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PADDLE OUT FOR GAVIN

More than 100 people participated in a memorial paddle out on Tuesday to mark one year since the hit-and-run death of Ocean Pines resident Gavin Knupp. Family and friends gathered on the 36th Street beach and swam out to sea on their longboards with flowers in hand.

Heron Park plans subject to questions

Council wonders if concept might draw from downtown

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(June 13, 2023) When Mayor Zach Tyndall and the Berlin Town Council hosted a work session on Monday to discuss plans for Heron Park and to hear residents' opinions on the project, they asked as many questions as they answered.

The land that became Heron Park was originally the site of a Tyson's Chicken processing plant, which closed in 2003. The town bought the 60-plus acre property in 2016 for \$2.5 million, still owes \$2.3 million on it and had hoped to get out from under some of that debt by allowing a portion of the tract to be developed.



Zach Tyndall

To effect that process, the town called for proposals in 2022 and received two bids: one for a housing development, which was rejected, and the other from Coastal Ventures, headed by local builder and developer Palmer Gillis. The Gillis plan seemed to pass muster with the council for a time, at least according to the specifications the town had listed.

The Coastal Ventures visualized "a vibrant and lively multi-use commercial building(s) providing a home for a plethora of businesses, events, and community to exist here. Not only do we want the community to continue the use of the park and lagoons, we want to help foster this use and provide greater amenities for the public."

Coastal Ventures has offered \$1.7 million for 17 acres of the property, leaving 44 acres untouched.

The plan from Gillis proposes to demolish parts of the chicken plant buildings left standing and repurpose others. The town has received a

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Ballots go out in OP election

Voters have four candidates to choose from to fill three board of directors openings

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(July 13, 2023) The ballots for the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors elections have been mailed out this week, giving property owners the opportunity to elect three new members to the association's governing authority.

On the ballot are John Latham, Jerry Murphy, Elaine Brady and Jeff Heavner. The top two vote-getters will take the seats vacated by Colette Horn and Doug Parks, both of whom cannot seek reelection because of term limit provisions. The third vote-getter will serve the remainder of

Frank Daly's term, who resigned to move to Florida.

Elaine Brady was the first candidate to throw her hat in the ring. She has lived in Ocean Pines since 2002. Brady has a multi-generational perspective on the community, as her grandson was raised in Ocean Pines and just graduated from Stephen Decatur High School this year. Her father, Dick Brady, served six years on the board of directors.

Brady is the former publisher of the Bayside Gazette and spent her ca-



John Latham



Jerry Murphy

reer working for community newspapers.

"I found it is such a terrific way for myself and others to connect to the communities in which we live and to know what's going on because the decisions that are made at this level affect our everyday lives," Brady said.

"I want to continue to connect with the community now that I am retired. I've been following the issues for a long time."

John Latham, who has been an Ocean Pines homeowner since 2013, was the second candidate to file.

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Elaine Brady



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The Taylor Bank building in Berlin was built in 1907. The bank plans to install a new ATM machine on the outside of the building on Main Street, replacing the two windows next to the door.

Historic Taylor Bank facade will change with new ATM

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 13, 2023) Much of the July Historic Commission meeting was taken up with the proposal by Ray Robinson of Taylor Bank to install a new ATM machine.

The Taylor Bank building is an historic building in the town of Berlin. Built in 1907, the building has maintained its original exterior look while providing modern amenities like the bank drive-in window on Commerce Street.

Robinson provided plans and photos of the proposed placement of the new ATM.

He said the new ATM, which is proposed for Main Street, will be more accessible and visible to customers and law enforcement.

The current ATM is in a vestibule on Main Street.

The machine would replace the two windows to the right of the wooden door on Main Street.

"This is an iconic building. I hate to see the windows go. It's such an attractive building," Mary Moore, a member of the Historic Commission said.

Robinson informed the commission that the machine that will replace the current ATM will not fit into the vestibule. He said the free-standing units, such as the current unit, are no longer feasible and that there is regulatory pressure to change the

machine out.

"I would love to come up with something that is more visually attractive to keep with the feeling of the town," Moore said.

"People are familiar with where the ATM is, this would just reorient it to the east wall," Robinson said.

Moore suggested considering giving more character to the lettering around the machine.

"I would love to see an artist rendering of what it might look like," she said.

Robinson suggested he could get a logo designed in gold or brass.

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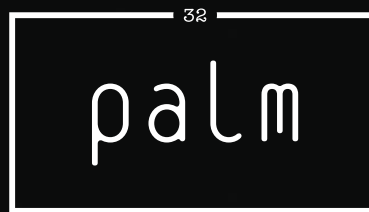
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Council makes decisions on weed, speed and movie night

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 13, 2023) Berlin Town Council members once again delayed any decision on cannabis consumption in the town during their Monday night meeting.

Put before the council was a draft ordinance modeled after the one passed by Ocean City that prohibits onsite consumption establishments operating within town limits.

Mayor Zach Tyndall suggested the council take more time to understand how the new state legislation rolls out and what requests come in on the state level from the Town of Berlin.

“Let’s put a pause on it. Wait two weeks. Those licensees will not be granted until January.”

The council could agree they would identify any questions they have about the issue and give them to Town Attorney David Gaskill to explore.

In other business, the council passed an ordinance to allow the use of speed cameras in designated school zones. Cameras can be set up within a half-mile-radius of the

schools. The following schools will be eligible for speed cameras: Buckingham Elementary, Berlin Intermediate, Stephen Decatur Middle and High School and Worcester Prep.

The ordinance specifies that before activating the cameras, the town must publish a notice of their locations on the town website and in a local newspaper. Any violation within the first 30 days will be issued a warning. The penalty for speeding in these areas will be \$40.

The mayor and council also voted to allow Briddell Family Foundation to host its third annual back to school movie night Sept. 2, from 6:30-10 p.m. at Henry Park in Berlin.

This back to school kickoff event brings students in from all over the community to watch a movie and collect school supplies.

“The Berlin Welcome Center is accepting school supplies on our behalf,” Kwanza Briddell said.

Briddell encourages people to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy popcorn, drinks and get free school supplies for all students.

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Taylor Bank’s new ATM machine

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The commission promised Robinson that if he provided them with another rendering of the signage and placement of the ATM, it could be approved via email.

A motion was passed to continue to move forward with the process via email.

“Since Friday, the commissioners have voted by email to approve the new renderings by a 3-to-2 vote,” David Engelhart, planning director for the town of Berlin.

When the commission opened the floor to public comment, resident Edward Hammond suggested to the commission that Gay Street be taken out of the historic district of Berlin.

“The original boundaries were


drawn very carefully to encompass an area that represented the historic core of the town, with certain exemptions. That area was not part of the historic district for a reason. It does not rise to the level of being something that would be included in the district,” Hammond said.

“They are trying to use the commission as a town design committee.”

On other issues, the commission Chair Norman Bunting informed the commission members that the Forgotten Distillery on Old Ocean City Blvd should have its final inspection shortly. He also told members that there is interest from other restaurants in the former BoxCar on Main location and that the new storefronts on Main Street have all been rented.

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OPA Golf Course for golfers only, management reminds

(July 13, 2023) The Ocean Pines Golf Club, a premier destination for golf enthusiasts, recent related a "friendly reminder" to the community about course access and the importance of respecting the property.

The reminder, according to a news release, aims to ensure the safety of registered golfers, preserve the course's integrity, and minimize potential damage or liability issues.

To help maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for all golfers, it is crucial that the public, including non-registered individuals, refrain from accessing the course. Instances of unauthorized access pose risks such as accidents, property damage, vandalism, and interference with ongoing play.

