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Justine and Jackson Shepard learn how to tie knots during the Teach a Kid to Fish Day, hosted by the Ocean Pines Anglers Club on Saturday. More photos on page 11.

Verizon will update OPA on upgrades

Terrible cell phone service could improve ... some day

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(June 22, 2023) During a board of directors meeting a few months ago, a resident challenged Ocean Pines Association President Doug Parks to address the poor cell service in certain areas of Ocean Pines.

That challenge was accepted and now Verizon will be providing the OPA with periodic updates on what might be done and when.

As reported by General Manager John Viola at Saturday's directors meeting, he and Josh Davis, the director of public relations and marketing, reached out to Verizon, which confirmed there is an issue of poor reception in the community. Viola said he has significant issue with cell service here himself.

Because the problem seems worse in the summer, Verizon representatives suggested the problem might be the abundance of trees, but Viola countered it could be the larger number of people in the community.

Viola has given Verizon examples of certain problem spots and people to call to track the issue. In the meantime, Viola said Saturday the association should receive regular updates
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OPA continues to beat budget projections

April numbers get boost from golf play, while year exceeds forecast by \$1M

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(June 22, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association recorded another positive month financially, as General

Manager John Viola reported Saturday that April's revenue and expenditures beat the budget by \$36,000.

"Golf is driving this place right now," said Viola.

Golf favorability to budget was \$52,000, he said at Saturday's board of directors meeting. Public Works posted \$59,000 better than projected, while Administration and

Recreation came in unfavorably by \$31,000 and \$29,000.

Altogether, the association came in at \$1.150 million favorable for the year, he said, although he cautioned that "These are unaudited numbers."

The numbers could change with the audit, but he believes they will not.

"Over 90 percent of this is driven

by revenue growth. It's not revenue that grew by price increases. So, when I say organic growth, I am talking about new revenue we did not have before. Because across the board, we have a very good product," Viola said.

He also pointed out that because weather is the ultimate driver, good
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OPA likely to end year well ahead of fiscal projections

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weather will allow the amenities to improve as well.

“There is some favorability on payroll, but keep in mind that we used contractors,” he continued. “That does not go to our payroll line. Just look at everything that is getting done.

“We will look at the staffing in the next budget for Public Works, but that favorability we have reinvested. We put it in drainage, we put it in drainage reserve. We put into drainage, three, four, five, \$600,000 a year. And then I hired outside contractors and that’s where it gets charged.”

The reserve balance is at \$6.7 million as of April 30, he said.

Viola’s flash estimates for May have OPA at \$150,000 favorable in net operations, with net revenues at \$7.6 million and net expenses at \$1.08 million.

Association Treasurer, Director Monica Rakowski, also reported that the OPA had approximately \$18.5 million in cash as of May 31. Cash decreased by about \$100,000 from the

same time period last year. Cash increased about \$800,000 from April.

Of that total cash on hand, \$11.1 million is invested in CDARs, Rakowski said. The remaining \$7.4 million is invested in insured cash sweep, treasury bills, money market and other operating accounts, diversified between two local banks.

Verizon pledges to update OPA

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from Verizon within the next few weeks on whether upgrades will occur this year.

According to Viola, Verizon has upgrades planned that it believes that will help. Viola also said the company will work with the county on zoning to try to get a cell tower.

He expects to have more information over the next couple of months, he told the board.

Sneaker drive underway, will support Berlin Grace Center

(June 22, 2023) The Grace Center for Maternal and Women’s Health in Berlin is offering local community members a unique way to help the environment and support women through an ongoing sneaker drive.

According to a news release, the athletic shoe fundraiser is underway, and will continue through the end of June. The Grace Center will earn funds to support their programs based on the total quantity of gently worn, used, and new sneakers collected during the drive. The shoes will be shredded and recycled into materials for building roads.

GotSneakers has developed the program, which encourages people to reach into their closets, not their pockets. The sneaker recycling program helps keep sneakers out of landfills, which has harmful effects on the environment, and helps charity organizations like the Grace Center earn funds to sustain operations and programs available to local women.

Donations of used sneakers can be dropped off at the Grace Center for Maternal and Women’s Health at 10226 Old Ocean City Blvd., Unit 2 in Berlin — across from Atlantic General Hospital. For more information, questions or to get directions to the center, call 443-513-4124.



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The Yacht Club marina now has five new gas pumps and is open daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Boaters now get access to five new gas pumps in OP

By **Cindy Hoffman**
 Staff Writer

(June 22, 2023) Ocean Pine’s new marina gas dock is now open and is fueling vessels with its five gas pump from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at the Yacht Club marina.

All gas docks are in compliance with the state’s fuel-delivery and electrical codes, General Manager John Viola said Saturday.

During the board of directors meeting on Saturday, Viola said some users had raised concerns about the safety of an aluminum dock. He assured the board and users that the aluminum docks are grounded. If lightning strikes, the charge will go to a grounding rod rather than any person or equipment, including the gas lines.

Other safety measures include new piping that meets new federal safety standards. The wiring is also explosion proof, so if there were leaks or fumes from the gas pumps, they would not ignite.

Viola said inspections were done by the contractor and state officials were on site since the beginning of the project, working with installers and guiding OPA through the process. The state has certified the entire gas system, including plumb-

ing and electrical.

“You have a product that will last way longer and is more efficient and effective than the wooden docks and probably more effective, the way it is designed and built for safety,” Viola said.

Now that the dock is certified as safe, boaters can gas up and get fishing gear, bait, snacks, shirts, and hats at the shop, all in time for the summer boating and fishing season.

Resident opinion needed on ADA playground in OP

(June 22, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association has released a short survey about a proposed ADA accessible playground at Bainbridge Park.

The survey is designed to gauge community interest in the types of amenities and play structures at the proposed new playground.

It should take about 3 minutes to complete. Individual responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

To take the survey, visit survey-monkey.com/r/DJM9Q7P.

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St. Martins neighborhood to connect to OP water service

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(June 22, 2023) A year after a push to connect the St. Martins by the Bay community to the Ocean Pines Water System gained steam, the bay-side residents got their wish on Tuesday.

In a unanimous vote following a public hearing in which no one spoke, the commissioners approved the amendment to the county Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan that will move the 58-person residential community off well water using an eight-inch water main extension from the water system down Beauchamp Road and to St. Martins Parkway.

“The community system there is from 1984,” said Environmental Programs Director Bob Mitchell. “It’s very challenging to keep it maintained.”

A November 2021 estimate forecasted that the project will cost about \$2 million according to the Department of Public Works — up from an original estimate of \$1.5 million, including the design and construction

phases — because of rising costs.

Mitchell said that his department is processing a “financial package” from USDA to help with the costs.

That combination of grants and low-interest loans gets the community open to public water,” he said.

The current system serving the St. Martin’s residents is a community water service facility and all properties use a community water supply system or have individual wells, according to a memo from Mitchell.

Because of the limited capabilities of such an outdated system, it wasn’t unheard of for the residents of St. Martin’s to receive notification that water would need to be boiled to be safe for consumption. The new system will abandon the existing water supply, treatment and storage building.

The amendment works by changing the designation of St. Martin’s water service from a private community system to a public one within the Ocean Pines water planning area. It already carries a W-1 zoning designation that will not be affected.

“The community system there is from 1984.”
Environmental Programs Director Bob Mitchell



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The Berlin Planning Commission provided final approval to Berlin Beer Company at 115 Broad St. Adam Davis, the owner, said he hopes to be open by spring 2024. RENDERING COURTESY BERLIN BREWING CO.

Berlin Planning Commission considers housing proposals

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(June 22, 2023) The dearth of affordable housing in the area is about to be addressed in Berlin, where developers are proposing a pair of projects that could add more than 100 residential units to the local supply.

The Berlin Planning Commission reviewed concept plans for two housing developments last Wednesday, while also approving a site plan for a business project.

In the first residential project, Chris Carbaugh and Eric Davis came before the planning committee to discuss the 20-unit townhouse development they want to build on 2.8 acres off Bay Street in Berlin.

The concept calls for 780-square-foot, one-story, two-bedroom units with two parking spaces. The developers told the commission they expect the rental units to go for \$1,400-1,500 a month.

