive director of We Heart Berlin said in a text.

But not long after that 7 p.m. meeting started, Weeg, as well as the residents who came to see the decision made, quickly realized that night wasn't going to happen yet — and maybe not until at least July.

Weeg broke down the findings of California design company Spohn Ranch, which looked at several town parks and concluded that Decatur Park was the best location for a 14,000-square-foot skate park, edging out Henry Park mostly because of parking and ADA compliance needs.

What transpired next wasn't a vote. After Councilman Jay Knerr suggested another location within Decatur Park that would not conflict with event overflow parking, Mayor

Zack Tyndall focused on whether the proper procedure had been followed, with the matter to be voted on.

"Has the Parks Commission (made a recommendation) on the site rankings?" he asked.

Weeg said that the Parks Commission had been involved early and figured that was enough, and that it seemed that would leave the ball in the Town Council's court.

But Tyndall said they needed the Parks Commission's feedback.

"I'm not sure what the Parks Commission would do differently than the professionals on deciding this location," Weeg replied. "That's sort of why we lobbed it into their hands. If we were going to leave it up to the Parks Commission, we could have saved them \$20,000."

Councilmember Dean Burrell told Weeg that it wasn't a matter of disposing of Spohn Ranch's study, but simply following the proper procedure.

"The input that we get would be a responsibility of the Parks Commission, not meaning to belittle what you're saying and the study that's been completed. But the protocol is that for us to receive this information,

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Commission needed for skate park

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it really needs to come through our Parks Commission just like we've done all our projects at our various parks."

Councilmember Jack Orris said this was not how he remembered it being agreed that the process would go, and that the Parks Commission would review the study before the Town Council.

Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said it will when it meets next, but that meeting isn't until July.

As of Tuesday afternoon, some talks about an emergency meeting had taken place but one hadn't been confirmed, Weeg said.

"I hope (an emergency Parks Commission meeting is) more of a pointed conversation about the location other than mulling about the different locations that are available," Councilmember Steve Green said.

"I do feel like this is procedurally handled correctly ... If this group wasn't going to take any action on this and to go before the Parks Commission, we could have avoided wasting people's time, quite frankly."

Orris asked Tyndall if he approved this agenda — implying that they could have taken it off the agenda and avoided We Heart Berlin showing up in force only to be told they must wait a little longer — to which Tyndall said he did.

"It's been the same message every single time," Tyndall said.

On Tuesday, Weeg disagreed with that statement.

"There was an oversight by them adding us onto the agenda without a clear path to a decision or at least clueing us into what was going to transpire," he said in a text.

"I don't think it was vindictive, I think it was just an oversight ... I don't know what else (the Parks Commission) or anyone else is going to do to add to the report but we shall see!

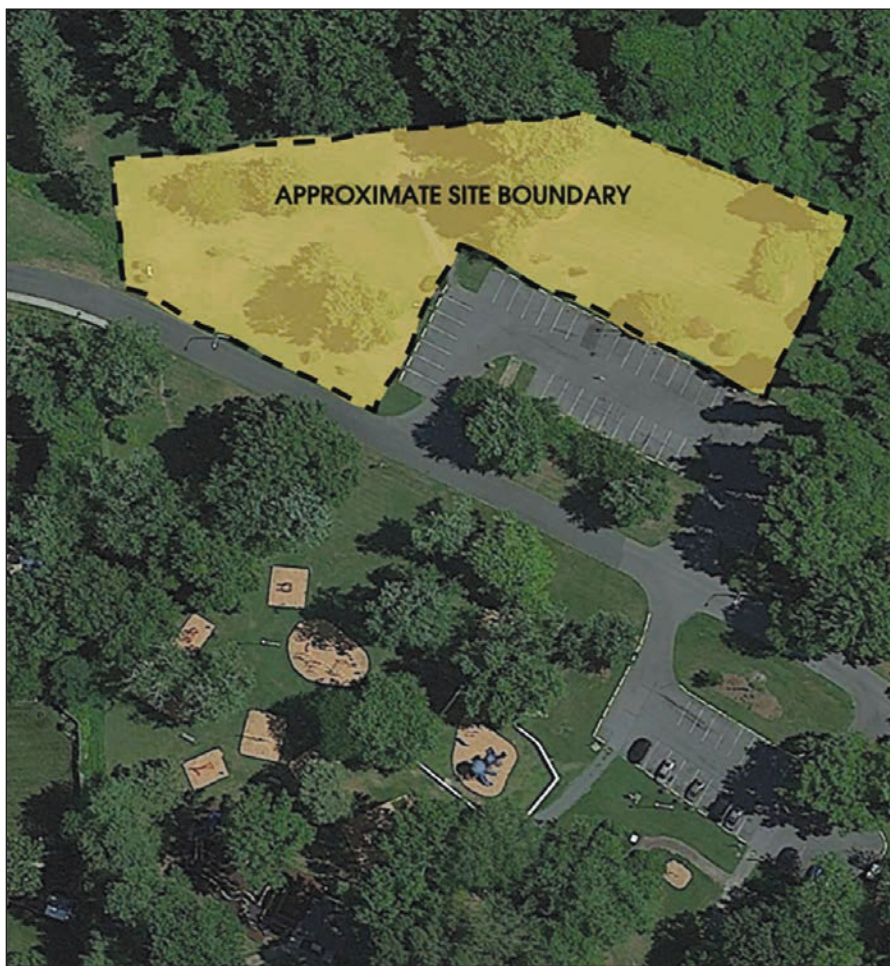


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The proposed site for the skate park at Stephen Decatur Park would put it on the northern end of Tripoli Street, but there are concerns with the spot being too important for event overflow parking on summer weekends. The Berlin Parks Commission will need to review plans first.

Either way, it's very known, and apparent that stormwater is going to be one of our main concerns, so we have to think about that first (and) always."

Weeg also talked about location concerns, with some arising at the meeting regarding whether the skate park should be closer to the highway where it won't take up open space often used for event overflow parking, and whether Heron or Henry parks would still ultimately be better locations.

Safe boating courses June 6-8

(May 25 2023) The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering Maryland Safe Boating Courses at the beginning of June at the Ocean Pines Library.

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The first two properties visitors see in Ocean Pines when they cross the North Gate Bridge are neglected. The Ocean Pines board is grappling with ways to enforce open violations on properties, which can impact home values and trouble neighbors.

Neglected properties need to be addressed, residents say

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) Finding neglected properties around Ocean Pines isn't that difficult. Two properties just inside the North Gate qualify for that status. Resident Janielle Bagley asked the board of directors Saturday to take action against these properties.

Bagley told the board she a property near her home on Sandyhook has multiple cars with dead tags and flat tires.

"There are no other developments around the area that have properties that are neglected like we have in Ocean Pines," Bagley said.

Director Doug Park asked Bagley to give the address of the Sandyhook property to General Manager John Viola so that someone can follow up on

it.

Later in the board meeting, there was discussion about what enforcement could be done with properties that have open violations.

There are currently 11 properties with violations ranging from tree removal, to fencing, non-permitted sheds and junk vehicles. These cases were all forwarded to the association attorney in 2022.

"Homeowners associations really exist for two reasons. One is to protect home value. The other is to protect community lifestyle values, which include safety," Director Frank Daly said.

There were two motions being considered by the board. One was to suspend the voting rights and use of the association amenities for as long as the violations remain open.

The second was to establish a system to fine property owners with continuing violations in the sections of Ocean Pines that grant the board the authority to take this action.

The sections that allow for fines include the Interlinks, White Tail Sanctuary, The Point, Mumford's townhouses, Colonial Village North, Marina Village condos, Marina Village townhouses, Mumford's Landing single family homes, Harbor Village and Triple Crown Estates.

Director Stuart Lakernick suggested that OPA put the names of the owners of these property owners and the addresses on the association website. Director Doug Parks said the issue should be referred to counsel as adding the name could pose a legal risk for the association.

"If you let your house turn into a dump, you are probably not going to care about using the amenities or voting," Daly said.

"But in the absence of being able to do fines, this is a step that is available to us and a step we should take and see how it works out," Daly said.

"Should we look at passing this motion this time and ... say, 'we need to see if there is a way to operationalize this so the board would not have to get involved every single month?'" Parks asked.

Horn agreed the board should develop a process on how to address property owners that do not comply with regulations.

Property owners have a right to appeal through HB615 before the restrictions can take place, according to Horn.

If a property owner addresses the violations, that owners will then have their rights reinstated.

"The number of properties in disrepair don't have a serious impact on the community, but they sure have a serious impact on those around them," Daly said.

"We all bought into this association
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Four candidates certified for '23 OPA Board election

(May 25, 2023) Ocean Pines Association Secretary Stuart Lakernick announced that he has certified four candidates as eligible to run in the 2023 Board of Directors election.

The candidates, in alphabetical order, are Elaine Brady, Jeffery Heavner, John Latham and Jerry Murphy.

This year, two seats on the board will be up for election: those currently held by Doug Parks and Colette Horn. The seven-member volunteer board is the governing body of Ocean Pines.

Important upcoming election dates include:

• Eligible Candidate Draw and Workshop (to determine ballot order and seating during candidate forums) – By 2 p.m. Friday, June 2 in the Blue Room of the Administration Building

• Voter eligibility deadline – Wednesday, July 6

• First Candidate Forum – TBD

• Second Candidate Forum – TBD

• Ballot deadline – By 4 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 9

• Ballots counted and vote totals announced – Friday, Aug. 11

• Annual Meeting – Saturday, Aug. 12

For questions about the election, contact elections@oceanpines.org.