To prevent such incidents and ensure the well-being of all participants, the Ocean Pines Golf Club would like to reinforce the following guidelines:

- **Restricted access:** The golf course is exclusively designated for registered golfers at all times. No walking, biking, dog walking, or any other activities are permitted on the course.

- **Safety and liability:** Unauthorized access to the course can result in potential hazards and liability issues. It is imperative that community

members and their children understand and respect the regulations to ensure the well-being of everyone involved.

- **Property respect:** Ocean Pines Golf Club officials request that individuals who disregard the access guidelines remain mindful and respectful of the course and property. Engaging in any activities that may cause damage or disrupt play is strictly prohibited.

Golf Director Bob Beckelman expressed concern on the release about frequent incidents involving damage caused by individuals who access the course without authorization. He said the actions not only compromise the course's quality, but also hinder the enjoyment of golf for registered players.

"We kindly ask the community to cooperate and respect our regulations to ensure the safety and satisfaction of all our registered golfers," Beckelman said. "The golf course is a big asset within our community, and by adhering to the access guidelines we can continue to provide an exceptional golfing experience for everyone."

For more information on the Ocean Pines Golf Club, visit oceanpinesgolf.org.



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"I can't sleep, my hands and feet tingle all night."

What do all of these people have in common? They suffer from **peripheral neuropathy**. It's estimated that more than 20 million people in the United States have peripheral neuropathy. Unfortunately, this figure may be significantly higher as the disease is often misdiagnosed because of its wide array of symptoms.

Dr. Cynthia Salmond of Coastal Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine in Berlin shares this belief. "I've been treating neuropathy, in all its various forms, for over four years and so often my patients come to me because of the symptoms, not because of a diagnosis. They see one of my ads, or hear the testimonial of another patient and say to themselves, "Hey, I feel the same thing."

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!"

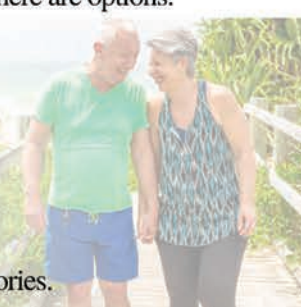
By seamlessly blending the ancient science of acupuncture with modern medical solutions, Dr. Salmond has achieved a 90% success rate in reversing the effects of neuropathy. She starts each patient with an initial consultation where a sensory exam is performed. This not only aids in making a proper diagnosis 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."

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

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Council disagrees on details of development of park land

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\$500,000 demolition grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the demolition of the building.

Gillis provided an extensive list of options for the development of the property, including a small entertainment venue, a garden center, restaurants, and specialty shops. He envisions a bike/pedestrian trail along the railroad tracks and easy access to the downtown area.

The idea of an amphitheater also has been discussed.

“Our vision revolves around a smaller performing arts stage, or entertainment venue, similar in size to the stages at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club or OC Sunset Park.”

He said he is willing to donate the entertainment venue back to the town when it is ready.

The council members nevertheless peppered Gillis with questions.

Councilman Steve Green was concerned that the development could take people away from the downtown area.

Gillis responded that his proposal was based on the town’s guidelines.

Also responding to Green’s question was the town’s economic and community development Director Ivy Wells, who said, “This will complement our downtown and make it bigger and better. It will not hurt downtown at all.”

Councilman Jack Knerr raised concerns that Berlin might reach a saturation point, but Tyndall pointed out they are still hearing from businesses that want to the town center.

At that point, Gillis suggested that if the town did not agree with how it wanted development to take place, it should change the goals in its request for proposals.

Gillis said the town has put him in
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“I have been a volunteer for 20 plus years and knew I wanted to continue my passion for service in my community. I am the current president of the Marina Village Condominium Association which allows me to utilize my business and leadership skills to help control costs for our owners and make sure we address the safety, aesthetics and value of our properties,” Latham said.

Latham said if he is elected his focus would be on OP’s finances to ensure the community has proper reserves to address road, drainage and other major projects. He has a background in procurement. He will also prioritize safety, fire and police protection. He is a Marine Corp veteran.

He promised to have a community servant leadership style.

Jerry Murphy and Jeff Heaver added their names, giving Ocean Pines residents two more candidates to choose from.

Murphy has a long history in the Pines. He was the builder of the “round houses” that can be seen throughout the neighborhood.

Murphy moved to Ocean Pines in the early 1970s as a builder. He became a full-time resident in the 1990s. His family purchased the Boise Cascade office, located on Widows Watch Court and in 1990, he took full ownership of the property.

Murphy has experience serving on boards. He said he would like to focus on the safety of the community with increased funds, both public and private, for police recruitment and the Southside Fire Station project.

“In respect to drainage and bulk-

head issues, some progress has been made, there is much more to be done. We need to help fund and keep the progress moving forward,” he said.

Heavner and his wife first moved to a condo in Marina Village in Ocean Pines in 2017 and loved it so much that they purchased a single family home in 2019 to become permanent residents.

In his last job, he said, “I thrived asking questions, listening, analyzing, collaborating, making decisions, planning and setting goals that drove safety standards, conserved resources, controlled expenses and delighted customers.”

“I am a problem-solver and have developed proven leadership skills over a career that spanned 5-years of honorable service in the U.S. Navy and 30-years at ExxonMobil Corporation,” Heavner said.

“If elected as a director, I will use my experiences to work with the OP sub-committees, board members, general manager and other supporting staff for responsible investment in continued infrastructure improvements. I would emphasize amenity maintenance and improvement, safety investment, HOA standards, road maintenance and continued bulkhead replacements.”

The deadline to return ballots is Tuesday Aug. 8 by 4 p.m.

Ballots will be counted and vote totals announced Thursday, Aug. 10.

The Ocean Pines Association annual meeting is Saturday, August 12.

Read more about the candidates: <https://baysideoc.net/board-candidates-face-annual-quiz-before-full-house/>

Demolition grant deadline end of August

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a box by restricting medical and residential development on the site. Currently the requirements are that parts of the property cannot be rezoned as residential for 10 years.

The council discussed dropping the 10 years to seven years for rezoning, a change that would make a major difference in the borrowing world, Gillis said.

Before the floor was open for public comment, Councilman Dean Burrell was cheered by some members of the audience when he said he was "against the whole thing."

Similarly opposed was resident Gina Velong, who accused the council of overpaying for the property at the time of purchase.

"This town purchased the property based on it being zoned commercial but under the idea of it being a park, which required residential zoning. Now we actually are requiring that these parcels be zoned as commercial but are selling at residential valuations. Are we literally that gullible?"

"That property will have us \$1,720,000 in the hole with just purchase and sales because we are not following basic business principles," she said.

Resident Ceni Pena suggested the town hire a professional organization



CINDY HOFFMAN/OCEAN CITY TODAY

Palmer and Sandy Gillis discuss their proposal for the Heron Park property during a working meeting of the council and mayor. Numerous town residents were there to listen and comment on the proposal.

to help make the decision.

"We should use the property to help offset the debt. The land is more valuable than what is being offered."

She said the town should reject Gillis's offer, leave the park alone and build multi-family affordable housing.

Resident Marie Velong told the council she wanted to see development that would replace the number of good-paying jobs that the town lost when the chicken plant closed.

Residents Rodger Fitzgerald and

Jack Burbage both supported the development proposal.

Burbage suggested the town identify development that Gillis could build that will not compete with downtown businesses.

The town is also running out of time to spend the \$500,000 demolition grant. During the mayor and council meeting later in the evening, Tyndall said the town has until the end of August to make a decision.

"If we are going to take the route of demo-ing ourselves, we should demo

it to a point where we can use that parcel for something else, like parking. If we chose that route, we should go all in."

Additional meetings are planned for continued public discussion of the future of Heron Park.

This week, the Parks Commission and the Planning Commission will host public meetings on the development.

The town is also expected to host two to three town meetings on the topic in August.