They said their goal is to provide more affordable housing in the area,

with Davis noting there are five complexes surround this property that enjoy 100 percent occupancy at similar prices.

Currently, several single-family home rentals occupy the site but reportedly are not well maintained. The property has been on the market for a while, according to Dave Englehart, planning director for the Town of Berlin.

Planning Commissioner Ron Cascio suggested the developers consider enhancing the elevation, or facade, of the homes to make it feel like it belongs in Berlin.

“The elevation is far from acceptable,” Cascio said.

Other commissioners suggested the addition of front porches to make them more coastal and welcoming, and member Matthew Stoehr suggested additional parking be added to the plan to accommodate visitors to the community.

The current plan provides one acre of green space on the property.

The second development presented was by Karbyte Enterprises LLC for a mix of retail, townhomes, condos and villas at the intersection of Route 113 and Germantown Road in Berlin.

Mark Cropper of the law firm Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy and Almand
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WPS sophomore represents U.S. in MIC soccer tourney

(June 22, 2023) Worcester Preparatory School sophomore Ben McGovern recently represented Team ISL U16 in the Mediterranean International Cup (MIC) held in Costa Brava, Spain.

The MIC is an internationally renowned soccer tournament with over 30 countries represented, this year's competition included: Liverpool FC, Juventus, Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid CF.

Players for this Barcelona-based team were selected from a multi-tiered nationwide search process.

Team ISL faced some of the most challenging opponents in the tournament, including last year's champion Olympique de Marseille.

The team's performance on the pitch was exceptional and Team ISL emerged as the champions of its bracket finishing with a 6-2 record.

McGovern's selection to Team ISL is a testament to his hard work, dedication and talent on the soccer field.

He plays soccer year-round for a prestigious regional soccer team, Maryland United FC ECNL 07.

He is grateful for the opportunities MUFC has provided him and attributes his success to this great program and the coaching he has received.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Worcester Preparatory School sophomore Ben McGovern stands with his championship trophy following the Mediterranean International Cup held in Costa Brava, Spain.

WPS student chosen for North American Select Tour

(June 22, 2023) Worcester Preparatory School sixth grader Zac McGovern was recently selected for The Southampton North American Select Tour.

McGovern was selected for The SH North American Select Tour at a regional soccer tournament in December, which he attended with his travel team.

The nomination provided him the opportunity to spend his Easter break training at the Southampton Soccer Academy in England.

"From the moment Zac came out for our team, we felt his personality and play was infectious," said OC Elevate Coach Dustin Wheelock. "He brings a unique intensity and enjoyment for the game. Zac is always thinking a play ahead. He's such an intelligent play maker. It came as no surprise to us when he was selected for this honor. He has such a stand-out presence on the pitch."

McGovern spent his time in England learning soccer from the SH development coaches and even trained alongside the first team as they prepared for their match against Man City.

He enjoyed behind-the-scenes access to the St. Mary's stadium and



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Worcester Preparatory School sixth grader Zac McGovern stands on the field in the St. Mary's stadium while training with the Southampton Soccer Academy in England during Easter break.

participated in two international games.

McGovern was the MVP for this year's Worcester Prep Middle School boys' soccer team and will be a strong addition to the program in years to come.

Planning Commission gives Berlin Beer Co. green light

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represented the Karbyte team, which presented three different site development options. Their preferred option was 2A, which was the densest development plan and included 45 townhouses and 44 condominiums for a total of 89 units.

Two other plans, 3A included 61 units and 5A included 48 units.

"This development would bring affordable housing to Berlin," said local real estate agent Lauren Britt Hudson, who was hired by Karbyte to advise the team on local housing needs.

Commission member Pete Cosby, however, took issue with the three-story buildings proposed in plan 2A and suggested that the 5A iteration was more in tune with the area.

"Where will families with kids play? There needs to be more open space and some amenities," Commissioner Newt Chandler said.

He suggested that if Karbyte planned to market to families, they needed a playground and a pool.

Karbyte's preferred 2A plan provided only one-third of an acre of parkland.

Each plan includes 9,000 feet of retail space. Commission members suggested they consider adding a second floor to the retail space for a community center.

Karbyte representatives said they would take the recommendations under consideration.

The final project the commission reviewed was the site plan for the Berlin Beer Company at 115 Broad Street. The business, proposed by Glenn and Adam Davis, would include a brewhouse, beer garden, bar and restaurant. The pair had gone before the commission in May and had incorporated its recommendations in the new plan.

That effort was rewarded with the plans unanimous approval.

Adam Davis said he will start demolition now and work on getting building permits so he can start renovations. He hopes to open next spring.

"Where will families with kids play? There needs to be more open space and some amenities."

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OPA board decisions made in June

Capital requests, policies, appointments and public comments during meeting

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(June 22, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors approved various capital requests, policies and appointments and heard from residents during its June meeting on Saturday.

The board approved requests from Public Works for \$22,000 for a limb

cutter and \$30,000 for the replacement of John Deere Gators.

It also approved \$19,000 for the replacement of a small dock removed during the 2022-23 bulkhead replacement in Pintail Park Recreation Area and \$61,000 for a new Pintail Park kayak launch gangway and floating dock.

In other matters, the board approved the update for the financial policy manual. The manual was last updated in 2006. The general manager, the finance team, the Finance Advisory Committee and the board of

directors reviewed and provided comments on the manual. The updates from these reviews have been included in this version of the policy manual.

The board then turned to resolutions.

It approved updates to Resolution M-06, Elections and Referendums, which were proposed by the Elections Advisory Committee. The board made clear that this would not be the end of changes to M-06.

"It is incumbent upon the elections committee, however it's constructed, shortly after this next election, to sit down and align M-06 and all of the attachments, our bylaws, procedures, with an eye looking forward to what we are going to be facing in the future, as best they can. The Bylaws Committee should do the same," Director Steve Jacobs said.

"This situation, where we are faced with an election coming up in the next two months, should not occur next year."

He noted conflicting information in the documents.

"I would expect a number of things to happen after this election," Director Doug Parks said.

"After conducting the elections itself, both the bylaws and the resolutions committee, and the new board will have new information pursuant to how the election was conducted.

"It's incumbent on all three of those, specifically the elections committee and the bylaws and resolutions committee to work together to say what did we learn after this election.

"We know that we have to reintroduce at some point online voting. Now that we have all this information, let's look at how it is referenced and integrated with the existing bylaws, and what needs to be changed in order to make sure we can conduct elections going forward. I suspect this will not be the final change to M-06."

There were first readings for two resolutions.

The first was to revise Resolution B-08 to make it available as a policy statement on the principles of ethics and conduct to guide directors in carrying out their roles on the board.

"This iteration states the principles by which we would expect to conduct ourselves and added a section having to do with confidentiality issues," Director Colette Horn said.

Resolution C-14 Racquet Sports Advisory Committee had changes based on the fact that the committee functions have changed now that the racquet center has a director.

The board approved the appointments of the following candidates to committees. Debbie Bennington for a first term on the Communications Advisory Committee; Amy Peck for a first term on the Rec and Parks Advi-

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Sketches of a new firehouse planned for Ocean Pines.

Ocean Pines General Manager June report

OPA considers new racquet center club house, golf club irrigation and firehouse

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(June 22, 2023) General Manager John Viola reported on maintenance projects during the monthly board of directors meeting on Saturday.

Projects that have been completed include the painting of the restrooms at the golf club, and the restrooms and bar at the Yacht Club.

Playground upgrades have been made, including the addition of a baby swing at Bridgewater Park and an ADA entrance to the Manklin playground.

Ocean Pines trails are getting cleaned up with tree trimming and mulching. Signs have been ordered for the parks and will be placed when they come in.

Viola told the board that workers will be starting the trim work on the North Gate Bridge. That job had been put off to address other priorities. There will be two fountains in the ponds at this entrance, he said.

Golf

“The course is in excellent, top shape,” Viola said. “The place is packed. The base sales numbers are up over 2022.”

Viola also told the board that big increases in golf play had been the norm since the arrival of club golf pro Bob Beckelman.

Capital items

Viola reported that he is already meeting with committees and getting their thoughts on the capital items

proposed for FY 2024-25. He said he will start talking to the Budget and Finance Committee about the priorities.