Concern with unruly properties

Continued from Page 10 knowing what the rules are and in many cases, because these rules are in place. It's the responsibility of the board to enforce those rules," Horn said.


Director Doug Parks suggested checking with counsel to see if the board could impose fines on property owners in neighborhoods that are silent on the issuance of fines. Previ-

ously, the association was told that each neighborhood or section would have to vote on it.

Daly said a past opinion said the association could not fine property owners in sections where fines are not outlined in that neighborhood's deed restrictions.

The board unanimously approved the suspension of rights and the levy of fines.

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Discussions during the May board meeting. From left Steve Jacobs, Colette Horn, Monica Rakowski, Doug Parks, Rick Farr, Stuart Lakernick. And Frank Daly.

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OP board awards West Coast firm with election contract

By **Cindy Hoffman**

Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors on Saturday voted to approve the hiring of Election Trust, a third-party company out of Washington State to run this year's board elections.

But that decision did not come without considerable debate.

The contract is for \$16,000 to conduct all printing, mailing, receipt and counting of all votes for the August elections. The contractor was identified by the association's Elections Advisory Committee.

For the past 18 years, the association had used the services of Ace Printing and Mailing of Berlin, according to Tom Piatti, chair of the Election Advisory Committee. But Piatti said in a letter to General Manager John Viola tha Ace Printing and Mailing declined to bid on services for the 2023 board election.

Tom Gulyas, who owns Ace Printing and Mailing, disputed that in a letter to Joe Reynolds of the Ocean-PinesForum.com.

"At no time have I, as the owner, nor any representative of my company, ever made a comment that ACE Printing & Mailing is not interested in helping OPA continue with their elections," Gulyas said.

Gulyas added that there were several variables, including the number of vacancies on the board, that made it difficult to provide accurate pricing for the job. He said he told the committee he would reach back out after the candidate filing deadline to provide a quote.

Director Colette Horn raised concerns about going out of state for a vendor that will require OPA to mail everything to them, at no cost savings to OPA.

"We are giving up an opportunity to support a local business," she said.

Director Steve Jacobs also ob-

jected to relying so heavily on the Postal Service to conduct the elections. He pointed out that ballots are due on Aug. 9, and the count is to occur on Aug. 11. That provides only two days for a ballot to get from Ocean Pines to Washington State.

There was general agreement by the board to continue to provide a ballot drop-off box and to use overnight mail to deliver ballots from the box to the vendor.

Jacobs said the local contractor told him the drop box accounted for 30-45 percent of the total votes cast in last year's election.

That will help with local ballots, but not for those who might be mailing the ballots on the Aug. 9 deadline.

Jacobs also noted that the \$16,000 cost of the contractor does not include postage costs, which could add another \$4,000 in expenditures.

He said the costs of last year's contractor came in at about \$8,500.

In addition to the additional postal costs for Election Trust, Jacobs reminded the board that Ocean Pines purchased a high-speed scanner in 2022 for the elections.

"The scanner got high marks. The issues were software, paper stock, and ink bleeding, and the committee apparently resolved these issues.

"You have to ask yourself, we purchased a scanner in 2022, we have new software, the local contractor says the software would work, so why are we spending at least \$16,000 to do this?"

"Nothing in this proposal says the local contractor used over the past couple of years cannot do the same function that this contract calls for at a lower cost."

Another concern raised by Jacobs was the requirement in the OPA regulations to allow for the public to witness the count in person.

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Racquet Center open house will showcase various sports

(May 25, 2023) Ocean Pines Racquet Sports is inviting players to a special open house 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 27, at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

New Racquet Center Manager Tim Johnson said in a news release that the open house will showcase the various sports available at the Ocean Pines facility.

“We want this to be a fun event that will draw in friends, new members, and previous members who have lapsed,” he said. “We will have activities for all levels, all players and all sports, including pickleball, tennis, platform tennis and Spec Tennis. This is your chance to see what the pickleball craze is about, or introduce

your family to tennis, or learn the up-and-coming sport of Spec.”

Johnson said the Racquet Sports Center will host several new programs as part of National Tennis Month. All are free and open to the public.

Johnson said the new Racquet Sports season started on May 1, so now is the perfect time for returning players to stop by the Ocean Pines Administration Building to renew their memberships.

“Please consider that this is also the perfect time to add additional activities to your skillset – our facilities and various groups are all outstanding and welcoming to newcomers,”

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Debate over elections continues

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“Resolution M-06 places responsibility for counting the ballots on the committee and that it should be open to observation to those Ocean Pines members who wish to view the proceeding, in a room sufficient to accommodate the process and the association members wishing to observe the count,” Jacobs said.

“There cannot be any question that this language assumes that the count and the ability to witness the count is to be local and not on Zoom, Teams, Skype or anything else.”

Doug Parks said he and John Viola talked to counsel about this very issue.

“We decided that the best thing to do would be to propose to change that language to say, ‘is responsible for the count of the ballots whether it be in person or by a third party, as noted in Section 5 of attachment A,’” Parks said.

They also looked at the language regarding observation of the count. He suggested a minor adjustment to the language to allow for the fact that you can view it virtually.

M-06 will be brought up for a sec-

ond reading next month.

“We would make the changes only to accommodate this contract,” Jacobs said. “If you read the language as it is, unchanged, you could not make the case that this is not meant to be an onsite process.”

Parks responded that technology gives more people the opportunity to watch the count.

“We have an opportunity to keep it local, we have a system that has worked. There are too many breakdowns in this to make it worthwhile. I think we would be wrong to approve this proposal,” Jacobs countered.

“We have a company that has been doing this for a long time and is federally certified in elections. They have flawless election processes. This is one of the things that we should do moving forward and best for our association,” Director Rick Farr said.

The final vote favored awarding the contract to Election Trust: The four board members in favor were Monica Rakowski, Rick Farr, Doug Parks and Stuart Lackernick; Steve Jacobs and Colette Horn voted against; and Frank Daly abstained.



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The new definitions in Berlin's ordinance for business license fees open up non-local businesses to needing a license, provided that they do business within the town's limits. The ordinance has not yet been voted on.

Berlin discussing non-local businesses and rental fees

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) Possible new practices for issuing business licenses in Berlin became a little clearer at Monday's mayor and Town Council Meeting.

Town attorney Dave Gaskill read over definition changes to the business license ordinances that ultimately will require more businesses to obtain licenses, which were recently doubled in price from \$75 to \$150.

"Business" or "business establishment" will now include any retail service, rental or professional business entity that operates or provides services within Berlin's limits, regardless if there is a physical location in Berlin.

In other words, a landscaping company based in Ocean City would need a business license.

The definition of "vendor" is no longer in the ordinance, since "vendor" was open to any business that simply did business in town. Vendors had been exempt from having to get a business license.

"We're going to require businesses who provide services in town to get business licenses from the town even though they're not physically located in the town," Gaskill said "That's what this ordinance is intended and will do."

Councilmember Steve Green, piggybacking off the general premise that the town is looking to generate more money to cover costs associated with handing out businesses licenses — the \$75 fee was more than a decade

old — proposed that rental licenses be raised from \$10 to \$100.

"That seems really low," Green said of the current fee. "I just feel that the amount of licenses we have in town, the amount of income potential, it seems like a logical change to me."

Green pointed out that the rental license fee in Salisbury is \$120 and in Ocean City, it's \$116, so a \$100 fee would not be outlandish.

"Since fees have to be attributed to direct costs, the costs of managing those licenses have increased," Mayor Zack Tyndall said. "As (Gaskill) noted over the past 10 years, we haven't moved on the fee itself. So to bring that in line with some of the costs that we have already, \$100 may be reasonable."

Open house this weekend in OP

Continued from Page 14 he said. "If you think it does not make sense financially for you to join as a member, the Racquet Center is also a public facility that allows you to play our various sports for a daily fee. Details are available at the clubhouse."

For more information on any of these programs, contact Johnson at tjohnson@oceanpines.org or call 410-641-7228.

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CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Ocean Pines Golf Course received 76 new golf carts on Thursday at a cost of \$261,000.

GM highlights initiatives to prepare for summer season

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) General Manager John Viola kicked off Saturday's Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors meeting with his report on the various initiatives his staff have undertaken since last month.

One of those objectives was getting the new dock is in place at the Yacht Club marina. That has been accomplished, Viola said.

"The life of the dock will be longer than the previous one and the maintenance will be less," he said, adding, "If everything goes right, we will be pumping on Friday."

Viola also told the board work remains to be done on marina software, "but we have a stop gap measure that will be successful," he said.

Viola also thanked the resident who alerted him to the nonworking showers at the marina. He said his team has updated the showers and now all three showers are function-

ing. Turning to golf, Viola said that numbers are up. He reported that on Friday alone, golf brought in \$20K in revenue, with 258 rounds of golf played, up from 226 that same day last year. And those golfers will now get to ride in 76 brand new golf cars that arrived last Thursday.

Public works is renovating the golf course gazebo, which sits on the 14th fairway. Viola said he expects it to be back in place for the Taylor Bank golf tournament on July 17.

Palm trees have been installed at the North Gate bridge and the beach club. "It feels like you are in Jamaica," Viola said.

The new NorthStar system is making check in at the Racquet Center easier, but using swipe cards and setting up online reservations for new classes, leagues and courts. Viola said he anticipates that the system will be in place for the golf course in FY

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GM John Viola reports rosy end to fiscal year for OPA

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) April is the end of the fiscal year for the Ocean Pines Association and once again the results are good.