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Adopt-a-Park program in OP helps enhance community

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(July 13, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association Rec and Parks Department is looking for individuals, community groups, and businesses interested in adopting a local park.

All it takes to participate is a love of nature and an interest in helping to beautify a local park by picking up trash, planting flowers and weeding beds.

Adopters need to commit to a minimum of two years. The individual or group must commit to cleaning up the adopted park at least two times, but preferably four times a year. Adopters may also enhance the park with plantings, weeding and mulching beds and trees.

In turn, Ocean Pines will erect a sign recognizing the name of the Adopt-a-Park partner and remove filled garbage bags and other collected debris after clean-up.

The Ocean Pines Rec and Parks Department hopes to have every park adopted so that it can offer Ocean Pines residents even better experiences when they use the parks. According to the Adopt-a-Park program guidelines, adopting a park assists in the reduction of maintenance costs



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines is relaunching its Adopt-a-Park program. Individuals, community groups and businesses can adopt-a-park, which entails cleaning up the park two to four times a year.

and builds civic pride in the parks. Only one park has been adopted for 2023 so far. The Ocean City Power Squadron has adopted Pintail Park, according to Jessica Conaway of the Rec and Parks Department.

“The Ocean City Power Squadron does a great job every year cleaning up Pintail Park. They’ve done plantings,” Conaway said.

“In the past, the Eastern Shore IMBA has cleaned up Bainbridge Park. They are a biking club that fixed up the mountain biking trail at Bainbridge.”

Conaway said all other parks are available for adoption. That includes Bainbridge Park, Bridgewater Park, Huntington Park, Manklin Meadows, Robin Hood Park, Swim and Racquet, Terns Landing Park, the Ocean Pines Dog Park, White Horse Park & Trail, and South Gate Pond Trail.

“Ocean Pines has had parks and trails adopted informally in the past,” said Bill Barnard, chair of the committee. These guidelines now formalized that process.

To adopt a park, contact OP Recreation and Parks (410) 641-7052 or rec@oceanpines.org.

OP residents can take park survey

(July 13, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association has released a customer satisfaction survey about the community’s recreation and parks.

It should take about seven minutes to complete.

The survey is the latest of several planned for Ocean Pines amenities, to help gather input on the development of the next fiscal-year budget. Individual responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

To take the survey, visit survey-monkey.com/r/OPArecsurvey2023.



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The Island Creamery in Berlin won the coveted USA Today Readers' Choice Award for best independent ice cream shop in the United States. Pictured from left are Drew Conklin and Jen Sorrell, who own and operate the family business, with staff members Eva Konyar, Lauren Kemp, Cooper Ludt, Gavin Erickson, Jordan Gilmore and Nia Smith.

Island Creamery voted best in nation by USA Today poll

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 13, 2023) Budget Travel's "Coolest Small Town in America" in 2014 is now officially the home to the nation's best independent ice cream shop in the United States, according to a poll conducted by USA Today.

On July 7, USA Today announced the results of the contest in which readers could vote once per day. Nominations were submitted by a panel of experts and that list was narrowed to 10 nominees for the Readers' Choice Awards.

Island Creamery beat out nine other shops nationally. The local shop was neck-and-neck with An's Dry Cleaning in San Diego throughout the four-week contest, but in the end the small locally made ice cream shop pulled ahead for the win.

"The healthy competition made it fun," said Jen Sorrell, the manager of the Berlin and Salisbury stores.

"This happened because of all the hard work of the family, staff and customers. It's such a blessing."

Island Creamery is a family-run business. Kelly and Robin Conklin opened their first shop in Chincoteague in 1975, where they live. Their son, and Sorrell's fiancé, Drew, oversees operations in Maryland. His brother and sister, Cole and Courtney run production and the flagship shop in Chincoteague.

Sorrell was thrilled to share this win with the family.

"We are a team. We love each other first and foremost. This brings us even closer."

She said her 12 year-old son, Gavin's jaw hit the floor when he realized the contest was not local, but nationwide.

"It's a big humongous deal," Sorrell said.

"We are the best!" confirmed Gavin.

"I keep going back to that level of humility. It's so humbling," Sorrell said. "We all did this, the entire town. It's something that brought this town together."

Sorrell is working with the town to come up with some sort of celebration. "We will get creative," she said.



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Commissioners take look at at schools' ESSER funding

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(July 13, 2023) The calendar turned to Fiscal Year 2024 on July 1 and in the early days of the new fiscal cycle, Worcester County's board of education and government are still working on sorting through the school system's budget practices.

It's no surprise — the practices that the commissioners made clear that they prefer the board adopt in budgeting and transparency require reams of documents to change hands and time for government officials to review them.

At the July 5 commissioners meeting, Worcester County Budget Officer Candace Savage provided them with an overview of what her office has determined from 270 pages of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grant funding, which the board provided to the county.

"Overall, the board of education received \$22.4 million in ESSER relief funding," Savage reported. "At the time the documents were given to us, approximately \$9.5 million remained."

The ESSER III fund represented the largest and most recent usage, she

said. Out of \$5 million sent from it, about \$1.4 million, or 28 percent, went to personnel, including additional staff for summer and after-school programs and transportation.

One million dollars, or 20 percent, went to Apple products and services, including an annual lease of \$121,000.

Savage added that some board expenses currently in ESSER could carry over into the operating budget in the future, upwards of \$1.7 million.

"This was a snapshot of the programs at the time and not a request for future funding," Savage clarified. "However, if the board of education decides to continue the relief-funded programs at \$1.7 million as well as the new Pre-K3 expansion at \$600,000, future operating budgets could start with a shortfall of \$2.3 million, just based on these two grants."

Regarding the Pre-K expansion, school officials recently announced that the school system would accept a \$600,000 Pre-K3 expansion grant, a decision that a majority of commissioners did not concur with. The grant will enable the school system to expand Pre-K3 at Buckingham Elementary School, Snow Hill Elementary School and Pocomoke Elementary School by one classroom apiece, plus additional staff compensation.

Savage said that ESSER grants have funded 30 new restricted positions since FY22.

"As we work through the data we'll continue to focus on how or if the other grants will affect the operating budget in the future," she said.

Commissioner Chip Bertino asked if future maintenance-of-effort funding levels — a "big if" — would hinder the school system's ability to receive more from such grant funds.

Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young said it would depend on whether additional funding from the state was a factor, but that it could.

After the meeting, Bertino said he was "very pleased" with the information provided thus far by the board of education.

It'll take some time to parse through it all — hence the two sides still working now into FY24 — but that's not unreasonable considering that county staff has received around 9,000 pages of documentation to this point.

"We're doing our due diligence. We had asked for the ESSER grant information a year ago and we just got it in late May. It takes some time to digest that," Bertino said.