Viola has formed a work group to replace the playground equipment in Bainbridge Park to make it ADA compliant. The group is looking to get grants for this project, he said.

The association released a survey on June 15 for residents to gauge community interest in the types of amenities and play structures at the proposed new playground.

The survey takes about three minutes to complete and responses are kept confidential and anonymous. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DJM9Q7P>

As for other projects, Viola told the board he is gathering information on toll booths for the boat slips, and that there are still plans for a new firehouse. He said a working group will be making a presentation during the August board meeting. Viola said the group is pursuing grants to help pay for the project and wants to see the results of those efforts before making a presentation to the board.

Back on the golf course, Viola said he is working with a contractor to develop plans for a new irrigation system there.

“We do need an irrigation system. We have a multi-million-dollar course. Let’s now give this team the irrigation system that they need. We are certainly making the money,” Viola said.

Viola also reported that he expects to sit down with some contractors and see what is needed and what is viable in terms of a new racquet club house. Options being considered include a renovation of the current

building, or erecting a completely new building, with either one or two stories.

The general manager concluded his presentation by reporting that a

pavilion for the Veteran’s Memorial Park is being considered. Frank Brown has developed some sketches and Viola said he hopes for a joint partnership on this project.



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Debate on committee candidate

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sory Committee; Michael Reynolds for a first term on the Marine Activities Advisory Committee; and Laura Scharle for a second term on the Rec and Parks Advisory Committee.

There was discussion about Amy Peck's appointment. Director Doug Parks said he could not, in good conscience, vote to support Peck and thus abstained.

Director Colette Horn came to Peck's defense, saying that Peck has lived in Ocean Pines for many years and raised her children in rec and parks programs.

"She has been a veteran volunteer. She has invested a lot of herself and provided good ideas and good support to the rec and parks program."

"We always say we highly value our volunteers," Director Steve Jacobs said. "I am aware that Ms. Peck has raised issues and maybe angered some people with some of her comments. None of that has to do with rec and parks.

"We set a very bad precedent if we go through these sorts of acid tests as to who should serve," he continued. "These are nothing more than advisory committees. When the committee chair has endorsed this person to be on the committee, I think we should accept it for what it is."

With that, the board approved Amy Peck's appointment to the Rec and Parks Advisory Committee.

Two residents provided comments during the board meeting.

Ann Williamson addressed three issues: yard waste, the crab pier in South Ocean Pines and parking.

Williamson, a part-time resident, outlined the difficulties she has with disposing of leaves throughout the year. She requested two tags to access the Public Works yard. General Manager John Viola asked her to provide him with her phone number so he could help provide a solution for her.

She also took issue with the lack of amenities on the south side of Ocean Pines. She said she regularly enjoyed the crabbing pier there, which she would like to see replaced so that people on the south side have access to the water. She noted that residents on the south side have to drive to get to any amenities in the community.

"We are putting in a pier in Pintail. We are going to try that. It's not easy to get the permits for this," Viola responded.

Finally, she asked that the association leadership encourage residents to park in their driveways and not on the roads. As a biker, she said it is dangerous to have so many cars parked on the road.

The second resident to provide comments was Dave Tanner, who made his case for updating the racquet club and using the money that would be used for a new center to make other improvements.

"The building is in good shape. It's looking a lot better with the painting," Tanner said. "The idea of a second story does not have any merit. An elevator would be required along with stairs. You will lose a lot of space on your first floor. Same thing is true up above. Plus, you are adding the cost of the elevator."

He also questioned the purpose of a second floor. He said people want to be by the courts, "and the view from up there will not be good."

He noted that the current building meets the needs and can be modified to add more storage space and more washrooms.

He suggested spending money on a deck next to the courts, which is currently gravel.

Viola agreed that the center needs more bathrooms and storage. He also agreed that the gravel was a problem but that the association has to also look at drainage and permeability of any surfaces.

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County doesn't concur with grant, praises cooperation

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(June 22, 2023) The Worcester County Commissioners refused to concur with the board of education on its desire to accept a Pre-K expansion grant for the 2023-24 school year on Tuesday.

The board was looking for concurrence from the commissioners on the one-year grant that would add Pre-K classrooms at the county's three Title I schools — Buckingham, Pocomoke and Snow Hill elementary schools.

The main holdup for the commissioners was the one-off nature of the grant, the expiration of which would leave the county to fund the expansion at \$600,000 starting the following school year.

The grant would cover salaries for seven staff members, furniture, supplies, curriculum and technology needs.

"I don't know what we're obligated to pay regarding grant committals. Have we got that information?" Commissioner President Chip Bertino asked.

Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young said that the county recently received that information, but that it was part of a revised FY24 schools budget that amounted to around 2,000 pages. His office was still parsing through the paperwork as of Tuesday.

Without that information, the motion failed to pick up an endorsement

from any of the commissioners.

In the comment segment at the end of the meeting, Commissioner Caryn Abbott said she was thankful for the thousands of pages provided by the board and doubled down on FY24 frugality being prudent for the transparency the commissioners wish to provide to taxpayers.

"Fifty-five thousand (dollars) for food expense in (administrative costs) ... some thought it went to culinary arts but that's simply not so," she pointed out.

She also suggested that the county outsource vehicle repairs to students at Worcester Technical High School.

"That is what they're there for, to learn," she said.

Bertino took time to commend the board of education for the fact that it even approached the commissioners looking for concurrence on the Pre-K initiative.

"This is the time I can remember where I program like that, that the board of (education) approached the commissioners letting us know something like this they're considering," he said.

"I do recognize we didn't provide a concurrence, which I certainly agree with, but we do need to continue working together."

The commissioners approved the revamped budget earlier in the meeting, a day before the state deadline to submit it on Wednesday.

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OC Bay Hopper water taxi back for second year

(June 22, 2023) The OC Bay Hopper water taxi and water shuttle service returned to Ocean Pines Monday, June 19.

The water shuttle – like a bus on the water – makes regularly scheduled stops throughout the day at several locations along the bay, including Ocean Pines. Like an Uber on the water, the taxi is a point-to-point service that riders can schedule at their convenience.

OC Bay Hopper cofounder Steve Butz said in a news release that the water transportation services provided by the company make it easy for people to get to and from Ocean Pines.

“It takes the hassle out of driving and parking in Ocean City,” he said. “The water shuttle and taxi services can pick-up or drop-off at most restaurants and bars on the bay.”

Butz said the response last year – the first in Ocean Pines – was very positive.

“Ocean Pines had more traffic in and out on our boats on Saturday than any other location by far. People seem to be eating it up,” he said.

This summer, the water shuttle is scheduled to travel from Ocean Pines to locations south each day at 12:45, 3:45 and 6:45 p.m. Boats will return to Ocean Pines heading north at 2:15, 5:15 and 8:15 p.m. The shuttle will make stops in Ocean City and West Ocean City.

One-way shuttle tickets cost \$15 per person and round-trip tickets run \$30 per person.

This year, OC Bay Hopper has expanded its Water Taxi service by adding an additional boat and expanding service to every night of the week. The boats travel as far north as Fenwick Island and south to Assateague Island.

There is an \$80 minimum for the water taxi, which will cover up to four passengers for a one-way trip. For groups of five or more, there is an added \$15 charge for each extra passenger. There is also a small surcharge per passenger.

OC Bay Hopper also offers a sight-seeing trip from Ocean Pines to Assateague Island on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.



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The OC Bay Hopper water taxi and water service drives passengers. The service returned to Ocean Pines Monday, June 19.

The trips are bookable online at ocbayhopper.com, or through the OC Bay Hopper app.

“We pick up riders at the docks in Ocean Pines at 9 a.m. and whisk them down to Assateague for a tour of the island by water,” Butz said in the release. “They’ll get an amazing view of the wildlife and then return to the Yacht Club at about 11:15 a.m., just in time for lunch.”

For more information or to book a seat on the OC Bay Hopper, download the OC Bay Hopper Mobile App. The OC Bay Hopper Mobile App is available for both Apple and Android devices.

Family Fun Nights, Concerts in the Park return to OP

(June 22, 2023) Two major recreation and parks events returned this week in Ocean Pines, with Family Fun Nights at the Yacht Club Pool and Concerts in the Park at White Horse Park.