“The bottom line is this, we are favorable for the year, and in March we were favorable by about \$1.1 million,” association General Manager John Viola told the board of directors Saturday.

Year to date in March, net revenues were \$14.5 million and expenses were \$12.7 million, Viola reported.

“People saying all this favorability is because we did not hire people, but you have all the results of the initiatives and accomplishments there. Positions were not filled and that is favorable to the budget. But we constantly look at that. I am utilizing contractors filling in for that. I have gotta be honest with you, maybe in next year’s budget there might be more money in there for contractors, if we can’t continue to fill these positions.”

Viola pointed out, however, that March’s numbers showed that at least 90 percent of that favorability is “organic and its revenue.” He also reported that the association’s unaudited reserves now total \$7.1 million.

Viola expects to have the final numbers for April by this week and will post them. He anticipates the results for that month will be favorable as well.

The comptroller’s report will be unaudited and the annual audit will come in a few weeks.

Director Monica Rakowski delivered the treasurer’s report. As of April 30, the association had approximately \$17.7 million in cash, an increase of about \$330,000 over the same time period last year. Cash increased by about \$3.3 million from March.

Rakowski said the association has \$9.1 million invested in CDAR’s. The remaining \$8.6 million is in insured cash sweep accounts, money market and other operating accounts, diversified between two local banks.

Pine Tones spring concert to provide diverse music for all

(May 25, 2023) The Pine Tones Chorus will present its spring concert, “So Happy Together,” at the Community Church of Ocean Pines at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 4.

Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. and admission is \$20 at the door.

With the inspiration of founder June Todd, direction by Jenny Anderson, and special guest musicians, the Pine Tones invite the audience to take a trip back to the swinging 60s.

According to a news release, there is something for everyone in the program, including Simon and Garfunkel, the Beach Boys; the Beatles; Frank Sinatra; Peter, Paul, and Mary; the Association; the Eagles; the stars of Motown; the Mamas and Papas and more.

There is even a rousing anthem from “Hello Dolly,” which won 11 Tony awards when it debuted in

1964.

The concert is possible in part through a grant from the Worcester County Arts Council through the Maryland State Arts Council.

“This is one of the most fun and upbeat shows we have ever done,” said Pine Tones President David Holloway said in the release. “The music is so happy and familiar to baby boomers, and we promise that younger people will love it also. As it says on the tee shirts, ‘I may be old, but I got to see all the cool bands.’”

The Pine Tones Chorus includes more than 40 local singers and has been entertaining local audiences for nearly 40 years. The chorus also visits several area nursing and rehabilitation centers to entertain residents.

The group always welcomes new members. Interested parties should contact Jenny Anderson at 443-655-5636.

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Ocean Pines ready for summer

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2024.

Maintenance at the Racquet Center has been a priority, with new paint throughout, lighting in restrooms and a new ice machine. A new shade structure is being built for the pickleball area. There is someone on the maintenance team who is certified and now maintaining the racquet center full time.

Cracks on the pickleball and paddle tennis courts are expected to be addressed soon.

Tim Johnson, the new Racquet Center manager highlighted some of the free clinics he has introduced since his arrival a month ago.

Johnson hosted a free clinic for Spec Tennis in April with 17 participants. He offered free tennis clinics in May, during National Tennis Month, with 17 juniors and nine adults participating.

Johnson is holding ongoing classes to integrate them into the racquet community. Linda Horst, the paddleball instructor has been hosting instructional classes and drill and play classes with 25 people every week. Johnson expects to get certified to teach platform tennis and will be ready to coach that sport.

"The results are in, people are joining and they are having a lot of fun," Johnson said.

That includes 34 new pickleball members and 10 new platform members in the past month, according to Debbie Donahue, the director of Rec and Parks.

Jonson wants to form some leagues and host tournaments, and plans to host socials and fundraising events.

"We'll be really active down there," he said.

Donahue reported that 1,000 people attended Bay Day on May 14, an event the Maryland Coastal Bays Program brings to Ocean Pines every year.

Ocean Pines hosted a Bike Day on May 13. Seventy-five people signed up for the seven-14-mile ride that started at the golf club, but due to threatening weather, 33 participated in a seven-mile ride. Everyone got back to the clubhouse before the rain moved in and had a great time, with music, food and drink, and prizes.

Viola said he is putting a workgroup together to look at cycling events through the golf course in the future.

Viola continued to remind people of the lifeguard shortage and its impact on pool hours this coming season. His team will notify people weekly of pool hours and will continue to try to recruit new guards.



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Former prisoner-of-war Walter Webster, escorted by members of the First State Detachment Marine Corps League, presents a wreath honoring prisoners of war and military personnel missing in action during the Ocean Pines Memorial Day ceremony in 2022. This year's event will take place at 11 a.m. May 29.

Memorial Day events honor fallen heroes around region

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) Memorial Day weekend is the start of the summer beach season, but it is also a time for honoring American veterans who gave their lives in service to this country.

Several Memorial Day activities are scheduled around the county, ranging from ceremonies to parades.

Here are some of the events planned for this weekend.

Ocean Pines

Monday, May 29, 11 a.m. to noon, the largest Memorial Day ceremony in the region returns to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.

The event draws thousands of people to the memorial grounds and features music, demonstrations, and public speakers honoring U.S. military men and women.

"Memorial Day honors all who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our county," Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said. "This year's ceremony, as those before it, will honor the brave men and women who served our country and lost their lives in doing so."

The keynote speaker this year will be Maj. Al Soto (USMC retired).

The ceremony will also honor local Gold Star families. During World War I, families would fly flags or banners with a blue star for every immediate family member serving in combat. If one of them died, a gold star replaced the blue star.

Walter Webster, a member of the Maryland East Chapter of Ex-POWs, will place a wreath in honor of all current and former prisoners of war.

The program will also include patriotic music performed by Randy Lee Ashcraft, The Delmarva Chorus, and Glen Mohr with the St. Luke's Contemporary Choir.

Public parking will be available at Veterans Memorial Park on Route 589 and Cathell Road in Ocean Pines. Limited seating will be available during the Memorial Day ceremony and guests are encouraged to bring chairs. No seating will be supplied for the special dedication ceremony.

In case of inclement weather, the Memorial Day ceremony will move to the Ocean Pines Community Center and be announced on the www.oceanpines.org and www.opvets.org websites and on social media.

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Ocean City

Monday, May 29 at 8 a.m.

The U.S. Coast Guard will be dropping a wreath in the ocean to the sound of Taps at the former Dunes Manor Hotel, now Hilton Garden Inn on 28th Street. The wreath honors the service men and women who lost their lives at sea.

Monday, May 29 at 1 p.m. The American Legion (2308 Philadelphia Avenue) will honor veterans with guest speakers, including members of the community who have had family members and friends who have died in the war or since passed away. A special commemoration will occur for those still missing in action.

Berlin

Monday, May 29 at 8 a.m.

“Celebrating the Past and Embracing the Future” is this year’s Memorial Day Parade theme.

Duncan Showell Post 231 Color Guard will salute departed veterans at local cemeteries starting at 8 a.m.

A parade starting at Stephen Decatur Middle School and ending at Henry Park will begin at 11 a.m.

Food and craft vendors, live music, activities for children, and dance performances are scheduled at Henry Park.

For more information or to participate, contact DJ Lockwood at djlockwood334@gmail.com or 410-497-3242.

The Berlin Community Improvement Association hosts this event.

On Monday, May 29 at 2 p.m., the Hubert V. Simmons Negro League Baseball Museum Senior Men’s Softball team will play the Worcester County NAACP in an Old Timers Softball Doubleheader game.

Pocomoke

On Friday, May 26 from 5-8 p.m., downtown Pocomoke will celebrate



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Charlie Townsend of the Berlin Fire Company lead two trucks down Flower Street during the Memorial Day Weekend parade in Berlin last year. He is riding on the 1924 truck he maintains for the department. This year’s parade is scheduled at 11 a.m., May 29.

Memorial Day Weekend with the 4th Friday Street Festival.

A Memorial Day fireworks display will take place at dark over the Pocomoke River, sponsored by the Downtown Pocomoke Association, City of Pocomoke, and Simply Sublime Massage and Bodywork.

Fourth Fridays take place within the two blocks of Market Street between Front Street and Second Street for a block party-style event.

Local artists and vendors will fill the sidewalks of Market Street to sell their work, including paintings, photography, jewelry, bath and body products, home decor, fashion, plants, and much more.

This is a family-friendly event with multiple children’s activities, including a bounce house, crafts, sidewalk chalk, street games, and more. Live music will be provided by the Laid-baxx.

Participating downtown businesses will stay open late during event hours and local restaurants will offer food specials. A cash bar will be open for the adults to purchase beer and wine.

In the event of rain, the street festival will be canceled and will resume on the fourth Friday of the following

month.

For more information, visit the “Downtown Pocomoke Association” Facebook page, www.downtown-pocomoke.com or call Pocomoke City Hall at 410-957-1333 ext. 111.

Salisbury

On Sunday, May 28 at 2:05 p.m. the Delmarva Shorebirds play the Lynchburg Hillcats at Purdue Stadium. The Worcester County NAACP branch will honor several past players

of Negro Baseball League teams on the Eastern Shore at this game.

In attendance will be former Indianapolis Clowns Pitcher Pedro Sierra, former Kansas City Monarchs outfielder Sam Allen and Negro Baseball Goodwill Ambassador Rayner Banks will have his Negro League Baseball exhibit on display. Negro Baseball League merchandise also will be available. This event is sponsored by McDonalds and Delmarva Shorebirds.