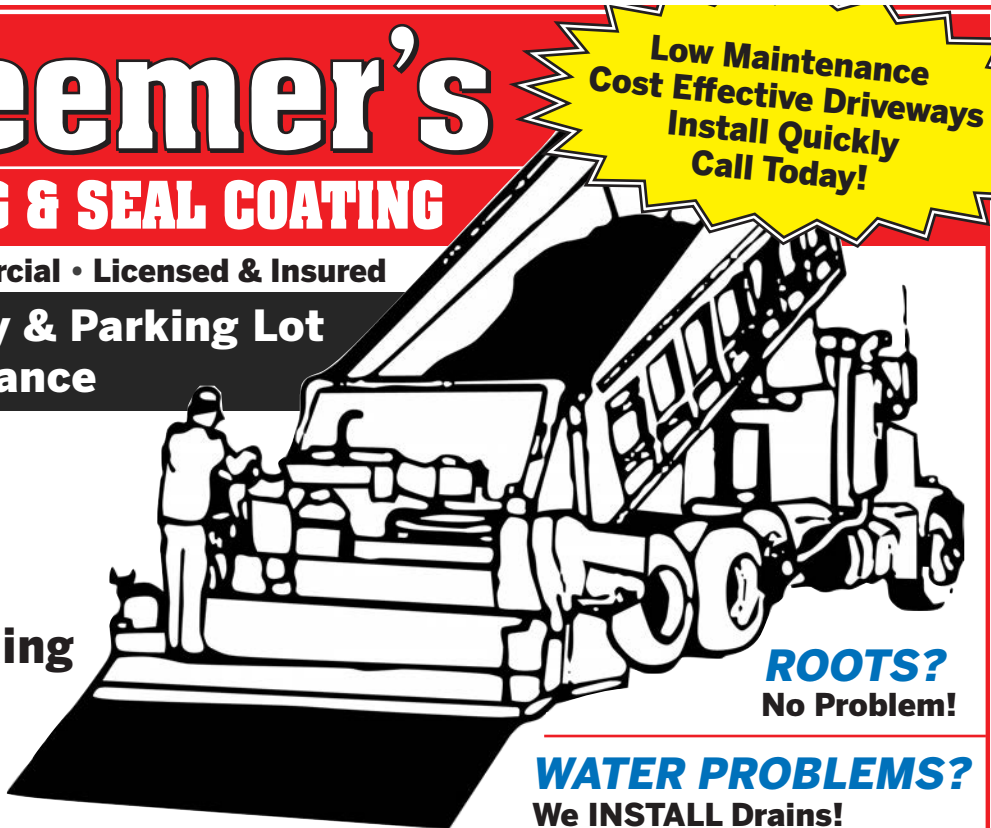
"Our role is not to micromanage the board of education but to understand where the money we allocate is going. It's a learning curve for the county government to better understand. That's what we're doing right now."

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The Worcester County Commissioners approved \$113,190 in ARPA funding for the Berlin Fire Company on Tuesday. The money will be divided between fire and EMS, with the former taking \$75,000 for a down payment on a new ambulance and the latter \$38,190 to purchase rescue rope plus materials and electric vehicle firefighting equipment.

Worcester County approves Berlin Fire's ARPA request

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(July 13, 2023) The Worcester County Commissioners unanimously approved the allocation of \$113,190 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to the Berlin Fire Company last week.

The approval is the latest in a string of requests from county fire companies as they sift through ways they can satisfy the commissioners' request that ARPA money be used in ways that address emergency re-

sponse efficiency.

The money will be divided between fire and EMS, with the former taking \$75,000 for a down payment on a new ambulance and the latter \$38,190 to purchase rescue rope plus materials and electric vehicle firefighting equipment.

In a memo from the Berlin Fire Company Emergency Medical Services Inc., the fire company said that its replacement schedule suggests re-

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Worcester creating school construction policy group

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(July 13, 2023) With the all-new Buckingham Elementary School project in Berlin in its infancy stages, Worcester County is seizing on the timing to formulate a policy for future school construction needs.

In a 6-to-1 vote last week, the commissioners approved the formulation of a committee to work on that priority in short order, with the committee possibly coming together by the Aug. 2 commissioners meeting. The expectation is that the committee will have something to present by late September when it's likely the commissioners will check on the Buckingham Elementary project.

Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young, in broaching the subject, explained that the State of Maryland provides a dollar-for-dollar match of capital funding toward county schools up to a certain square footage.

The size and layout of a new school's design is dependent on several factors, including but not limited to site conditions, classroom size and number of students. County funds would be the sole resource for all of a school's footprint that exceeds the formula's restrictions.

Gov. Wes Moore's Fiscal Year 2024 budget lists four elementary schools — Buckingham Elementary, two schools in Frederick County and another in Baltimore City. Buckingham's formula maximum is listed at 65,218 gross

square feet, while the proposed replacement comes in at 102,968 gross square feet or about 196.88 gross square feet per student.

The other elementary schools also exceed the state's formula, but Buckingham Elementary shows the most disparity,

Young pointed out that Buckingham Elementary and at least one of the other elementary schools is a Title I school, meaning they come with additional programming such as Judith P. Hoyer Center Early Learning Hubs (JUDY centers), which require additional square footage.

Essentially, the state is willing to fund half of the first 65,218 square footage of the proposed 102,968-square-foot replacement school.

"Given the nature of the Buckingham project in its early stages, this is an opportune time for a discussion of this nature," Young said.

Commissioner Chip Bertino proposed the committee, saying that it should include Young at the helm, plus the county's procurement officer and engineer. A representative from the board of education should also be included.

"I'd very much like to see a group formulated that would have a very short timeline of about a month to come up with recommendations," Bertino said.

Commissioner Joe Mitrecic voted in opposition to the motion.



BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - REPLACEMENT SCHOOL OPTION "B" SITE PLAN

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The Worcester County Commissioners approved the formulation of a committee that will look at ways to create policy for future school construction projects. The commissioners hope the committee can form by August and have something to present by late September, when they will check in on the Buckingham Elementary School replacement project.

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Berlin Fire receives ARPA funds

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placing units every 10 years, and this ambulance will replace a 2015 model.

The timing, two years out from the 10-year mark, reflects the 24-month or greater backlog that ambulance manufacturers are currently dealing with.

According to a memo from procurement officer Nick Rice, the commissioners have previously approved ARPA expenditures for Ocean City EMS (medical devices), Ocean Pines

EMS (heart monitors), Showell Volunteer Fire (new pumper engine), Girdletree (SCBA equipment), Bishopville (ambulance), Pocomoke Fire (utility truck), Pocomoke EMS (ambulance), Newark Volunteer Fire Company (ambulance) and Stockton Volunteer Fire Department (new pumper engine). We are still awaiting updated requests from Ocean City Volunteer Fire, Ocean Pines Fire, Snow Hill Fire and Snow Hill EMS.

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State's Attorney approved to hire additional prosecutor

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(July 13, 2023) The Worcester County State's Attorney's Office could be growing and saving some money at the same time.

In an unanimous vote last week, the county commissioners approved a request from State's Attorney Kristin Heiser to split one full-time assistant state's attorney position into two part-time positions.

In a memo to the commissioners, Heiser wrote that one of the office's ASAs has decided to retire but is willing to return part-time at 20 hours per week after a mandatory 45-day, post-retirement separation period.

A second part-time ASA would pick up the other half of the workload from the former full-time position.

The full-time position's compensation would be split equally between the two new positions.

Heiser argued in the memo that the conversion would also save the county money since the new positions would not be eligible for benefits.

Commissioner Joe Mitrecic voted in favor of the motion but expressed skepticism over the chances of filing not one, but two vacancies, especially when other departments are reporting that finding new hires has been a challenge.

"This kind of bucks what every-

body in the county is doing," Mitrecic said. "I'm curious, you have one position filled with the person that you would like to keep, obviously ... I'm just concerned that if we go ahead and do this now, if we can't find a person to fill that (other) part-time (position) ... then you're looking to come back and putting another full-time person (on your staff). That's my concern."

Heiser acknowledged Mitrecic's concern and said she shared it, but that the retiring employee coming back part-time represents "a bird in hand."

"I just don't know if we can fill that full-time position and be done with it, to be honest with you," Mitrecic replied. "I have concerns again, with everybody in the county ... (saying that) filling part-

time positions has been next to impossible."

Heiser said that her office might stand a better chance than other departments to find hires.

"Experienced attorneys could craft their schedules in different ways, perhaps, or (might not) have the same benefit needs as some of the other departments," she said.

Commissioner Ted Elder simply added, before making the motion to approve, that he doesn't "think we should be micromanaging (Heiser's) department."