According to a news release, Family Fun Nights run from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 21 through Aug. 23.

The event features food, games, music and more, all set in the Yacht Club Pool overlooking the Isle of Wight Bay.

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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."

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"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."

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Ocean Pines Farmers Market offers food, crafts and more

(June 22, 2023) With more vendors joining each week, there's so much to do, see and taste this summer at the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market.

The offerings include a growing list of suppliers of fresh local produce, meats, seafood and baked goods, along with scores of unique artists and artisans, and nonprofits and community groups.

There are also many vegan and gluten-free options at the marketplace, plus a special Kids' Market Zone filled with activities for children.

Market Manager David Bean said several new merchants entered the market this spring and will stay on through the summer.

One newcomer is Roger Dize Seafood from Westover, Maryland, which offers fresh, locally caught seafood, including live blue crabs.

"With customer lines growing each week, Dize continues to stock plenty of hard- and soft-shell crabs, scallops and more," Bean said. "The stand also accepts special orders, so customers can guarantee the products they're looking for are ready for pickup at the market on Saturday morning."

Foxhound Farm from Bishopville brings locally raised heritage Berkshire

pork, lamb and goat products. The stand also has a selection of artisan products to go with the meats, including seasoning blends and sauces.

"Owner Dante Locona is a young and energetic farmer who is passionate about what he raises and produces," Bean said. "His love of good food translates into a wonderful experience for those who shop with him. We are so excited to have Dante's Foxhound farm at the market and are looking forward to seeing how his business grows over the years."

Microgreen grower Elf Enchanted Garden also recently arrived and features an ever-changing selection of sprouts.

"Ericka Forsythe and her husband operate their local 23-acre African American owned farm and are at the Ocean Pines market each week," Bean said. "Ericka loves to talk about her sprouts and has a wealth of ideas on how they can be sprinkled into meals. She's got a lot of knowledge to share with her shoppers."

Shroom n' Stead, a gourmet mushroom grower from Mardela Springs, will open a new market stand later this month. Owners Damien and Sam Evens grow multiple varieties of oyster, lion's mane and shiitake mushrooms.

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Attendees browse the offerings at a booth set up at the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market. A growing list of suppliers of fresh local produce, meats, seafood and baked goods, as well as scores of artists and artisans, and nonprofits and community groups, are gearing up to set up shop inside the market this summer.

Ocean Pines summer events

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Pines swim members with a membership card, \$5 for Ocean Pines residents, or \$7 for nonresidents. Entry is free for non-swimmers.

Concerts in the Park are scheduled 7-9 p.m. on Thursdays, June 22 through Aug. 24, under the White Horse Park Pavilion.

The free event features family friendly live music each week:

- June 22: Uptown Band
- June 29: Marsh Lovers Band
- July 6: 229th Military Band
- July 13: Breath of Fresh Air
- July 20: Delmarva Big Band
- July 27: "Elvis"
- Aug. 3: The Tribe
- Aug. 10: Still Rockin'
- Aug. 17: Club Fred
- Aug. 24: Dusty Vinyl

Concertgoers are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. Conces-

sions provided by the Kiwanis Club will be available for sale.

Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said both events are geared toward giving Ocean Pines families more to do during the summer.

"Our goal is to create memorable moments and foster a sense of community through our family-friendly summer events," Donahue said in the release. "We strive to offer a wide variety of engaging activities, and each event is designed to provide a safe and welcoming environment where families can create lasting memories. We hope everyone will join us this summer!"

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Diverse crafts available at farmers market

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"Their gourmet mushrooms can add unique flavors and textures to virtually any dinner plate," Bean said.

Bean said there are also plenty of bakery options at the Ocean Pines marketplace.

"Our newest bakery is the Ugly Pie from Salisbury," he said. "These award-winning bakers offer a wide variety of pies and flavor options. Pies are sold in whole or mini sizes, or by individual slices."

"The bakers also bring their popular pie-crust cookies to the market stand," Bean continued. "And, in case you were wondering, many shoppers have discovered that pie slices make a wonderful breakfast option."

Another new addition, Vivian's House offers a selection of baked goods for special dietary requirements, including gluten free, dairy free and even sweets for those who cannot have eggs in their diet.

"Vivian Manion is a soft-spoken individual who cares deeply about her customers, and she spends hours planning, researching and baking to create the items she sells each Saturday," Bean said. "The apple cider cupcakes are unbelievably delicious, and don't miss the pop tarts too."

Bean added that Vivian's husband, James, often accompanies her to the market and can be seen playing his

acoustic guitar at her side.

For those looking for a snack while shopping, the popular Pretzel Trolley will be back at the market this summer.

"The food truck offers a selection of stuffed pretzels for fulfilling breakfast or lunchtime cravings," Bean said. "And, to keep all those knives, tools and gardening items sharp, Sharper Edge is back weekly. Both the trolley and sharpening truck can be found on the parking lot next to the administration building."

Bean said selections at the artisan market also continue to flourish.

"We are seeing a lot of new and returning talent coming to the marketplace. Some travel a great distance to participate, while many are from the local community," he said. "The variety of handmade items is astonishing. You can spend hours visiting with the artisans, and then bring home something lovely for yourself and your home."

Macrame artisan Ivana Stuart recently opened the Beautiful Honua boutique at the market.

"Her artwork, displayed under a crisp, white canopy, is very attractive," Bean said. "She's looking forward to offering her handmade artwork to shoppers throughout this year."

Lisa Chambers of Delaware Bay Clay, who designs and creates nautical themed pottery pieces for her customers, is another notable artist. Shop-

pers can also enroll in hands-on pottery classes at her studio in Lewes.

Donna Lloyd, owner of Artisan's Aroma, is back at the market with her line of hand-poured candles. Bean said Lloyd has greeted Ocean Pines customers at the marketplace with her candle collections for many years.

For children, a popular face painting vendor will return, starting on Memorial Day weekend.

"Tory Hall, the owner of Poppytail Art, will be setting up weekly," Bean said. "Hall has worked as a face painter at Dolly Parton's Dollywood amusement park in Tennessee, and locally at the Rehoboth Sea Witch festival, Bridgeville's Apple Scrapple, and Dover Days."

Hall will be at the market each Saturday, except when Amberlina's Adventures and Pearl Moon Face Painting are in the Kids' Market Zone.

Many local community and non-profit groups are also represented at the market.

"Our community partners are a big asset and add so much to the Ocean Pines market," Bean said. "Neighbors and friends greeting each other, sharing and building support is part of what makes our Community Corner so special and unique. I could not be prouder of what these organizations add to the market."

On select dates, the new Marine Corps League of Ocean Pines will be at the market Community Corner. The group plans to bring antique military vehicles, including a WW II jeep for market shoppers to view.

Organizer John Daddezio said the group's mission is to create awareness, enroll new membership, and supply support for other local organizations.

"We are also always looking for volunteers to help with the day-to-day task at the Ocean Pines market," Bean said. "Hours and participation schedules are flexible. For those that enjoy being outdoors with people and rubbing elbows with our merchants, this is a fantastic opportunity to become a part of the market team."

He added that the market's anniversary cake will have 12 candles on it in June to mark the this year's anniversary.

"In those 12 years, we have built a marketplace like no other on Delmarva, right here in the heart of Ocean Pines," Bean said. "I can't wait to see what the next twelve years bring - I have a feeling it's going to be great!"

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

For more information, visit oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market.

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Snapshots

'BACK TO THE PAST'

Members of the fifth grade class at Worcester Preparatory School who participated in the spring music and art presentation of "WPS Goes Back to the Past," pose with Lower School Music Teacher Joanie Brittingham. Family and friends gathered on May 5 to watch the presentation, which featured pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students.

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BIKE RODEO

Worcester Preparatory School fourth grade teachers Kim Jankowski, far left, and Erin Shimko, far right, take a break from a bike rodeo on May 18 to take a photo with their students and Ocean City Police Cpl. Joe Bushnell. Worcester Prep personnel teamed up with Bushnell to host the outdoor obstacle course for first- and fourth-grade students. Before the event, lower school teachers conducted classroom sessions about bike maintenance and safety.