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Snapshots



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CUM LAUDE MEMBERS

The William E. Esham Jr. Chapter of the Cum Laude Society at Worcester Preparatory School welcomed seven new members at a ceremony on April 27. Front from left, are new members Elaina Elrick, Sara Freih, Vanesska Hall and Isabella Huber. From left in back are Assistant Head of School/Head of School Mike Grosso, new members Parker Tingle, Jenna Hess and Lorelei Campbell, and Head of School John McDonald. The Cum Laude Society is a national organization founded in 1906 that honors the world's academic excellence in secondary schools. Worcester Prep is the only school on the Eastern Shore with an established Cum Laude Chapter.



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KIWANIS SPEAKER

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City President Bob Wolfing, left, is joined by guest speaker Jim Meckley, vice president of the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library during the club's April 12 meeting.



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AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Worcester Preparatory School held Autism Awareness Day on April 26. In addition to wearing blue, the Upper School Surf Club collected donations to support the Surfers Healing Foundation, which exposing those living with autism to the experience of surfing. Pictured, from left, are freshman Laura Malinowski, Hailey Bushnell, Grant Crothers, Sydney Mize, Anisha Batra, and Olivia Owens.



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From left, first graders Sloane Gudelsky, Henry Hudson and Sloane Luckenbaugh are pictured at Autism Awareness Day.



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Pictured, standing, from left, are eighth graders Mario Dahr, Justin McGovern, Anthony Ziman, Dade Kappes and Maximilian Lev and seated, Jack Adkins, Jacob Lev, Michael Hall, Gavin Mann and Ronen Poddar during Autism Awareness Day.



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REC AND PARKS DONATION

Travis Davey, from the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department, accepts a check for \$4,000 from Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club President Christina Dolomount-Brown during the organization's May 4 dinner meeting.

Snapshots



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POETRY WINNERS

Two Stephen Decatur Middle School students, sponsored by the Worcester County Garden Club, placed first at the state level in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. 2022-2023 Youth Poetry Contest. The theme was "Seeds, Trees and Bees... Oh My-Celebrating the Diversity of Nature." Worcester County Garden Club Youth Contests Chair Joanne Kirby presented a certificate and bouquet to seventh grader Macie Groves, right, for her poem "The Harmony of Nature," and to eighth grader Areti Gjikuria for her poem "The Bee's Garden."



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ARTS DAY DONATION

Aubrey Sizemore, volunteer and event coordinator for the Art League of Ocean City, left, receives a \$1,000 sponsorship check for Arts Day in the Pines from Sharon Sorrentino of the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club. Arts Day in the Pines is a free event hosted by the Art League that will feature more than 50 artisans and art activities. The event is set 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 24, at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.



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PINK PARTY PROCEEDS

Sunset Grille's annual Pink Party, in honor of cancer survivor Hope Palmer raised \$13,415. The proceeds from the event benefit Atlantic General Hospital's John H. 'Jack' Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center. Earlier this year, Palmer and Jack Burbage presented the donation to Atlantic General Hospital Foundation board chair Steven Green and Atlantic General Hospital leadership, including president and CEO Don Owrey. Pictured, from left, are Toni Keiser, AGH vice president of public relations; Burbage, Jr., CEO of Blue Water Development; Steven Tyson, AGH donor relations officer; Green; Palmer, corporate communications director of Blue Water Development; and Owrey.



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OUTSTANDING MEMBER

The Worcester County Garden Club recently recognized member Pat Arata, right, as its 2023 Mary Ann Royal Award recipient. Established by the club's first president in honor of her friend, Mary Ann Royal, the award is given to a member who has made outstanding contributions to the club. First Vice President Joan LaHayne presented the flower-filled trophy bowl to Arata.



CAMP FUNDS

The Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club recently donated \$5,580 to Boy Scout Troop 261 to fund their trip to Camp Powhatan.

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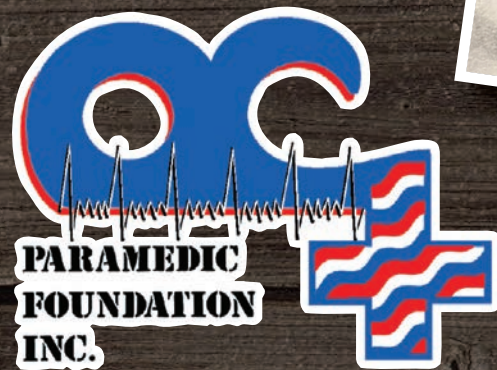
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Assateague Park now offers accessible trails

Life of the Forest and Life of the Marsh provide easy access to explore island

(May 25, 2023) Construction is complete, and the Life of the Marsh Trail and the Life of the Forest Trail are now open on Assateague Island National Seashore.

Construction on the trails has been in progress since the fall to make them more accessible to all visitors, to improve the overall visitor experience on the trails and to increase the lifetime of the trails.

Park officials said accessibility features have been improved to allow a better experience for visitors using wheelchairs, guide canes or other mobility resources.

Sight lines for children have also been improved with viewshed overlook opportunities. Additions include amphitheater style seating areas on both trails, and the replacement of the stairs leading to the beach on the Marsh trail with a ramp.

The Marsh and Forest Trails allow visitors to view wildlife and birds in the solitude of the bayside marsh environment. The trails offer great photo opportunities away from the beach in Assateague's less visited habitat zones.

Improvements are also underway

on the Life of the Dunes Trail, although officials said they do not expect any closures to result.

The projects were funded by park entrance and pass fees. Eighty percent of all revenue from Assateague Island National Park Entrance fees or the local sales of the various federal interagency passes stays in the park to help pay for these types of visitor-related projects.

The other 20 percent goes into a fund which can be used by parks with no entrance fee or very low fee revenues.

Examples of projects funded in the last year are the new boardwalk at the Maryland Visitor Center, renovation of the Old Ferry Landing area, renovation of Well #1 on the island, design of a new freshwater distribution system for the island, and replacement of the entrance sign at the visitor center.

Visitors are reminded that pets, bicycles, skateboards, hoverboards and roller skates are not allowed on park trails.

This is a safety regulation due to the confined space on the trails, combined with the high volume of visitors often using the trails at the same time.

Assateague Island National Seashore will also be changing the speed limit on Bayside Drive. The

speed limit will drop from 25 MPH to 15 MPH. This is in our continuing effort to make the island safer.

Bayside Drive has a large number of bicyclists, many of whom are children. There is not a bike lane along this road, which leads to the Bicycle Rental Concession.

The change will make Bayside the same speed as Old Ferry Landing. After the change, the only area still 25 MPH will be the majority of Bayberry Drive. Drivers are reminded that there is no place on the island where the speed limit is more than

25 MPH.

One final reminder is that the speed limit in all camping loops and parking lots is 10 MPH. Also, camping loops are limited to registered campers only.

If you are not a registered camper, you should not be driving through or parking in the camping loops. Respect the rights of campers who should be able to experience a safe and quiet experience.

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Frankie M. of Annapolis testified to this. "I remember my husband driving me to my consultation and I saw a woman running just outside our neighborhood. I was so envious - I just kept thinking, 'I would give anything just to walk again'. My primary care doctor told me my troubles with pain and balance were just symptoms of old age and gave me a prescription. I was so depressed." Fortunately, Frankie would eventually see Dr. Salmond on the news and how she offers a real solution at Coastal AIM. "I just knew I had to see her. She was my last hope."

"Almost all of our patients come to us with a story similar to Frankie's. They've been everywhere else. They've been told there's no hope," shares Liz, a Patient Care Technician at

Coastal AIM. "It just breaks my heart, but I know how much we can help people like Frankie, so I'm always so happy when they walk through our door."

Those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy often face a grim reality; Western Medicine declares there is no solution while most alternative therapies carry large price tags and offer little to no resolution. Which is why Dr. Salmond and the staff at Coastal AIM pride themselves on being the 'last resort with the best results'.

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves and this damage is commonly caused by the lack of blood flow in the hands and feet. A lack of blood flow results in a lack of nutrients; the nerves then begin to degenerate and die which causes pain ranging from discomfort to debilitation. Because neuropathy is a degenerative condition, once those nerves begin to deteriorate they will continue to do so until they are completely expired, leaving patients suffering from crippling balance issues. "In this case, the absence of pain is not necessarily a good thing," shares Dr. Salmond, "This usually indicates that your nerves are hanging on by a fragile thread."

So how exactly is Dr. Salmond able to reverse the effects of this degenerative condition? "Acupuncture has been used to increase blood flow for thousands of years which helps to get the necessary nutrients to the affected nerves. But the real magic happens when I integrate ATP Resonance BioTherapy. This is technology that was originally developed by NASA to expedite recovery and healing."

"I just can't say enough about Coastal AIM," Frankie shared through tears of joy. My husband and I moved here almost three years ago and he's gone to the beach almost everyday. I always stayed home because of the pain and discomfort. Yesterday, I walked on the beach with him! And next week, we're making plans for a weekend music festival. I am truly living life these days."

According to Frankie's test results, she has seen a 74% improvement in pain and functionality, which is "on par with the majority of our patients," shares Liz. "But more important than those test results is the joy she's expressed being here and hearing about all the amazing things she's able to do because she feels great!"