"Experienced attorneys could craft their schedules in different ways, perhaps, or (might not) have the same benefit needs as some of the other departments."

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The Worcester County Commissioners approved the purchase of an armored rescue vehicle (ARV) for the Sheriff's Office at around \$323,000, last Tuesday. Sheriff Matt Crisafulli said that such a vehicle is extremely value in a multitude of situations, such as hostage negotiations, high-risk warrant serving and natural disaster response.

County approves \$324K to Sheriff for armored vehicle

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(July 13, 2023) Financial votes in Worcester County have been tight in the months following last year's elections, with Commissioners Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting, Caryn Abbott and Eric Fiori edging Jim Mitrecic, Diane Purnell and Ted Elder on multiple cost-saving endeavors.

But the roles reversed on July 5 when that same majority opened up the county's wallet with \$321,833 for the Worcester County Sheriff's Office to buy an armored rescue vehicle (ARV).

The request was pulled from the consent agenda, a portion of the overall agenda often comprised of run-of-the-mill or previously discussed items bunched together under a single motion.

Mitrecic pulled the memo for the

request, which stated that FY24 funding of up to \$324,000 was available for the purchase.

"For the last two years I've been against this purchase," Mitrecic said. "I don't think it's a wise use of the county taxpayers' money in this case. I believe he said it could have been used 41 times in the last 10 years so I'm not sure if that's wise and I can't support it."

After the meeting, Bertino explained his vote by describing the ARV as a "necessary piece of equipment for law enforcement."

And Sheriff Matt Crisafulli pushed back on the notion that frequency of usage made it an illogical purchase — a single life saved would justify it.

"It helps protect not only my deputies but also helps to protect the people we are entrusted to serve," he

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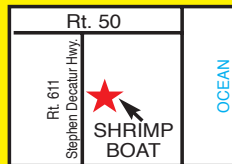
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Worcester man sentenced to 40 years in fatal stabbing

(July 13, 2023) A Worcester County man was sentenced last week to serve 40 years in prison for his role in a fatal stabbing at a West Ocean City motel in January 2022.

According to a news release, Sherronte Robins, 41, of Stockton, was found guilty after a trial in Worcester County Circuit Court in March of second-degree murder, first- and second-degree assault and reckless endangerment stemming from the incident.

Police were reportedly dispatched to the local motel on Jan. 24, 2022, in

response to reports of an assault. After arriving, they found a male victim lying on the ground unresponsive with a stab wound to the neck area. The man was pronounced dead soon after emergency responders arrived.

The release said an ensuing investigation by the Maryland state Police Homicide Unit turned up surveillance footage showing the vicim leaving Robins' room at the motel holding his throat and eventually collapsing to the ground.

Robins is seen on the video throwing an object, which police recovered and found to be a 1-inch steak knife covered in blood, out of his room. Police promptly took Robins, who was on scene when they arrived, into custody.



Sherronte Robins

Worcester man sentenced in street racing, drug cases

(July 13, 2023) A 46-year-old Worcester County man is set to spend the next 12 years behind bars following conviction in two separate Worcester County cases.

According to a news release, Eddie Collick, of Stockton, was sentenced to a total 19 years in prison on June 29 for charges stemming from a street racing incident in August 2020 in Snow Hill, and a drug case in September 2022.



Eddie Collick

The release said a Worcester County judge ordered Collick to serve four years for failing to immediately stop his vehicle at the scene of an accident involving death and 15 years for distribution of cocaine. The judge suspended seven years of the cocaine sentence, which is to run consecutive to the other charge, and ordered three years supervised probation, for a total 12 years locked up.

The traffic charge originated from

a collision on Aug. 14, 2020, in the area of West Market Street and Coulbourne Lane in Snow Hill. Worcester County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the scene and identified two victims who were ejected from the vehicle and lying in a field. The victims ultimately died from injuries they sustained.

The release said further investigation and accident reconstruction revealed that Collick had been engaged in street racing with the victims' vehicle, causing the vehicle to lose control and crash into a utility pole. Collick reportedly failed to stop his vehicle and remain at the scene as required by law.

The drug charges resulted from an investigation conducted in a joint investigation by the Ocean City Police Department's Narcotics Unit and the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team in September of 2022. During the course of the investigation, Collick distributed cocaine to an undercover police officer in Ocean City.

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Ocean Downs pulls in more than \$8.6 million during June

(July 13, 2023) Oceans Downs Casino off Route 589 contributed more than \$8.6 million from slot machines and table games to the state's total more than \$163.7 million during the month of June.

According to a news release, the local casino's revenue was up 1.5 percent from June 2022, while the state as a whole saw a minimal increase of 0.6 percent.

Casino gambling contributions to the state from this June totaled a little more than \$69.43 million, which was up 1.6 percent compared to last year.

Contributions to the Education Trust Fund were about \$50,43 million, an increase of 1.5 percent. Casino gaming revenues also support the communities and jurisdictions where they are located, the state's horse racing industry, and small, minority- and women-owned businesses.

According to a different news release, Maryland's 10 retail and 10 mobile sportsbooks also combined to generate more than \$2.8 million to the state last month.

Each sportsbook contributes 15 percent of taxable wins to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund, which supports public education programs.

Oceans Downs is one of six privately owned casinos across Maryland that offers slot machines and table games. The others are MGM National Harbor in Prince George's County, Live! Casino & Hotel in Anne Arundel County, Horseshoe Casino Baltimore in Baltimore City, Hollywood Casino Perryville in Cecil County, and Rocky Gap Casino Resort in Allegany County.

The local casino and four others also have retail sportsbook licenses.

WPS donates to Surfers Healing of OC after April event

(July 13, 2023) The WPS Surf Club and Volunteer Club recently presented Surfers Healing of Ocean City with a donation raised by the club's Wear Blue Worcester Wednesday.

In April, Worcester Preparatory School held a Wear Blue Worcester Wednesday in support of Autism Awareness Day. Along with wearing blue, the Upper School Surf Club collected donations to support the Surfers Healing Foundation, which works to enrich the lives of people living with autism by exposing them to the unique experience of surfing. Just over \$1,100 was raised.

Surfers Healing is the original surf camp for children with autism. Serving communities since 1996, volun-



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Pictured, from left, are Worcester Preparatory School Assistant Head of School/Head of Upper School Mike Grosso, students Mike DePalma, Laura Malinowski, Lilly Phillips, Dillon Scopp and Surfers Healing representatives Jason Leiderman and his father David Leiderman. Worcester Prep students raised money in April to donate to Surfers Healing of Ocean City.

teers with the nonprofit travel across the country – from San Diego to Rhode Island – to catch the waves with camp participants. Locally, a camp is held in Ocean City each summer providing nearly 200 children

with autism, and their families, the opportunity to go surfing.

For more information, or to find out how to get involved, visit surfershealing.org.

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Continued from Page 14 said. “We hope that we don’t have to use this vehicle ... If you can save one human life with a piece of equipment like this, you will never be able to put a price tag on it.”

Crisafulli added that in a coastal town, its value goes beyond more common uses like hostage situations, serving high-risk warrants and in general providing more adequate cover for his deputies in volatile situations.

“(It) can also be used in natural disasters,” he said. “(During a flood) you can roll this ARV into the area to rescue individuals who may be trapped in automobiles, in their residences. Living close to the beach, there is a high probability for natural disasters, water rescues, things like that.”

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ACADEMIC AWARDS

Worcester Preparatory School Junior Izzy Huber accepts the Grade 9-11 Head of School Highest Academic Award from Head of School John McDonald during the annual School Academic Convocation on May 23.



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ARTS DAY IN THE PINES

Art League of Ocean City volunteers Connie Corbett, Amy Peck, Bruce Campbell and Craig Chamberlain pose for a photo during the organization's Arts Day in the Pines on July 9 at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.