(Far left) Worcester Preparatory School first graders Ryder Whitlock, Jacques Hillion and Cole Sherrin wait in line to demonstrate what they learned during a bike rodeo on May 18. (Left) First-grader Carly McCallum carefully makes her way through a safety exercise.

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Snapshots



KINDER MUSIC

Members of the kindergarten class at Worcester Preparatory School perform "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" by Thomas D'Ufrey during the school's spring music and art presentation in May.

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ORPHAN ANNIE

Worcester Preparatory School students in grades six through eight performed the musical "Little Orphan Annie" on May 12. The play was directed by Upper School Dance/Drama Director Paulette DeRosa-Matrona.

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CHECK DONATION

Wayne Littleton, the director of Randy's Crew, left, presents a donation check to representatives from Relay for Life of Worcester County at the organization's recent Mexican Fiesta in your Backyard fundraiser. Randy's Crew is a fundraising organization that benefits the Worcester County Humane Society and Town Cats, a local organization dedicated to the welfare of homeless cats.



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KIWANIS SPEAKER

Board-certified family practice physician Dr. Angela Gibbs, left, stands with Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City Tim Lund after speaking at the group's morning meeting on May 24. Gibbs, who earned her medical degree from the Military Medical School in Bethesda and spent most of her adult life in the military, spoke about her specialty, arthritis. Since 2018, she's had a concierge practice on Racetrack Road in Berlin.

Opinion

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OP had cell service fix years ago, but it died

A motion from Worcester County Commissioner Bud Church for a Verizon tower ... at the Ocean Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant failed to receive a second from the other county commissioners during their meeting last Tuesday.

The area has been known for dropped calls and generally poor service for years. Church said he brought the issue forward after Verizon Wireless approached him about it.

"It'll be brought up again as an issue because the service is so poor," Church said.

The above is from a news story that appeared in the Bayside Gazette in February 2020, after Church tried to get the county commissioners to reconsider their December 2019 rejection of a five-year lease agreement for a cell tower site at the county's wastewater facility in Ocean Pines.

That project died because Ocean Pines' commissioner representatives, Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting, opposed it, and the other commissioners deferred to them.

Bunting and Bertino argued that the tower company was not giving the county adequate antenna space and that nearby property owners did not want the structure within their line of sight.

"I don't think it [the tower] has a place in our community," Bertino said at the time.

As Church predicted, that issue is an issue again, and it likely will continue to be one for several more years. Mostly that's because the argument made in 2019 will be made again: Ocean Pines would be better served by a tower site outside the community. Finding it, though, is the problem.

As the commissioners were told three years ago, site location is not a simple process. It entails evaluating radio frequency ranges and reliability, environmental concerns and surviving a rigorous state and federal permit process.

The irony is that Ocean Pines has had a qualifying site since 2008. But unless some minds are changed, the dropped calls and lost signals will continue, even as the public these days relies almost exclusively on cell service to communicate.

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Letter

Case for abolishing voter ID laws

Editor,

This letter is in response to Dennis Evans' letter "Advocating for voter ID law in Maryland."

I do agree with Mr. Evans that without "fair and free voting...we lose our republic." That is exactly why I vehemently oppose voter suppression laws being legislated in Republican controlled states, including ID laws.

Mr. Evans was correct when he wrote that it was no coincidence Democrats overtook leading Republican candidates when mail-in votes were counted. However, he is wrong to imply voter fraud occurred. There is absolutely no evidence to indicate voter fraud. In fact, throughout our nation, mail-in voting has proven to be a very secure method of voting in several states. What actually happened in Maryland was when all the votes were counted, Democrats won. It must have been disappoint-

ing for Republicans to watch their lead disappear but to blame mail-in voting without evidence harms our democracy.

And Mr. Evans is wrong about ID laws not being discriminatory. Research clearly demonstrates ID laws target low-income citizens that do not possess government issued IDs. Research also concludes that those excluded would most likely vote Democratic.

Mr. Evans most outrageous comment was "Those that are against voter ID are only against it because they want to cheat." Again, there is absolutely no evidence to support his accusation. In fact, there is no evidence to support the Republicans' claim that there is widespread voter fraud, including dead people voting and people who do not exist voting. However, there is plenty of evidence to support Republicans want to suppress voter turn out and have passed legislation in red states to do just that.

Our democracy is under

attack, but not by people committing voter fraud. Fox News just agreed to pay nearly 800 million dollars for making false accusations concerning voting fraud. Rather our democracy is under attack by Republicans who believe the best way for them to get and keep power is by keeping people away from the polls. And when they lose, Republicans undermine our democracy by claiming voter fraud without any evidence to support the claim.

President Trump used this lie to encourage his supporters to attempt to overthrow the 2020 presidential election. Most Republicans were not outraged about the attack on our Capitol but rather many either participated, help cover it up and/or lie about the violence and purpose of Jan. 6.

If Republicans really believed in the importance of voting, they would help us address a very real problem, eligible voters not voting. Sadly, they will not.

*Tom Wallace
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Worcester arts council calls for entries for summer show

(June 22, 2023) The Worcester County Arts Council invites all artists to participate in a juried art competition and exhibit for the month of July at the arts council gallery.

A news release said the exhibition is open to all artists (18 years old and older), emerging or established, with work in all media.

The subject: "Summertime" is open to the artist's individual expression and interpretation.

All entries must be original and completed within the last three years.

Entries must be delivered to the arts council's gallery between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., June 27 - 29, to be accepted. Artwork will be judged for the competition.

Monetary prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place during an open-to-the-public reception from 5-7 p.m., July 14, at the Worcester County Arts Council's gallery at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin.

Visit the Arts Council's website at worcestercountyartscouncil.org for detailed exhibit guidelines and an exhibit entry form.

Crash in Pocomoke claims life of New Jersey man, 34

(June 22, 2023) Maryland State Police Troopers are investigating a fatal crash that occurred early last Friday morning in southern Worcester County.

According to a news release, Alexander Prince, 34, of New Jersey, crashed a white Nissan Rogue just after 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 16, while driving on Route 113 at Betheden Church Road in Pocomoke. Prince was pronounced dead on scene when responders arrived, and three passengers — Vanessa Piquant, 33 and her two children, ages 6 and 8, all of New York — were taken by

ambulance to TidalHealth Peninsula Regional in Salisbury for treatment of injuries.

The preliminary investigation indicates Prince was driving south on Route 113 when, for reasons unknown at the time of the release, the vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree.

Deputies from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office responded to provide assistance and staff from the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration were also on scene to assist with traffic.



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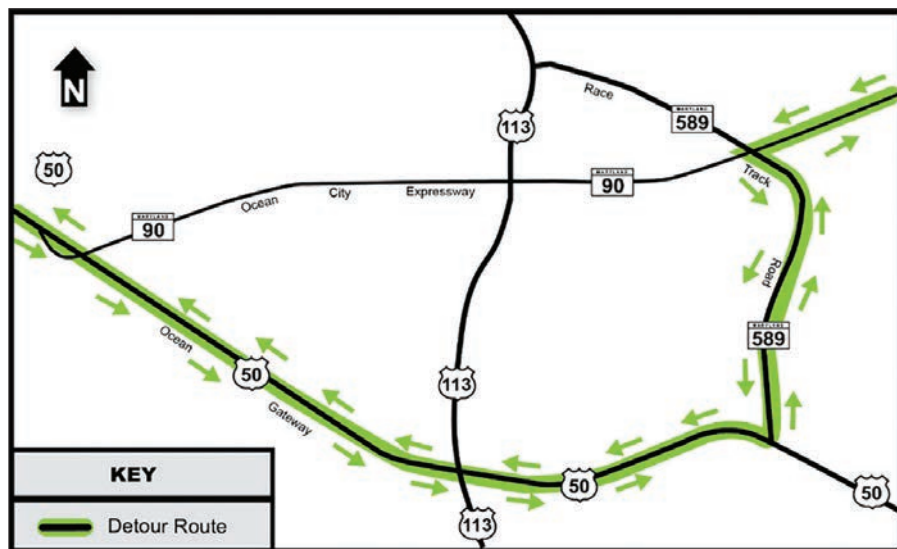
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The detour route for the overnight closure of a portion of Route 90 is shown. The area will be closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, through the end of the month.