By seamlessly blending the ancient science of acupuncture with modern medical solutions, Dr. Salmond has achieved a 90% success rate in reversing the effects of neuropathy. She starts each patient with an initial consultation where a sensory exam is performed. This not only aids in making a proper diagnosis but it helps to define just how much nerve damage has occurred. She says, "This is important because if a patient has suffered more than 95% damage, there is little that I can do to help them. I'm familiar with medical miracles, but I know the limits as a practitioner and the limits of this medicine."

When it comes to treating peripheral neuropathy, regardless of its origin, early detection greatly improves chances of a full recovery.

If you or someone you love are suffering with chronic pain that presents as burning, tingling or 'pins and needles' or you've been recently diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy, it's important to know there are options.



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Opinion

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Elections contractor located so far away

Without knowing the details of discussions between Ocean Pines representatives and an election management company in Washington State, it's difficult to make a convincing argument one way or the other about whether signing with an outfit so far away was the wisest move to make.

For all anyone outside the Election Committee's deliberations and consultations with members of the board of directors knows, going with Election Trust out of Bainbridge Island, Washington might be just the ticket for a smoothly run board of directors election.

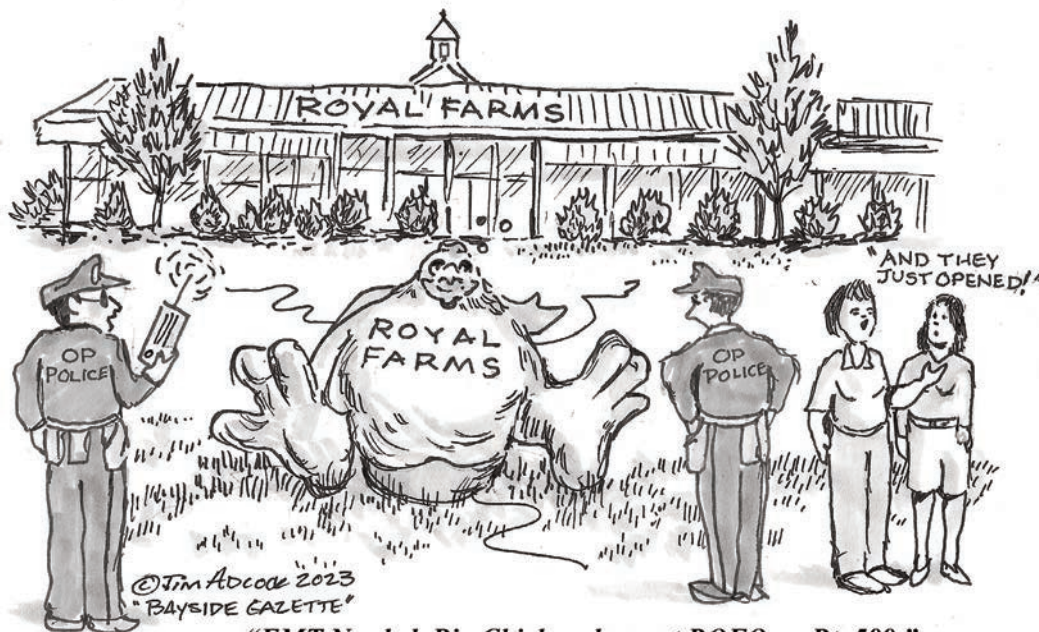
In addition, it's not as if Election Trust doesn't have a good resume with an impressive list of clients that ranges from the Maryland Thoroughbred Horseman's Association to Lions Clubs International to the Las Vegas Country Club.

It's also been in operation for more than 20 years, which says something about its trustworthiness at a time when conducting elections invites all kinds of criticisms.

Still, it is on the other side of the country and will, to a certain degree, have to depend on the Postal Service's ability to meet the tight elections timeline. Maybe Election Trust has all that figured out and has made allowances for the unexpected.

There are times, however, when comfort levels and good working relationships are easier to achieve with local providers. That is the case with the board's decision Saturday to end its arrangement with a law firm on the other side of the Chesapeake and instead go with the Ocean City-based firm Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy and Almand.

That firm knows the association and vice versa, which makes for an easy connection. With that in mind, and knowing that the association's former election handler, Ace Printing and Mailing in Berlin, was interested in continuing in that role, the selection of Election Trust is, well, just curious.



"EMT Needed. Big Chicken down at ROFO on Rt. 589."

Letters

Teachers deserve respect and raise

Editor,

It is very concerning that the Worcester County Commissioners rejected the school board's budget.

Lack of transparency was cited as the reason.

Does that mean that in the past their budgets had clarity but this year's doesn't?

As a resident and taxpayer, I would like to know the specifics.

The net result is that teachers and supporting staff will not get raises but county employees will.

This decision disrespects teachers who are the cornerstone of a good school system.

What were Bertino, Abbott, Bunting and Fiori thinking? I can't believe there wasn't a way to work this out.

Lynne McAllorum
Ocean Pines

Assateague camping fee increase?

(May 25, 2023) Assateague Island National Seashore is proposing to increase fees for camping for the coming fall

According to a news release, Superintendent Hugh Hawthorne recently announced the proposal, which aims to raise the cost for regular camp sites by \$10 and and group camp sites by \$30 on both the ocean and bay sides of the island. If approved, the new rates will go into effect Oct. 1.

The proposed changes would only apply to front country camping fees, with back-country camping rates set to remain the same.

The release said one of the main reasons for the proposed increase is the growing gap between Assateague's camping

fees and other campgrounds in the local area.

"Required Comparability Reviews and anticipated campground improvements indicate the need for an increase," Hawthorne said in the release. "It's important to note that 80% of the fees collected come back to the park to fund projects such as the recent improvements to the nature trails, the Old Ferry Landing bulkhead, and the Assateague Island Visitor Center boardwalk and overlook."

The proposed changes would raise front country camp site fees from \$30 to \$40 a site per night; group camp sites for seven to 25 people from \$50 to \$80 a night per site; and horse camp sites for a maximum of

six people and six horses from \$50 to \$80 a sight per night.

The authority to charge recreational fees at state national parks stems from the 2004 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. The law requires that recreational fees are appropriate to the benefits and services provided, and comparable to fees charged by others in the local area for similar benefits and services.

To voice opinions or comment on the proposed camping fee changes, use the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment web site at parkplanning.nps.gov/camping_fee_increase_2023. Public comments will be accepted until June 17.

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Tina Celia named Pine'er crafter of the month in May

(May 25, 2023) The Pine'er Craft Club is proud to announce Berlin resident Agatina "Tina" Celia as the May 2023 Crafter of the Month.

According to a news release, Celia is a consummate crafter, enjoying a wide range of mediums from sewing and beading, candles and decoupage, to her lovely dried flowers. Tina has many items on display in the Artisan Gift Shop from her sewn wallets to charming bottles and a wall of framed flower varieties; plus the inventory is always changing.

When Celia retired and moved to the Berlin area three years ago, it was to be close to her daughter, son-in-law and their dog, Dexter. Joining the Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines was icing on the cake.

"I enjoy the camaraderie of the club members who have a passion for crafting," Celia said in the release. "As a crafter, it's fun to be surrounded by others who love it, too."

Celia travels to craft shows and is well known for her dried flowers. She brought many of them with her from a garden surrounding her former home. A bit of memory goes into each stem she dries and frames. The bevy of blooms Celia can frame is amazing, and when asked which is the toughest to capture, she said "roses, the dimension makes them really challenging."

To see Celia's Crafts and more creations, stop by the Pine'er Artisan Gift Shop. The shop is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, except holidays.

The club is always seeking new crafters and meetings are open to the public. If you are an artisan who would like to sell your creations at the shop, contact Debbie Jiwa or Barbara



The Pine'er Craft Club's May Crafter of the Month, Agatina "Tina" Celia poses with some of her hand sewn wallets.

SUBMITTED PHOTO / BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Herzog, shop managers, or email opcrafterclub@aol.com for more information.

All new crafters must go through the juried process, and when items sell profits return to the community. Since its inception, the craft club has donated nearly \$179,000 back to Ocean Pines. The club has been hand crafting in Ocean Pines for 49 years.

Memorial Day county closures

(May 25, 2023) Worcester County Government offices, including all five branch libraries and recreation and parks, will be closed Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day holiday. The cen-

tral landfill and homeowner convenience centers will also be closed.

Offices will resume standard operating hours on Tuesday, May 30. Staff members wish one and all a happy and safe holiday weekend.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF RANDY LEE ASHCRAFT

Randy Lee Ashcraft has been on hiatus from singing due to throat cancer. He will be back on stage at 7 p.m., June 2 at Bourbon Street on the Beach on 126th Street in Ocean City for a fundraising event benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Randy Lee Ashcraft ready to perform after throat cancer

By **Cindy Hoffman**
 Staff Writer

(May 25, 2023) He's back!

Randy Lee Ashcraft has been off the music circuit for a year now, after being diagnosed with throat cancer. His return to the stage is now just days away.

He and the Saltwater Cowboys are getting together for their first performance since last year at 7 p.m., June 2, at Bourbon Street on the Beach on 126th Street in Ocean City. The performance will be a celebration and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

"I feel great. It was a journey, but I feel good now," Ashcraft said.

Ashcraft's cancer was caused by human papillomavirus or HPV virus.

"Eighty percent of people have it. You get it when you are in your teens. For 90 percent of us, your body just puts it away."

But it can manifest itself as throat cancer in men and cervical cancer in women, and today there is a vaccine for it.

Fortunately, Ashcraft gets annual check-ups on his throat because he is a singer. It was at one such examination that his doctor felt the lump and told him it felt like cancer.

"I was completely devastated when I found out. I thought I would lose the ability to sing," Ashcraft said.