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Worcester Preparatory School eighth grader Mia Jaoude accepts the Grade 6-8 Head of School Highest Academic Award from Head of School John McDonald during the annual School Academic Convocation on May 23.



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Worcester Preparatory School seventh grader Scarlett Shimko accepts the Grade 6-8 Best All-Round Student presented from John McDonald during the annual School Academic Convocation on May 23.



(Above) Claire Shockley poses at her Artisan Nut Brittles booth at Arts Day in the Pines. (Left) Daniel Laughlin, of Willards, paints a seashell during the event.

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COMMUNITY BASEBALL

Players in the Worcester County NAACP Negro League Baseball Oldtimers Softball game pose for a photo during the group's game on Memorial Day at Stephen Decatur High School. The Simmons Day 70s All-stars (Hubert V Simmons Negro League Baseball Museum) faced off against the Worcester County NAACP Community Team.



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HONORARY MARINE

State Senator Mary Beth Carozza, second from left, was recently awarded an honorary membership in the First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League for her support of the military and military veterans. She received her membership at the detachment's June meeting held at Ocean City American Legion Post 166. Pictured with Carozza are, from left, Judge Advocate Don Coffin, Immediate Past Commandant Bob Broderick, Commandant Al Soto, and Junior Vice Commandant Milt Warren.



NEW MEMBERS

Saunie Wolstenholme stands with Commandant Al Soto of the First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Wolstenholme was recently sworn in as an associate member of the league. She is the fiancée of member Bill Aguirre and took her oath at the detachment's June meeting at Ocean City American Legion Post 166.

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LIONESS OFFICERS

Recently elected and installed officers of the Ocean City Lioness Lions Club for the 2023-2024 term pose for a photo. Pictured from left are Treasurer Susan McHenry; Vice President Amy Bishop; Director Liz Scott; Directors Barbara Wasaikowski and Roberta Taylor; Recording Secretary Ginni Bonarrigo; Corresponding Secretary Autumn Fenton; Past President Bev Topfer; President Ann Runo, Membership Chair Faye Cathell; and Service and Retention official Donna Greenwood.

Opinion

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

Brady, Latham, Murphy get our endorsement

The one thing missing from the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election this summer is drama. Consequently, it has exactly what voters need: four qualified candidates who are not vowing to turn operations upside down.

This absence of controversy allows association members to concentrate on what's important — the attributes of the candidates, instead of having to wade through the noise produced by axe-grinding cliques, activists and provocateurs.

It's refreshing. It's also difficult to pick just three people out of the four seeking to serve the community when there's little disagreement among them on how the next board should proceed.

Nevertheless, it is our belief that the three candidates with the longest track records of community involvement — Elaine Brady, John Latham and Jerry Murphy — should be rewarded for their efforts.

Brady, who nursed this paper to success as its owner before joining forces with Ocean City Today, qualifies as a community supporter of the first order through that accomplishment alone. But she also has served on various committees over the course of her 20-plus year residency and has been a long-time student of what makes the Pines tick.

Latham, a businessman, member of the Marine Activities Advisory Committee, and someone imbued with the spirit of volunteerism, says his approach would be as a true servant of the public and we believe him.

Murphy came to Ocean Pines in the 1970s as a builder, giving him the distinction of having been a part of the community before there even was one. He became a full-time resident in the 1990s, so if anyone has a grasp on where Ocean Pines has been and where it's going, it's Murphy.

These three candidates have the edge over Jeffrey Heavner because of their greater involvement in local affairs. While Heavner's excellent resume shows the depth of his qualifications, we believe a committee assignment in the next year or so would be all he needs to put him over the top.

Jim Adcock: Shaping OP for three decades as publisher and artist

(July 13, 2023) As a painter, illustrator and newspaper publisher, Jim Adcock has quietly been one of the most influential figures in the Ocean Pines community over the last three decades.

His fingerprints remained, until recently, in the Bayside Gazette through publication of original weekly cartoons, and his vibrant, beachy paintings are ubiquitous with local art, capturing everything from Thrasher's French Fries and Fisher's Popcorn, to the Ocean Pines Yacht Club and Golf Clubhouse.

This week, Adcock announced that he is retiring from his cartoon contributor position in the Gazette, leaving behind a longtime legacy.

Start the presses

Adcock grew up in Baltimore, graduated from the prestigious Maryland Institute College of Arts, and worked as a schoolteacher and commercial artist before moving to Ocean Pines in the 1990s.

On the Eastern Shore, he got involved with a company called Coastal Images that both put his artistic talents to good use and gave him a crash course in publishing.

In 1998, he founded the Ocean Pines Gazette newspaper that would later become the Bayside Gazette.

"I was working for different publishers and freelancing. And I thought to myself, I really don't like the newspapers in Ocean Pines," Adcock said. "I thought I could put one together if I got an editor and some other people to work on it, so that's what I did. I launched the paper and then spent the next seven years behind a computer."

It became something of a family affair, as Adcock's late wife, Edie Brennan, wrote a social column for the paper and his sister-in-law, Kristy McDonald, wrote the weekly cooking column.



Jim Adcock

Brennan was one of the original Ocean Pines residents and salespeople, selling lots in the community since the early 1970s. She received a Coastal Realtors Lifetime Achievement award in 2015.

"I had no idea that either one of them were such good writers," Adcock said. "And this thing was really popular. We were getting invitations to parties and we didn't even know these people! It was just a wild ride for a long time."

He recalled that the endeavor had different results on finances for the couple.

"Looking back, I realized I didn't make very much money, but my wife made a pile of money [in real estate]!" Adcock added.

Adcock sold the paper to Elaine Brady and the company that published Ocean City Today in 2004. Up until the week, he produced weekly columns.

"I was very fortunate to sell the newspaper at a time when other papers were folding," Adcock said. "And I was very fortunate to get an offer from Ocean City Today to really pay off my debts, and that's when I decided to go back to painting."

From publisher to painter

Adcock turned his attention toward freelancing and commission work, focusing especially on capturing the essence of Ocean City.

He started at the inlet and the Boardwalk, but said he was less attracted to the aes-

thetics and more to the intangibles that drew people to the resort.

"I realized very quickly that the architecture really leaves something to be desired," he said. "The people are there for the food and for the rides. So, I concentrated on that — whatever tourists will remember, whether it's a bar or the food they loved or the haunted house. People want to take that memory home with them."

Over the years, Adcock said he's refined his approach to painting that now has as much to do with character as aesthetics.

"I really enjoy doing local themes," he said. "And I have a certain pattern when I get a commission. Whether it's a house or a bar or a restaurant, I'll go look at it, and I'll sit down and talk to the bartender. It's a method so that, when I get ready to paint, I really have a background. I've been inside and I've gotten to the know the place a little."

Among his favorite painters, Adcock named Edward Hopper, Wayne Thiebaud, Andy Warhol, Alexander Calder, and the Impressionists.

Locally, he's a fan of people like Deborah Rolig, Patrick Henry, Kirk McBride, Elaine Bean, and Megan Burak.

He also spoke highly of the Art League of Ocean City, a group that helped him feel at home, despite being a transplant from "over the bridge."

"I think the Art League is one of the most vital parts of the community, as far as their outreach for all ages and the energy that they put into the community," he said.

Adcock plans to head back to Assateague Island soon to capture more of the beachy scenery and local wildlife there.

He's also moving his home and studio from Bish- See ADCOCK Page 21

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Letter

No need for new school construction committee

Editor,

I am writing in response to the Worcester County Commissioners' latest vote to form a commission to oversee local public school construction.

One of the reasons Mr. Joe Mitrećic voting no for the formation of this commission was because of the existence of the Buckingham Planning Committee that has already been working on planning the new Buckingham Elementary School that will replace the existing 50-year-old school located in Berlin.