Nighttime construction work underway on Rt. 90 in June

(June 22, 2023) Milling and patching work that commenced Sunday on Route 90 that has forced motorists traveling at night during the week to find ulterior routes to and from the island is expected to continue until the end of the month.

According to a news release, Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration crews began the overnight work on June 18, forcing closure of the midtown corridor from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, from Routes 50 to 113.

The work has closed lanes in both directions, with the following detours in place:

Motorists traveling east on Route 50 — continue east on Route 50 to Route 589 (Racetrack Road), turn left onto Route 589 and follow to Route 90, and turn either east or west onto

Route 90.

Motorists traveling west on Route 90 — continue west on Route 90 to Route 589 and take a right onto the ramp to Route 589 south (left at light), follow Route 589 to Route 50, and take Route 50 west.

The release SHA officials understand detours and roadwork can be an inconvenience, but contend the work is necessary to maintain a safe and reliable transportation system. Motorists in need are asked to dial #77 on their mobile devices for roadside assistance.

For a list of all major State Highway Administration projects, go to the organization's project portal at mdot-sha-project-portal-maryland.hub.arcgis.com. To visit the homepage, go to roads.maryland.gov, and for real-time traffic conditions, visit md511.maryland.gov.

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Graduates of the Atlantic General Hospital Certified Nursing Assistant training program pose for a group photo. Pictured front row, kneeling from left, Porter Bunting, CNA training program graduate; Laura Sturla, nurse manager, Emergency Department; and Heather Snyder, director of quality and infection prevention/employee health. Second row, standing from left, Karen Cooper, clinical education specialist; Bonnie Mannion, education manager; Sarah Coffin, CNA training program graduate; Brianna McDermott, CNA training program graduate; Kelly Fox, clinical education specialist; Emma Konopik, CNA training program graduate; Miracle Handy, CNA training program graduate; Erin Howard, infection prevention/employee health nurse; and Nikki Morris, intensive care unit coordinator.

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Obituaries

ROBERT "BOB" TORREY
Bishopville

Robert "Bob" Torrey, 67, of Bishopville, died June 13, 2023 after a brief battle with cancer.



Robert Torrey

He was born on June 7, 1956, to William A. Torrey Jr. and Jeanne Young Torrey in Washington DC. He moved to Salisbury at age 8. He graduated from James M. Bennett High School in 1974, then continued his education at Goldey-Beacom College where he graduated with an associate's degree in business in 1976.

On Oct. 8, 1977, he married his high school sweetheart, Donna Banks. They have four children: Erin, Megan, Ashley, and Zac.

Bob's passion in life was business. He owned and operated many different businesses over the years, but his true pride and joy was his very first, Happy Jack Pancake House in Ocean City. He took over Happy Jack at the age of 26, with no restaurant experience, little money, and no training, but overcame it all and helped it become the wildly popular establishment it is today. He worked every day

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AGH offers new training program

(June 22, 2023) Atlantic General Hospital and Health System is eliminating barriers to entry into the healthcare workforce with a new training program for certified nursing assistants.

The program is credentialed through the Maryland Board of Nursing and is seven weeks long, with the final three weeks devoted to hands-on clinical training. Another week of training is provided for program participants who will become medical office assistants in the physician practice setting.

According to a news release, the first six students started the course in April.

"They're an enthusiastic group, and we're so happy to have them here," Kelly Fox, a registered nurse and one of the education department's clinical education specialists, who acted as the lead for the program, said in the release.

The students are paid an hourly wage during training and receive their instruction and books at no cost, in exchange for a year of paid service as CNAs upon program completion. The goal, Fox said, is to offer the program twice a year, or as needed, to fill open positions within the hospital and the health system's physician practices.

"The participants commit to working at Atlantic General for a year, but we hope they remain with us," registered nurse Bonnie Mannion, education manager for Atlantic General, said. "We want them to feel that they are an important part of the wonderful culture we have built here."

A key aspect of that culture is the importance placed on growing talent from within, and supporting any employee's desire for learning and ongoing professional development. Many employees have found a pathway to advancement with the help of the organization's James G. and Nancy W.

Barrett Nursing Scholarship and tuition assistance programs, the release said.

The first round of graduates from the CNA training program were honored on June 2. They were:

- Porter Bunting, emergency department
- Sarah Coffin, medical/surgical unit

- Miracle Handy, surgical services
- Emma Konopik, intensive care unit
- Brianna McDermott, medical/surgical unit

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A week of storms; this hasn't happened in quite a while.

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But we can't control the weather or at least not to the level that we would tend to believe.

I remember a spring/summer many years

ago when I was the chef at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club (sorry, my nervous twitch just came back.

Please, give me a moment. I need to take a few deep breaths). Anyways, the Assistant Manager Joe and I found ourselves with different days off during the week.

What made that season so memorable was that there was an eight- or nine-week stretch where neither one of us had a sunny day off. I learned then and there why the English get so cranky.

I still can't do the spot of tea thing, but that year I came close to becoming a fan of drinking murky bath water, if for no other reason than to warm myself.

I remember an article in the paper at the time that discussed the reason that Ocean Pines was not issuing citations to anyone for tall grass that year. Everyone had tall grass, and I mean every resident.

It was so constantly wet that no one could get the blasted stuff trimmed to a reasonable length.

And then, as though it never even happened, we went into a drought and could not water our lawns unless we had newly laid sod.

I remember that vividly because we had just laid down our fresh patch of green with money that we certainly did not have. Oh, those were trying times, to be sure.

And here we are faced with six to seven days of significant rain. I don't mind, as I know my palms and hibiscus need their water.

The grass will do well and the Rose of Sharon will start yielding her ubiquitous white flowers that will soon be adorned with pollen-laden bees.

There are few things in nature that are as wonderful to witness as that. It's the smaller things, I guess.

As the weather is looking a touch bleak, I guess it is time to pull out the le Creuset and make some pot roast,



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3



chicken soup or one of my favorites, braised pork belly.

Every one of these dishes takes me back to a simpler time when our parents would take the "lesser cuts" of meat and turn them into something magnificent.

As much as I adore a good ribeye or filet mignon, sometimes braised roasts and chunks fit the bill.

Certainly a meal for rainy stints or chilly months, break this one out soon if you can.

This is the week for binge-watching your favorite show and taking a deep breath. The grass will have to wait until next week to get cut.

Braised Pork Belly

makes about 6 portions

2# Fresh pork belly
Salt & Pepper, to taste
2 stalks celery, rough chop
1 medium onion, rough chop
1 medium carrot, rough chop
2 ea. Bay leaves
1 Tsp. Black peppercorns
1 c. Red wine
Stems from half a bunch of parsley
Veal or pork stock, as needed (see instructions below)

1. Using a sharp knife, score the

skin side of the pork belly in a criss-cross pattern. The cut should be about 1/4-inch deep.

2. Season well with the salt and pepper, and if you want to use some granulated garlic, I'm fairly certain that no one will hold it against you.

3. Heat some oil in a heavy duty dutch oven until just below smoking.

4. Sear the garbage out of the skin side of the belly, only turning after you have a suitable color.

5. Remove and set aside, ensuring that you reserve any juices that run from the meat.

6. To your oil, add the celery, onion, carrot, bay leaves and peppercorns and cook until they have some nice, rich color.

7. Deglaze the pan with your red wine and add the parsley.

8. Add the belly back to the pan and then top with stock until it goes one-half to two-thirds up the side of the belly.

9. Cover and place in a 275F oven for a couple to few hours, or until it is very tender.

10. Pull from the oven and strain your broth. You can reduce this and skim any remaining fat, leaving you with a rich and unctuous broth.

11. Cool the belly if not serving im-

mediately.

12. When ready for service, simply cut into uniform pieces and sear skin side down until crispy.

Then, simply heat through and serve with roasted carrots and a root vegetable puree of your liking.

Roasted Carrots

makes about 3 cups

3 c. Carrots, peeled and cut into small pieces
3 Tbsp. Butter
1 Tbsp. Maple syrup
2 c. Broth from your pork belly
Salt & Pepper, to taste

1. Sauté the carrots in the butter until you have some color on your veggies.

2. Add the maple syrup and then the broth, and allow it to cook down until the carrots are tender and the sauce is nice and sticky. There should be enough gelatin to get the job done.