His surgeon, whom his wife Lisa found, was the doctor who discovered the link between throat cancer and HPV. Her team at Johns Hopkins specializes in head and neck cancer caused by HPV.

The surgeons told him, "We think we are your best chance for you to sing again."

They were lucky enough to have friends who lived near the treatment center and did a house swap. Lisa

worked remotely from the hospital while he received treatment. They would come home on the weekends.

"I guess you don't fight cancer on the weekends," Ashcraft said, who added that the treatment was hard on his body.

He said he was told before treatment to gain as much weight as he could because he was going to lose it.

"I was eating cheesesteaks, cheeseburgers, anything I could get my hands on."

"They could not find the tumor. They knew where it was. I had my tonsils out in 1969 and there was a little nub of my tonsil that was still there. I had a tonsillectomy, and the tumor came out with the tonsil. That left a little hole, and that is where they aimed the radiation."

"That ended up being a big challenge on the back side as far as eating and being able to swallow.

"They told me I was going to have to get a feeding tube if I did not start eating."

A friend brought him some split pea soup and he could swallow that, which gave him the idea to puree his food.

"I started pureeing everything. Sausage and eggs in the morning."

"I put roast beef and mashed potatoes and ground it up, and I put some weight on and avoided the feeding tube."

"At first, I thought that was disgusting. Eventually I got to like it," Ashcraft laughed.

Today, he can still feel the ulcer that remains where the cancer had been.

"It's still there. I can feel it, but it is almost healed."

He had chemotherapy and radiation for three months, which ended in August. Each session was

Ashcraft excited to play again **Obituaries**

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five to eight hours.

“My first chemo infusion, I guess I was feeling sorry for myself.”

“The nurse comes in wearing a hazmat suit bringing the stuff they were going to put in my body.”

He told the nurse, “I took care of myself for 60 years so I could get cancer. And she said to me, ‘No sir, you took care of yourself for 60 years so you could beat cancer.’”

“That changed everything for me.”

“She set me straight and I felt better because of it. I was the guy in the waiting room cheering everybody up. I approached it on a more positive level after that.”

To do the radiation treatment, the doctors created a “cancer mask” of his head that was made out of mesh. He would lie on a table and they would put the mask on and bolt it, and thus his head, to the table.

An aide bolted him in for his first treatment. “When it was over, he asked me if I was OK, I said, ‘You didn’t mess up my hair, did you?’”

“The second day, same thing, he asked me if I was okay, and I asked him, ‘You didn’t mess up my hair, did you? By the third time, he said, ‘You’re messing with me, aren’t you?’”

While he walked away from his guitar for a time during treatment because it just made him too sad to play and not be able to sing, he continued to write songs and plans to make an album in the fall.

He wrote a song about his treatment called ‘My Cancer Mask.’ One line in the song is, “I knew I was getting the world’s best care, because no matter how tight that mask was, they never ever messed up my hair.”

He videotaped the song and shared it with his oncologist. She asked for a copy and played it for the Tumor Board (a group of doctors who consult on cancer patients). They loved it and are going to include it in the booklet that they provide to patients at the start of their treatment.

He said he had great support from friends.

“I never felt forgotten,” said Ashcraft.

Once his voice started to come back, he asked his doctors if he could sing. They said I should start doing my vocal exercises and as it got easier, he started to sing some songs.

“My voice is different. I still have some healing to do. There are some songs I still can’t sing yet, but I am excited about it.”

Once he felt strong enough, he called the Saltwater Cowboys.

“The rehearsals have been so much fun. We are like little kids again.”

“It’s fun for me to see them so happy to do it again.”

He does not plan to go back to five or six nights away. He expects to play one or two nights instead.

“I am going back to my roots and

will play mostly originals. I am going back to where my heart is and I’m going to do what I love.”

“It’s so corny but I gotta say it. I always took the advice of people who had been through this to love life every minute. I thought I did.

“I was in the military; I jumped out of planes. Made me think that I understood that. But when you’re laying strapped to a table and they are shooting you full of poison, you’re like, if I get through this ...”

“My answer now is ‘yes’ to everything as long as we can afford it. I am happier than ever. I can’t wait to sing the songs they [friends/fans] ask for. I want to do that again. I will do it as long as they will listen.”

Ashcraft said the Bourbon Street performance will be a little different. He will come out solo first, do some songs with his daughter, Bailey Mae, 16, and then two members of the band will come out and do some acoustics and then the whole band will come on stage. His brother, Jim, will even join him for a song or two. His cancer mask will make an appearance as well.

If fans and friends want a sneak preview before the Bourbon Street comeback, Ashcraft will perform at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines, on Monday, May 29, beginning at 11 a.m.

RONALD WARD Bishopville

Ronald Ward, 81, passed away on May 15, 2023, at his home in Bishopville after a long illness that he fought with great dignity, with his loving wife, Sidney, by his side.



Ronald Ward

Ron was born in Williamson, West Virginia, to Golda Butler Burchett and Claude H. Ward. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Charles L. Ward.

Ron graduated from Brooklyn Park High School and attended Morehead State College in Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, Sidney; his son and best friend Brian Ward (Lisa); his beloved daughter, Ann Nilsen (Steve); and his two special grandchildren, Jordan and Lukas Nilsen, whom he was so proud of.

He grew up working in the roofing business in Baltimore alongside his cherished stepfather, Charles E. Butler, the founder of M.D. Home Improvement Assn. (MICA) in 1961. Ron was honored to be a part of this

association from the beginning.

Ron opened Ward Roofing Company in Ocean City in the late 1970s. Being self-employed most of his life, he often joked about having hundreds of bosses.

He was recognized recently for 50 years with the Masonic Grand Lodge of Maryland (Corinthian Lodge 93), the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, and the Boumi Shriners. The latter supports the Shriners Hospital for Children. He was also one of the founders of the Ocean City Shrine Club.

Ron was a fun-loving guy who loved sharing his life stories. He will always be remembered as a kind and generous man. He will be greatly missed.

His interment will be private at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church Cemetery in Reisterstown, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Coastal Hospice at Coastalhospice.org or P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802.

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Cuisine

Local catch rolled up in banana leaves

Spring is sprung, the grass is rizz ('ris'?). I've never attempted to spell that one out), I wonder where the banana palms is.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

So maybe my little ditty is not true to form, but you get the idea. Spring has definitely sprung and the flora abounds, mesmerizing me at every turn with the greens and

pinks and blues and purples. For me, this is my favorite time of year, especially in my own backyard. It's a time for love and rebirth and good energy. There is no better kickoff than spring in letting the sun shine down.

I love my yard this time of year with my grill, a flat top griddle and even a bonfire on which to cook. Of course, the latter is my favorite as long as I have some white post oak or hickory on hand, but cooking on any of these makes for a wonderful evening.

The banana palms come back every year, spreading their roots intricately underground during the colder months. Usually, they would be about a foot or two tall by this time, but because the winter was so mild, a few of them are already taller than me.

And what exactly does that mean for an old chef? Well, it means that I can start plucking the first of thousands of leaves to adorn my yard over the next six months and start cooking with them. An older El Salvadoran woman once taught me how to use them for tamales, something that I will definitely get into later this summer, and in Hawaii I was taught how to use them in Lau Lau and other dishes.

In the Caribbean, a chef showed me my favorite way to use banana leaves, and that was grilling (and in the process steaming) seafood wrapped in the leaves, akin to papillote which is the French style of wrapping food in parchment, creating its own little steam bath.

The joy of the banana leaves is that the banana flavor and essence cooks into the food if only just slightly. These trees never grow actual bananas, as they are a Japanese hybrid developed to withstand cold weather, but when you cut into a leaf or a stem you can smell the unmistakable aroma of our favorite potassium-laden delicacies.

When working with banana leaves, they can split as you work with them,



and this can be quite problematic, as the goal is to keep as much of the moisture inside as possible. Two simple tricks that I learned over the years will make your life much easier. The first is to dunk the leaf in some hot water for about three seconds, or just enough to soften it.

The second trick is to pick leaves and freeze them. The freezing process breaks down the cells and softens the leaves, rendering them flaccid and ready, a contradiction that no middle-aged man should put in writing. But I digress.

Whichever technique you use to soften the leaves (if you even need to), you will be able to create a wide array of dishes. Now that I'm writing this, I believe that tamales could be in order next week as they are incredible. But, for now I will relish in Springtime, the season of young love and food from our gardens.

Thank you Spring for sprunging.

Local Catch in Banana Leaves

Serves 4

4 whole fresh banana leaves (or frozen

which I'll explain later)

2 lb. Assorted fresh and high quality seafood

2 inches peeled and smashed ginger

4 ea. Cloves garlic, smashed and minced

1 stick unsalted, grass-fed butter splash sesame oil per packet

4 ea. Spring onions, sliced

1 c. White wine

2 Tbsp. Soy sauce

2 Tbsp. Sugar in the raw, jaggery or brown sugar

2 Tbsp. Rice wine vinegar

Salt and Pepper, to taste

If the leaves are large, strip the rib out of the middle and use either side as your wrapper. If the leaves are somewhat small, you may have to leave them whole and lightly smash the rib to get the leaves nice and pliable. As the leaves get 'older' they get tougher. You may have to dip them in water over 140F to loosen them up a bit. Otherwise, they can simply shred apart.

After that, it's all simple, or at least as simple as rolling a burrito.

Top the leaf with some seafood and the remaining ingredients.

Look up a burrito-wrapping video,

and follow those instructions to the T. I honestly would not have enough words left to describe how to do it.