I am one of many members of that planning committee, which also includes three county commissioners: Eric Fiori, Diana Purnell, and Jim Bunting, as well as the mayor of Berlin and two town council members, two Worcester County Board of Education members, three teachers, the principal and vice principal, several parents, the superintendent and assistant superintendents of Worcester County Public schools, the chief financial officer of Worcester County Public Schools and other central office staff.

That planning committee has been meeting for the last nine months to discuss the needs for a new school that will educate Berlin children now and for the next 50 years. The major-

ity of people serving on that committee are both Worcester County residents and Worcester County taxpayers who have taken our role on that committee very seriously.

Worcester County prides itself on having local control of life in our community. The existing committee is already fulfilling that desire for local control. Who best to decide what a school located in Berlin needs than Berlin elected officials, Berlin parents, staff who will be working in the new building and central office staff who have spent their professional lives as educators, as well as trained architects who have built many elementary schools on Delmarva?

This type of committee was used when Ocean City Elementary and the new Showell Elementary school were built and resulted in two beautiful schools that serve the needs of the Ocean City, Ocean Pines, and Bishopville communities in Worcester County.

There are many questions raised by the creation of this new commission, such as: would this newly formed commission meet with the existing Buckingham planning committee to discuss what has already been done? We have already approved a design and layout of the building; will this newly formed commission be able to override that work? Who will have the final say on a design? When

will this newly formed commission meet? Will the meetings be open to the public, will they be held in the Berlin community?

Why don't the three county commissioners who have already been part of the planning process feel they can share their thoughts and concerns with the Buckingham planning committee they already are a part of? In all of the meetings so far, the questions the county commissioners did ask were clearly and thoroughly answered by the professional architects already hired to design the school.

Again, Worcester County elected officials often complain about what they see as over regulation on a variety of local issues, yet the six county commissioners just voted to create an extra layer of regulation over funding for local schools. Will they do the same for all other government building that takes place in Worcester County or just for the construction of Buckingham Elementary?

As a resident of Worcester County and a taxpayer, I do not want my taxpayer money spent on forming a redundant commission to do a job that is already being done by highly qualified professionals and locally engaged community members.

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Living and working in the Pines

Adcock said Ocean Pines was a little crowded when he first moved there, but there was always plenty to do and see.

"There's a vibrant community - that's always been true," he said. "There may have been different clubs or politics that dominated, but there's always been something to do if you're looking for it. It's always been like that."

He said the single biggest change during his time happened when the Matt Ort Companies were brought in to manage Ocean Pines' food and beverage operations.

"In all the history of bad things, that was the shining star," he said. "They came along and turned everything around. That was a really great thing."

He compared the yacht club, with its large, open waterfront patio that each summer draws in thousands of residents and visitors, to "the basis

for European architecture."

"It's a wonderful space for all these people to go, and it's very, very important for people to gather," he said.

Adcock, the editorial cartoonist, said he enjoyed contributing to the Bayside Gazette - but it was occasionally something of a tightrope act. Over the years, he's lambasted scores of local politicians, including many Ocean Pines Board members.

"I really have to be careful. I have to find out my sources and I have to do research, so that I don't look bad," he said. "[Former Board member] Marty Clarke was one of my favorite guys to cover, and he's got my cartoons going up the staircase to his second floor. It's quite an honor."

Adcock is also regular contributor to the Ocean Pines Report quarterly newsletter. Some of his commission work is featured in the Ocean Pines Administration Board Room, and in the pages of this issue.

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OPA announces 'vote' sign contest winners

(July 13, 2023) The Ocean Pines Communications Advisory Committee this week announced two winners in a contest to design signs encouraging homeowners to vote in the annual Board of Directors election.

Winners are the Cook Family (Ann, Christine, and Addison) for the children's category, and Kevin Doxzen (of Bay Color web design) for the adult category.

Both winners will receive a \$100 gift card to the yacht club and have their signs used as part of annual promotional efforts to encourage voting.

Communications Committee Chairperson Cheryl Jacobs said in a news release that committee members are pleased with the results and believe the signs will be fun and encourage homeowners to vote.

"We are very happy to see so much participation and we hope to have more engaging activities such as this contest in the future," she said.



Members of the Ocean Pines Communications Advisory Committee pose with the winners of a recent contest for the best designed signs encouraging homeowners to vote in the annual Board of Directors election. Pictured from left are committee members Marlene Ott and Cheryl Jacobs, contest winner Kevin Doxzen, committee member Jenny Cropper-Rines, contest winner Ann Cook, and committee members Patty Seidl and Carrie Morrison.

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Summer 2023 OP Quarterly Report available

(July 13, 2023) The latest issue of the Ocean Pines Report, the Association's quarterly newsletter, is now available online.

Physical copies should be mailed to homeowners and residents within

the next few weeks.

This special election issue features a Q&A with candidates for the 2023 Ocean Pines Board of Directors, plus a profile on local artist Jim Adcock, and a feature on the education pro-

grams of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation.

There are guest columns from Sen. Mary Beth Carozza, County Commissioner Chip Bertino, and more.

Association President Doug Parks,

General Manager John Viola and others supply updates on Ocean Pines operations.

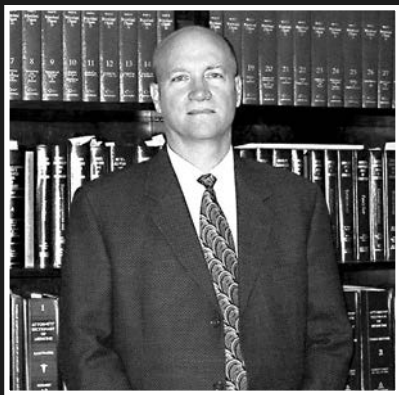
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Pieces are on display at the Worcester County Arts Council's juried show at the gallery on Jefferson Street in Berlin. The subject, "Summertime," was open to the artists' individual expression and interpretation, and will be on display through the month of July.

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Summertime art exhibit at Worcester County Gallery

(July 13, 2023) During the month of July, the Worcester County Arts Council is hosting a juried art competition and exhibit featuring 39 entries submitted by 29 emerging and established artists with work in all media.

The subject, "Summertime," was open to the artists' individual expression and interpretation.

The artwork in the competition was reviewed by local artist Grover Cantwell.

Monetary prizes will be awarded, and

winners will be announced during a free public reception set from 5-7 p.m., July 14, at the Worcester County Arts Council Gallery, at 6 Jefferson St. in Berlin. Light refreshments will be offered.

The exhibit will be on display until July 31.

Along with the featured exhibit, new artwork created by 30 local artists and gallery members are on display and available for purchase. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

For more information about the Worcester County Arts Council's programs and services, please visit worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

OP Hansen Youth Fishing Contest at Veterans Park

(July 13, 2023) The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will host the annual Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest this Saturday at the South Gate Pond.

Registration is from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Veterans Park in Ocean Pines. The contest will be from 9-10:30 a.m.

Participants should bring their own fishing rod and reel. Bait will be provided.

There will be three age groups for young anglers: 4-7, 8-11 and 12-16.

A trophy will be awarded for the biggest fish in each age group with special prizes for the top three.

Children younger than 4 years of age can fish but will not be eligible for a trophy. This is a free event. All registrants will receive a prize.

There will also be drawings for two grand prizes.

Funding for the event is provided by the Anglers Club, the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club, Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, and the Atlantic Coast Sport-fishing Association.

For more information, call John McFalls at (610)-505-1697.

This is the second event presented by the Ocean Pines Anglers Club this summer. On June 17, more than 60 young anglers participated in the annual "Teach a Kid to Fish Day" at the South Pond in Ocean Pines.



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I spent a few days last week prepping and executing a wedding.