3. Season to taste and set aside and keep warm until service.

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

Obituaries

Continued from Page 23

the restaurant was open, seven days a week for seven months a year, every year. All of his children worked at the restaurant and many of the employees became like family.

He was an active member of several associations and committees in the Ocean City area: OCHMRA, OCDC, and active in AGH as a volunteer. He loved being involved in his community. He was a car lover, especially Mercedes-Benz; his father introduced the brand to Salisbury in the 1970s. He loved travel, the beach, and Jimmy Buffett music. He was known to burst into "Five O'clock Somewhere" at any time, had a great sense of humor and a big heart.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Donna; his children: Erin Ranney and her husband Paul, Megan Alvarado and her husband Juan, Ashley Schmitt and her husband Jake, and Zachary; his grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Aiden, Michael, Lucy, Timothy, and Nathan; his brothers William A. Torrey III and his wife Pam, and John F. Torrey and his wife Lisa; and his nieces and nephew: Candace, James, Emily, and Katherine. He also leaves behind a huge work family, both past and present. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m., June 23, at Holloway Funeral Home in Salisbury and a memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. Memorial gifts may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation via their website, Parkinson.org or the American Cancer Society via their website, donate.cancer.org.

JOANNE (SOUDER) HEGGAN MASSEY
Berlin

Joanne (Souder) Heggan Massey formerly of Glassboro, New Jersey, passed away at her home on June 10, 2023.

She was born in Camden, New Jersey, and graduated from Glassboro High School. She attended Goldey Beacom College, the University of Delaware, and completed her degree at the University of Illinois.

Joanne lived in Lawrence, Kansas for five years where she started a sewing business, Puffs N Such, making University of Kansas cheerleader uniforms, sewing garments for a boutique, and pillows for the Halls Department Store.

Upon relocation to Delaware in 1974, she began a long career with Young, Conaway, Stargatt and Taylor, first as a paralegal, then as head of human resources.

In 2003 Joanne retired to the Eastern Shore with her husband John. Joanne's grandchildren were

the love of her life. Having a house at the beach created a lot of cherished memories we will never forget, among them playing on the beach, building sand castles, boat rides and trips to the Boardwalk or just sitting on her porch talking for hours.

She was an active member of Quilters by the Sea from 2003 till 2019 and served as vice president and president. Her passion for sewing, quilting and fiber arts provided many happy hours and she treasured her friendships with her fellow quilters. She was also a member of the Democratic Women's club, book club and grub club.

An avid walker, only a snowstorm would stop her from her daily walks. Joanne and her husband enjoyed being part of the Salisbury Cruise Club and enjoyed several cruises, with one of her fondest memories being a trip to Alaska.

Words that come to mind when thinking of Joanne are a loyal friend, great listener, true classy lady, loving and generous, positive and upbeat. Joanne had a great sense of style and color, evident from her clothing and jewelry, in furnishing her home, even right down to her choices of quilt fabrics for projects. She was a devoted wife, mother, stepmother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and

friend. She enjoyed her trips to Dumsers for a double dip of chocolate and coffee ice cream and always made sure there was a supply of chocolate nearby.

She is survived by her daughter Corrie (Don) Boger, son Kevin (Brie) Heggan; stepson Chuck (Linda) Massey, stepdaughter-in-law Wendy Massey; grandchildren Sydney and Samantha Boger, Ruby, Liam and Mae Heggan; step-granddaughters Kendall and Briana; and great grandchildren Annabelle and Silas.

Preceding her in death her hus-

band John; brother Dave; and stepson Michael.

The family would like to sincerely thank the caregivers from Home Instead that provided loving care for Joanne in her home, which was her wish. Joanne had formed unique bonds with all of them and we are forever grateful.

A private Celebration of Life will be planned for a future date.

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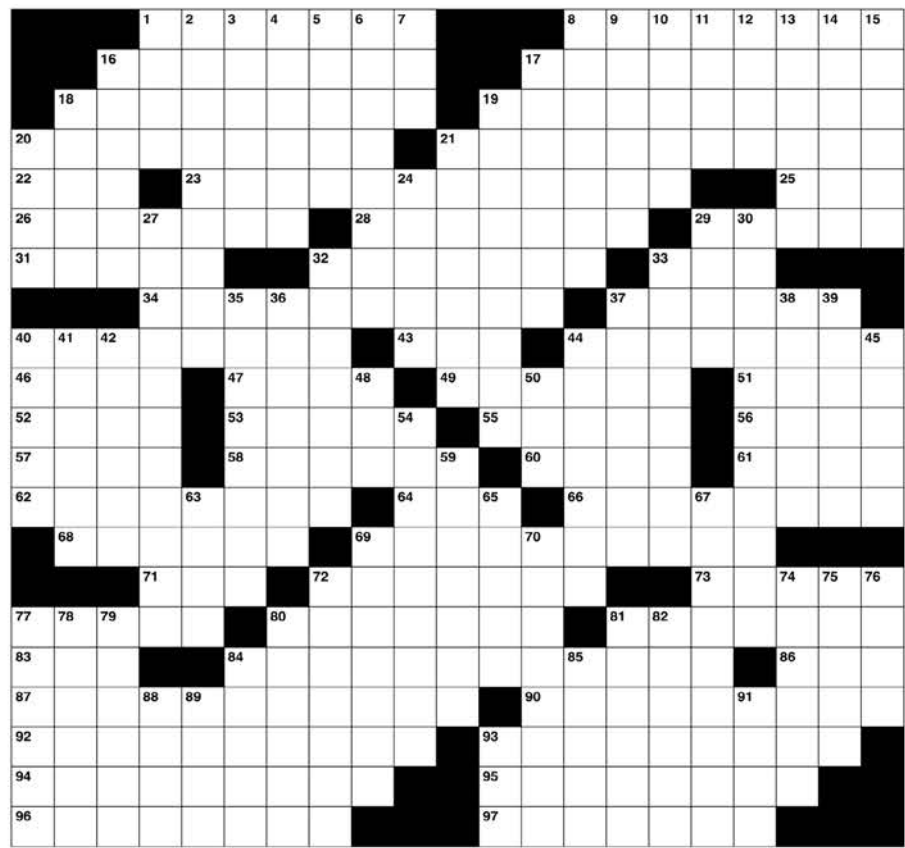
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Puzzles