The beauty of the banana leaves is twofold. It adds an unduplicable flavor to the food, and it acts as a protective barrier to your precious seafood, as follows in the next step.

Heat a grill and cook the seafood until it is cooked through. It is quite similar to the old French technique en papillote but with actual flavor, an insult I write with a modicum of chagrin considering my own lineage.

When the leaves are properly scorched, and the seafood is cooked through, merely serve them as they are. Serve with a salad or grilled vegetables. Frankly, I don't care. Just serve them as they are and afford your guests the privilege of opening up their special packages to enjoy. There is little in the culinary world to compare to it.

Paul Suplee is the owner of the boxcar restaurants and is also Senior Lecturer of Culinary Arts at UMES. boxcarrestaurants.com

Calendar

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

Thurs., May 25

STORY TIME 'EATING THE ALPHABET'

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MID-MORNING CRAFT: HANDPRINTS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. What will your handprint make? Each on is different. Get ready to get messy. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Quiet place to meet new friends and play some chess. Bring your boards. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

EDIBLE PLANTS & FLOWERS PRESENTATION

Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek, 30220 Piney Neck Road, Dagsboro, 11:30 a.m. An Edible Plants & Flowers presentation. Admission is free for members, \$15 for non-members and free to kids 16 years and younger. Cost for tour is \$10. Tickets: delawaregardens.org.

WHAT ARE YOUR MONEY HABITUDES?

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Learn to analyze money personalities. Receive backyard gardening tips to help save money and a free crockpot. Limited 5. Registration required by May 23: 410-632-1972, scooke14@umd.edu.

JOAN BAEZ AND THE WOMEN OF FOLK

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. She helped popularize Bob Dylan's music and personified the counterculture of the 1960s. Frank DeLucco and Harry Burkett discuss Baez, her influence and legacy. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FIRESIDE CHAT

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

ZUMBA

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

ROMANCE BOOK CLUB: 'LAST NIGHT AT THE TELEGRAPH CLUB' BY MALINDA LO

The Buzzed Word, 11805 Coastal Highway, Unit C, Ocean City, 6 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of Queer Romance and wine. 410-524-1818, 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., May 26

HOBBIES CLUB: CREATIVE COOKING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. The group will use various snacks and foods to create some incredible things. For ages 6 years and older. Registration required: 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org

4TH FRIDAY STREET FESTIVAL

Market & Front streets, Pocomoke City, 5-8 p.m. Local artists and vendors fill the sidewalks. There will be children's activities, live music by Laidbaxx and a cash bar. Fireworks display at dark. www.downtownpocomoke.com, 410-957-1333, Ext. 111

Sat., May 27

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

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

OCEAN PINES RACQUET SPORTS OPEN HOUSE

Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Showcasing the various sports available at the Ocean Pines facility. There will be activities for all levels, all players and all sports. <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/racquet-sports>, 410-641-7228

TINKER TIME: SPRING FLOWERS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in anytime, use the library's supplies and your imagination to create. This month, make a variety of May flowers. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

LATE SPRING MEADOW TOUR

Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek, 30220 Piney Neck Road, Dagsboro, 2 p.m. Balance native gardens with essential pollinators. Members: free admission and tour. Non-members: ad-

mission \$15, tour \$10. Kids 16 years and younger: free admission. Tickets: delawaregardens.org.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

Sun., May 28

BOOK SIGNING WITH AUTHOR BUNK MANN

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Featuring his newest book "Ocean City Chronicles: Reminiscing Maryland's Beach Resort," which includes more than 10 years of Bunk Mann's historical articles printed in "The Dispatch" from 2012-2022.

WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP HOSTS NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS

Perdue Stadium, 6400 Hobbs Road, Salisbury, 2:05 p.m. Negro League baseball players, including a Negro League exhibit and merchandise sale. Purchase tickets at Shorebird's Will Call window. 443-944-6701

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Mon., May 29

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Duncan Showell Post 231 Color Guard Salute at local cemeteries starting at 8 a.m. The parade begins at Stephen Decatur Middle School, 9815 Seahawk Road, Berlin and will proceed to Henry Park at 11 a.m. Food and craft vendors, entertainment and activities for kids.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Hilton Garden Inn, 28th Street, Ocean City, 8 a.m. The U.S. Coast Guard will be dropping a wreath in the ocean to the sound of Taps. The wreath honors the service men and women who lost their lives at sea.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 11 a.m.-noon. Music, demonstrations and public speakers honoring U.S. Military men and women who gave their lives in service. Keynote speaker is retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Al Soto. Bring seating. www.opvets.org

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 1

p.m. The American Legion will honor veterans with guest speakers, including members of the community who have lost loved ones in the war or since passed away. A commemoration for those missing in action.

WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP HOSTS OLD TIMERS SOFTBALL DOUBLEHEADER

Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, 2 p.m. Hubert V. Simmons Negro League Baseball Museum Senior Mens Softball team will play the Worcester County NAACP in an Old Timers Softball Doubleheader game. 443-944-6701

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 Champion, 410-641-0157

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

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

OVEREASTER'S ANONYMOUS

Mondays - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. No dues or fees. 410-459-9100

Tues., May 30

STORY TIME 'TIME'

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

OUTSIDE PLAY: SIDEWALK CHALK

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Outdoor story time and play. For ages 2-5 years. If there is inclement weather, the event will be held inside the library. Dress to get dirty. 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

WHAT ARE YOUR MONEY HABITUDES?

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 2 p.m. Learn to analyze and reflect on money habits and attitudes. Receive gardening tips to save money and a free crockpot. Register all least 2 days prior: 410-632-

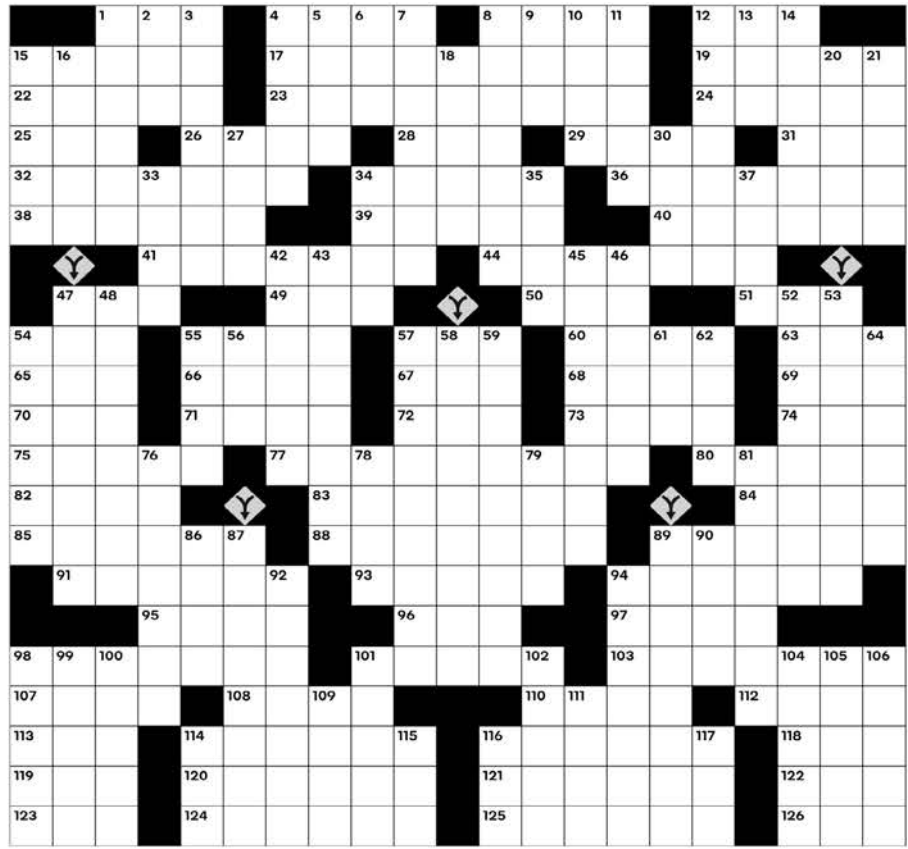
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Puzzles

ALTERNATE ENDINGS BY SID SIVAKUMAR / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Sid Sivakumar is an M.D./Ph.D. student at Washington University in St. Louis. This is his 15th Times crossword in three years. He likes theme ideas and clues that are challenging but not forced. When you figure something out, he wants you to say, "Of course!" not, "Uh ... OK, I get it." When possible, Sid includes South Asian references in his puzzles, as in the clue for 111-Down here. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Greek letter that's a symbol for torque
 - 4 Done without foresight
 - 8 Small samples
 - 12 Chocolatier's unit
 - 15 Holding areas in Capture the Flag
 - 17 Thoughtless mode
 - 19 Declares confidently
 - 22 Novelist/short-story writer _____ Bender
 - 23 "The Rise of _____" (2019 film subtitle)
 - 24 Coat with small droplets
 - 25 Mrs. or Sra. equivalent
 - 26 Prepares to deal, perhaps
 - 28 Western _____ (coll. course)
 - 29 Name repeated in a nursery rhyme
 - 31 Item sometimes made with wiliwili seeds
 - 32 Flaky, syrupy pastry
 - 34 Divisions represented by the answers to starred clues in this puzzle
 - 36 Livestream, e.g.
 - 38 Worry-free
 - 39 French for "between"
 - 40 Small fox with unusually large ears
 - 41 University of Cincinnati athlete
 - 44 _____ Command (Atari game of the 1980s)
 - 47 Abbr. in a birth announcement
 - 49 Longtime
- Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).
- 50 Invitation in a therapist's office
 - 51 Minecraft block with a fuse
 - 54 Designer of Doha's Museum of Islamic Art
 - 55 Analogy words
 - 57 "Yes, that spot right there ..."
 - 60 Added streaks to, say
 - 63 Honey _____! (ring-shaped cereal)
 - 65 Young bloke
 - 66 Ruin
 - 67 Last word in "America the Beautiful"
 - 68 Anna of Arendelle's elder sister
 - 69 Festival with lion dances
 - 70 Mobile _____
 - 71 Ultimatum word
 - 72 Pitch
 - 73 Part of a gas-mileage rating
 - 74 Start-up loan agcy.
 - 75 Damascene's country
 - 77 What "gladiator" literally translates to
 - 80 Beer brand with mountains in its logo
 - 82 Jessica _____, astronaut who participated in the first all-female spacewalk
 - 83 Not the same
 - 84 It "sounds like a clarinet with a cold," per Victor Borge
 - 85 Battery in a Wii Remote
 - 88 Stinging pests
 - 89 Some residents of the eastern Mediterranean
 - 91 Banks
 - 93 Lung or brain segments
 - 94 Like a dirty film
 - 95 Chlorophyte, e.g.
 - 96 Org. for D.C. United and the L.A. Galaxy
 - 97 Impediments to team productivity
 - 98 Get in a knot
 - 101 "Thou God _____ me" (Genesis quote)
 - 103 Fred who co-created "Portlandia"
 - 107 Campus part
 - 108 In a scuffle
 - 110 Hopping herbivore
 - 112 Captain of fiction
 - 113 Address that's often shown in blue letters
 - 114 With 116-Across, procedures in which drivers take turns joining a single stream, as demonstrated five times in this puzzle
 - 116 See 114-Across
 - 118 Crow's cry
 - 119 Backside
 - 120 Air Seoul's parent airline
 - 121 Hubbub
 - 122 Actress Mowry of "Sister, Sister"
 - 123 Green expanse
 - 124 Commander for Joe Biden, e.g.
 - 125 Pass judgment on
 - 126 Tricky
- DOWN**
- 1 *Person with a stopwatch
 - 2 Drink that may be spiced
 - 3 Potential scenario in which a piece of software might be helpful
 - 4 Person who worships Jah
 - 5 Puffins, e.g.
 - 6 Total dump
 - 7 "Is it even possible?!"
 - 8 *It'll take a second to get it
 - 9 Similar group
 - 10 Elegy, e.g.
 - 11 Boba tea is often served with a wide one
 - 12 Miniature-cheese-wheel brand
 - 13 "_____ Maria"
 - 14 *Chinese New Year decoration
 - 15 *Meat-and-vegetables dish with Creole and Cajun varieties
 - 16 Target
 - 18 Coat that may take awhile to put on
 - 20 Witherspoon of Hollywood
 - 21 *Electrical wiring nexus
 - 27 Pigmented eye layer
 - 30 Lower-interest deal, for short
 - 33 Blood work, colloquially
 - 34 Start of a detective's trail
 - 35 Uno + dos + tres
 - 37 Site with gadget reviews
 - 42 *Revolutionary cooking device?
 - 43 Conflict over seceding from the Galactic Republic, in sci-fi
 - 45 Some brandy cocktails
 - 46 *Hair-salon goo
 - 47 *Many a presidential election occurs in one
 - 48 Prospective eBay buyer's figure
 - 52 "Better than I thought"
 - 53 *Where hip-hop originated



- 54 State of matter in the sun
- 55 *Theoretical substance for which a chemistry law is named
- 56 Fifth in a scale
- 57 Stadium with the first animated scoreboard
- 58 *Where newlyweds are typically seated at a wedding reception
- 59 Severity
- 61 Latin "is"
- 62 *Toddler drop-off locales
- 64 Equilibria
- 76 Home to the sport of hurling
- 78 Americans usually spell "cancelled" with this
- 79 Queens players
- 81 Enters like slime
- 86 Grammy-winning Mexican singer Downs
- 87 *Exercise that strengthens hip flexors
- 89 *Compilations of laughably bad takes
- 90 Bit that bonds
- 92 Mineral collection site
- 94 Motion to _____ (court request)
- 98 Are
- 99 Certain essential worker
- 100 Taco topping
- 101 Job increasingly replaced by speech-to-text programs
- 102 G7 member, informally
- 104 Some offshoots
- 105 What might have attachment issues?
- 106 "You're kidding!"
- 109 Tablet you might take in the bathroom
- 111 The Hindu god Ganesha is often depicted with four of them
- 114 Ray-gun sound
- 115 Makeshift towel
- 116 N.Y.C. commuter rail overseer
- 117 Pedestrians cross them: Abbr.

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HARD - 89

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

		7		5				
		1	9					4
3	2							9
6	3		4					5
9				2			3	8
	4						8	3
	6			7	1			
				2	4			

Answers to last week's puzzles

6	7	9	3	4	8	2	1	5
8	4	2	9	1	5	6	3	7
3	1	5	7	2	6	9	4	8
5	8	7	2	9	4	3	6	1
4	6	1	5	3	7	8	9	2
2	9	3	6	8	1	7	5	4
1	3	8	4	6	2	5	7	9
9	5	4	8	7	3	1	2	6
7	2	6	1	5	9	4	8	3

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 NATURE NERO COLOR
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 PESTO HAHASIS IMO
 PARIS CHO ROSH NOSRAT
 EVES SHOWBOATING MEZE
 CACHET SERA APE BODES
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 SLOWMOTION SLOPBUCKET
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 SLIPONSHOES ACE ESSEX
 WAGREI ATTA SACRUM
 AMHERST SHIPOFTHES EUS
 NULLITY TAMPA EARHART
 SPYON SNEAK NOSILLY**

Calendar

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1972, scooke14@umd.edu.

OIL PASTEL ART

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:30 p.m. Experiment with oil pastels as we create spring inspired art pieces. For ages 12-15 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BEACH HEROES-OC

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

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.



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FOOD PANTRY DONATION

The Women's Democratic Club presented a check for \$950 to Pocomoke Elementary School Food Pantry. The group has adopted the school. Eighty percent of the student body lives below the poverty level. From left: Dana Barney; Faye Williams, Assistant Principal of Pocomoke Elementary; Debra Fisher-Reynolds, co-president; Diana Barney, secretary; Mary Anne Whitcomb, co-president; Lavonya Dashiell, resources teacher of Pocomoke Elementary School; and Joan Roache.

time just for you and your teeny tiny. Stay after to socialize with other families. For children younger than 2 years and their caregivers. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.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 on the website and Facebook. Guests are welcome. www.kiwanisofpoc.org

the game choose your next read. Play a round or a few to try a different genre than you normally read. Book selections for adults and teens. www.worcesterlibrary.org

CREATIVE KIDS CORNER

Held all day, every day in June at the Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. Come grab an art kit to create at the library or take it with you. Most supplies are included. For all ages. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BUS TRIP TO THE HIRSHHORN MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART IN WASHINGTON, DC

The Hirshhorn is featuring an installation exhibit by artist Yayoi Kusama entitled "One With Energy." Cost is \$75 for Art League of Ocean City members and

\$85 for non-members. The bus will depart from Acme parking lot on 94th Street in Ocean City on June 14 at 8 a.m. and do a second pick-up at the Lowes parking lot in Lewes, Delaware. The bus will return at approximately 8 p.m. Registration: OCart.org, 410-524-9433.

FREE WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Free workshops dealing with hypertension, chronic pain self-management, chronic disease self-management, diabetes, fall prevention and a free 6-week workshop titled, "Building Better Caregivers." If you would like to register for one of these workshops or you would like more information about bringing any of the workshops to your business or group, contact Jill at MAC, 410-742-0505, Ext. 159 or jak@macinc.org.

Wed., May 31

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. A

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Saturday 12:30-2:30pm	11604 Coastal Hwy. Unit 1506 Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$769,000	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday 3:30-5:30pm	349 Walnut Hill Dr., Berlin	4BR/3.5BA	Residential	\$734,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty
Friday 1-3pm	115 Ann Court, Berlin	3BR/2.5BA	Residential	\$604,000	Tina Dorsey/Coastal Life Realty Group
Sunday 11am-1pm	115 Ann Court, Berlin	3BR/2.5BA	Residential	\$604,000	Tina Dorsey/Coastal Life Realty Group
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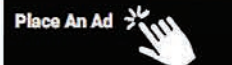
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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION *Agent Associate (Position 122201)*
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Position Summary/Purpose of Position:
This position is a 12-month, term appointment. The full-time position is part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education (SNAP-Ed) conducted by the University of Maryland Extension. The educator will deliver nutrition education programs to low-income residents in Wicomico County with emphasis on reaching food supplement (stamp) recipients.
The position will be housed in the Wicomico County Extension office in Salisbury, MD. Bachelor's Degree in nutrition, health education, or a related field preferred.
Salary will be commensurate with experience with a base salary of \$58,226. The University of Maryland offers an extensive benefits package, which can be found by visiting: <https://uhr.umd.edu/benefits>.
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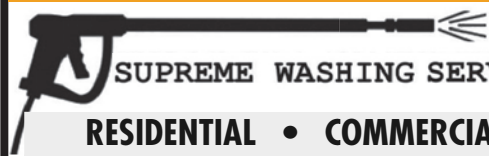
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