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS BY SAM EZERSKY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Sam Ezersky is the digital puzzles editor for The Times. Besides helping with the crossword, he oversees other daily Times games like Spelling Bee and Letter Boxed. This themeless grid (Sam's favorite kind to make) is his 40th construction for the paper. It has only 118 answers — the lowest word count in Sunday Times history. Nearly a quarter of the answers have never appeared in a Times puzzle before. Sam likes challenges. When you see his byline, he wants you to think, Oh boy, time to buckle up! — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Major crop of North Carolina
 - 8 Is already booked
 - 16 Pen pal?
 - 17 CARES, for
Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, e.g.
 - 18 Easy trucking distance
 - 19 White House daughter whom the Secret Service called Rosebud
 - 20 First-ever Super Bowl M.V.P. (1967)
 - 21 Flower whose name sounds like a branding iron
 - 22 ___ Sound, record label co-founded by Drake
 - 23 Faced off
 - 25 Industrial conglomerate or its symbol on the New York Stock Exchange
 - 26 Agreement
 - 28 Ants : colony :: ___ : plague
 - 29 Flower with a "face"
 - 31 "Get ___, you two!"
- DOWN**
- 32 Listing of recent phone history
 - 33 Nickname that omits -eron
 - 34 Step outside for a bit
 - 37 Fortnetelling decks
 - 40 Not as thick
 - 43 Rather thick
 - 44 Price-tag caveat (buyer beware!)
 - 46 How, in Oaxaca
 - 47 Philosopher who wrote "Critique of Pure Reason"
 - 49 Mont-Saint-___, France
 - 51 Make warm and add spice to, as wine
 - 52 Excited cries
 - 53 Related to part of the small intestine
 - 55 Words before corner or profit
 - 56 Turf
 - 57 Grp. with barrels
 - 58 Port city in Spain's Basque Country
 - 60 Serving two purposes
 - 61 Garbage-disposal spot
 - 62 Doesn't hide anything
 - 64 Sch. in Albuquerque
 - 66 Detritus from a hospital
 - 68 Guard
 - 69 Harmful aquatic overgrowth
 - 71 Poetic contraction
 - 72 Managed just fine
 - 73 Sharply dressed
 - 77 Onetime Ringling Brothers employee
 - 80 More pathetic
 - 81 Beer brand with a bicycle in its logo
 - 83 Lead-in to puncture
 - 84 Root vegetable in Asian cuisine
 - 86 °: Abbr.
 - 87 Joker's catchphrase
 - 90 Going on extravagant trips, as a politician might
 - 92 101
 - 93 Like some chocolate
 - 94 Minor players?
 - 95 Where drivers might wait in line
 - 96 Modern-day antiviolence slogan
 - 97 "To summarize ..."
- ACROSS**
- 10 Move on ice
 - 11 Macbeth's dagger or Desdemona's handkerchief, e.g.
 - 12 Spanish for "wolf"
 - 13 Winner of the podrace in "Star Wars: Episode I"
 - 14 Team seen in Queens, in brief
 - 15 Know-it-all
 - 16 Prefix meaning "time"
 - 17 Foul smell
 - 18 Really relish
 - 19 Draw the line somewhere, say
 - 20 South Florida city, to locals
 - 21 Take back
 - 24 De-squeaked
 - 27 Expert, from the Italian
 - 29 Pal in cowboy-speak
 - 30 Trio in a Latin learner's lesson
 - 32 Ivy seen among cliffs
 - 33 Caribbean stew
 - 35 Beachside watering holes
 - 36 Marine animal that resembles a flower
 - 37 Pedicure target
 - 38 Yiddish trouble
 - 39 Cellphone setting
 - 40 Shaggy's dog, to Shaggy
 - 41 Turtlelike foes in the Mario games
 - 42 "Present"
 - 44 Like some dense foliage
 - 45 Satisfy, as thirst
 - 48 Caps Lock neighbor
 - 50 What can be a lot to stomach?
 - 54 Brew holders, maybe
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 - 63 Kerfuffle
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 - 67 Ultimately emerged victorious
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 - 84 Authoritative pronouncements
 - 85 Makes simple, with "down"
 - 88 Snare
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 - 91 Camp sight
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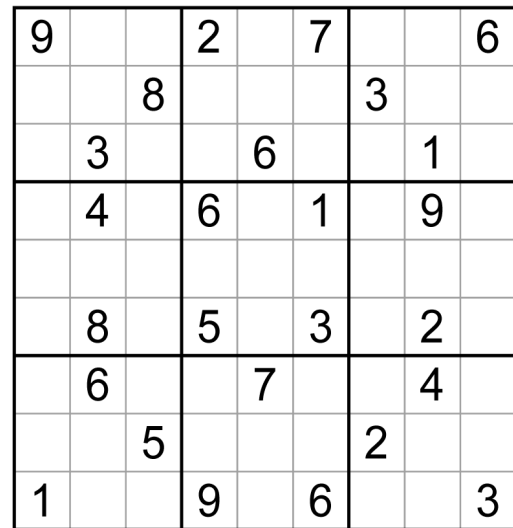
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Answers to last week's puzzles

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



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., June 22

SUMMER NIGHT JAM

Newtown Park, Groton Road, Pocomoke City, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Outdoor Adventure Night. Fish, kayak, play and explore the great outdoors. Free, family-friendly festival. Tyler Keiser, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2505, tkeiser@marylandscoast.org. No registration required.

STORY TIME AT THE PARK

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 10:30 a.m. Story time will be at the picnic pavilion by the playground. Bring a blanket or sit at the tables. For ages 2-5 years. Rain location is the Ocean City branch. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

NO BULLYING, STOP BULLYING ... AND LET'S BE FRIENDS!

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. This high energy dance show works to prevent bullying. A mix of music, slapstick comedy and animated story-telling. For ages 6 years and older. 410-632-3495, 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

RWWC JUNE (RED, WHITE AND BLUE) GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Lighthouse Sound Restaurant, 12723 Saint Martins Neck Road, Bishopville, 11 a.m. Door open at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Vanessa LaFranco, 1st Vice President of the NFRW. Cost for the luncheon is \$35. Reservations: gop-womenofworcester.org. gop-womenofwc@gmail.com

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T(W)EEN PRIDE CRAFTERNOON

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3 p.m. T(w)eens and families can join in for an extra special rainbow afternoon. Hang out, do crafts and play the Nintendo Switch. For ages 12-15 years. 410-524-1818, 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

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 7 p.m. Featuring the students from Academy of Music Performance: AMP Studios. Guests are encouraged to pack a picnic and bring a lawn chair. Boaters are also welcome. downtownpocomoke.com, 410-957-1333 x111.

BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577.

Fri., June 23

3RD ANNUAL POLLINATOR GARDEN TOUR

Held at 8 private gardens in Wicomico County, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Learn how to turn a back yard into a pollinator paradise. Participate in mini-workshops and raffles. Tickets: www.lowershorelandtrust.org/shop-beehive. 443-234-5587

STEAM SOCIAL

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Join in for an hour of open-ended STEAM activities. Build, experiment and create with a variety of materials. For ages 5 years and older. 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org

OCEAN CITY PUBLIC SAFETY EXPO

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 1 p.m. Featuring tours of the firetrucks, ambulances, emergency boats, mobile command centers and Maryland State Police Trooper 4 helicopter. Witness a water rescue demonstration. Free event.

4TH FRIDAY STREET FESTIVAL

Market Street & Front Street, Pocomoke City, 5-8 p.m. Local artists, vendors, food sales, carnival games, dunk tank, face painting, a bounce house, cotton candy, snow cones and more. Live music by Going Coastal. Weather permitting. downtownpocomoke.com, 410-957-1333 - 111

Sat., June 24

SUMMER MUSIC @ FURNACE TOWN : FLATLAND DRIVE BLUEGRASS BAND

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TINKER TIME: LOVE BUGS

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, create a love bug for someone special. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STEM SATURDAYS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Join in any time during the day to use your creativity and build using one of the STEM building kits. For all ages. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories and cool props from Assateague Island National Seashore. All children and their families are invited. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ORDINATION

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin, 11 a.m. The Ordination of the Rev. Susannah Southern to the Priesthood. All are welcome.

ARTS DAY IN THE PINES

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Featuring art workshops, live music, raffles, more than 60 artisans, artist demos, art cars, caricatures, food, beer and wine. Also a Kids Zone. Free. Rain date: June 25. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

VIDEO GAME DAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12 p.m. Join in for a fun afternoon featuring the Nintendo Switch and VR headset. All games rated E-E10 and provided by the library. For ages 11 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.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., June 25

SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by Saved By Zero "80's New Wave," activities for children

and fireworks. Ice cream and beverages for sale. Free event. Bring your picnic basket and beach chairs.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Mon., June 26

KEY CHAIN CRAFT

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Design and decorate your own keychain for your backpack. Use fabric markers to decorate a lizard, frog or butterfly keychain. For ages 10 years and older. While supplies last. 410-957-0878

STORY TIME: COLORS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Summer story time about colors. There will be stories, songs and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness may boost health and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4 p.m. See all the colors of the rainbow with this exciting DIY experiment. Get ready for a mess. For ages 6 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS NIGHT

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30 p.m. An evening of high adventure, fantasy and magic with the world's most famous tabletop roleplaying game. All experience levels welcome. For adults and teens. Registration required. 410-524-1818

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Tues., June 27

OMAZING YOGA ADVENTURE
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stretch and move your body, learn breathing techniques and relax, while having fun and being silly. Wear comfy clothes. For ages 6-9 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PLAY TIME
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Join in for a variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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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

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

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

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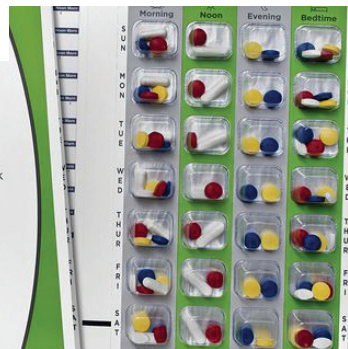
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