While it went off quite successfully, it came at a price. Since the Real-Feel was 96 degrees, we were all soaked to the core, sweating out any of our sins from the day prior, which was my birthday.

After a night of frivolities, and honestly not drinking enough water to stay hydrated, I felt it all day. From set up to food delivery to execution, it was a struggle. There were some scheduling issues that were well beyond our control and we fought through those, ending the day with a very happy couple; the only thing that matters on a day like that. The food was served without a glitch, and the venue (the first time that I had headlined there) loved us, so that was a great sign that the team went above and beyond.

The service staff kept themselves on par, and with an event of this nature, they were overly professional. Personally, I had a number of guests remark on how hot we all must have been. They were only wearing suits, after all, and they had witnessed us hammering through the night, making sure that our heat stroke-induced evening was seamless to the family and guests.

When I woke up Sunday morning, I sat in bed trying to recall dreams from the night before. As a young lad in the early '80s, I worked at the Chart House in Annapolis. When we would have work nightmares, we referred to them as Chartmares. Unable to conjure anything up, I felt my body buzzing from exhaustion and hunger. I had not eaten a thing all day.

Knowing that I did not drink enough water or eat, I set to work. I knew I could cook some of my favorite south of the border comfort food, perhaps to try to convince myself that I was on vacation and not derailed on this culinary train ride from hell.

And so the comfort food came, and come it did as I prepared a tried and true dish of Mexican repute, which of course may very well be an American adaptation of a Mexican classic; the Quesadilla.

Cheese, meat and bread. How can you go wrong? On top of this simple



combination of wholesome goodies, add some fresh guacamole, crema fresca, shredded lettuce, and salsa roja, and you are in business. Sour cream can be a good substitute for the crema fresca, but if you have the time to make it, you will be glad that you did.

Of course, one of the beverages that goes so well with a dish like this is beer, or if you don't like beer, a pitcher of fresh limeade or tamarind punch would certainly suffice. Personally, I enjoy the tamarind sodas available in the "international aisle" in the grocery store, and they match the flavors of this dish perfectly.

So on with the summery, smoky meat-filled little cheesy things, and remember to make these when you feel like pretending you are a true Yucatecan. Anyone can use a break

down here on the shore, and since I won't be staying at any all-inclusive-resorts any time soon, this is a good way for me to pretend that I am basking in the sun.

And thank the good lord that we survived the weekend. Now it's time to gear up for the next one.

Steak Quesadilla

serves 4

4 ea. flour tortillas, size of your choice
 1 # trim beef, preferable flank steak or skirt steak
 1 tbsp. worcestershire sauce
 1 ea. jalapeno, seeded and veins removed, finely diced
 1/2 ea med white onion, finely diced
 2 cloves fresh garlic, finely diced
 1/4 c. red wine vinegar

1/4 c. vegetable oil
 salt & pepper to taste
 3/4 # cheddar, monterey jack cheese blend

1. Marinate the beef in all of the ingredients except for the tortillas and cheese

2. Grill the beef to the desired temperature, and let cool

3. Pile half of the tortilla with cheese and sliced steak, and then fold over the empty half

4. Cook in a pan or in the oven on a little bit of butter or margarine until toasted golden brown cut into wedges and serve

Fresh Guacamole

makes about a quart

2 ea. Haas avocados, ripened
 1/2 ea. med white onion, diced
 1/2 ea. vine-ripened tomato, seeded and diced

1/2 tsp toasted cumin seed
 fresh cilantro to taste

1 ea. lime for juice
 salt & pepper to taste
 if heat is desired, diced jalapeno

1. Mash avocado and combine with the rest of the ingredients

2. Let sit for at least one hour, to let the flavors marry

Crema Fresca-made the night before to set up

makes about a pint

1 pint heavy cream
 5 Tbsp. buttermilk

1. Combine ingredients and set out on the counter at room temperature. The enzymes in the buttermilk will break down the heavy cream and thicken to make your crema fresca, aka creme fraiche

Salsa Roja

makes about 2 cups

1 ea. med tomato, vine-ripened
 1/2 ea. med white onion, cut into quarters

2 ea. fresh jalapenos, seeded with veins removed

1 ea. lime for juice
 fresh cilantro
 salt & pepper to taste

1. Combine all ingredients in a blender if you want a smooth salsa roja, and blend, pulsing, until it reaches the consistency you prefer.

Paul Suplee is the owner of the boxcar restaurant 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., July 13

SUMMER SEA GLASS ART

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Learn how to make summer themed sea glass art. All supplies included. Limit 20. Register: 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org

MISTER DON - INTERACTIVE CHILDREN'S MUSIC!

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Get ready to sing and dance with Mister Don. For ages 3 years and older. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OUTDOOR MUSIC & MOVEMENT: JAMMIN' WITH MR. JAKE!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Join Mr. Jake and his guitar for a fun morning of music. Get ready to shake all those sillies out. 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. Come to the library and bring your boards. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WEEGAMERZ VIDEO GAME TRAILER

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Enjoy a wide selection of games in this high-tech and climate controlled video game truck. Player play in 20 minute turns. Register: bit.ly/weegamerz-registration. For ages 12 years and older.

TRIVIA WITH THE LIBRARY

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 2 p.m. Join the Ocean City Library for off site Trivia. Test your knowledge and win prizes. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ZUMBA

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

TIDES & VINE BOOK CLUB: 'CUTTING FOR STONE' BY ABRAHAM VERGHESE

Tides & Vine, 106 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 6 p.m. Stop by the Snow Hill Library to pick your book, then meet for an evening of books and wine. Must be 21 years old. Limit 14. Register: 410-632-3495. www.worcesterlibrary.org

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Free concert featur-

ing Jimmy Charles (modern country). Beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. Bring your own seating. <https://ocdc.org>, 410-289-7739

BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. 302-436-9577, BeachSingles.org.

Fri., July 14

ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION

Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Featuring a juried art competition and exhibit titled "Summertime." Winners announced during this free event. Light refreshments offered. On display until July 31. www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org

Sat., July 15

SUMMER NIGHT JAM

Northern Worcester Athletic Complex, 9906 Buckingham Lane, Berlin, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Water Fun. Wear a bathing suit and water shoes and get ready to get wet. Free, family-friendly festival. Tyler Keiser, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2505, tkeiser@marylandscoast.org. No registration required.

27TH ANNUAL ART HANSEN MEMORIAL YOUTH FISHING CONTEST

Veterans Memorial Park, Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, 9-10:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Bring fishing rod and reel. Bait is provided. For ages 4-16 years. Trophy and prizes awarded. Younger children can fish but not compete. Free event. 610-505-1697

SPORTS DAY AT THE BEACH

Westside Rt. 50 Shopping Center (next to Hooper's Crab House), 12913 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Autographs by Al Bumbry and Ken Singleton (10 a.m. to noon), silent auction and mystery boxes. Buy, sell and trade sports cards and memorabilia. Admission is \$5/adults and \$2/kids 9 and younger. 443-978-0680

WALK WITH A DOC

South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines. 9 a.m. Join in for the monthly Walk with a Doc. Alyce Marzola, amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org

TINKER TIME: LETTER WRITING STATION

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in anytime and visit the letter writing station and pen a note to a friend. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A

ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories and cool props from Assateague Island National Seashore. Children and their families are invited. 410-641-0650, 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

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS IN THE COURTYARD

Art League of Ocean City - Courtyard, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Engage in hands-on activities from painting to paper crafts and beyond. In case of inclement weather, classes will be held inside. Held every Saturday until Labor Day. artleagueofoceancity.org

CHICKEN SALAD CARRYOUT

Bishopville Volunteer Fire, 10709 Bishopville Road, 12-2 p.m. Cost is \$8 per pint. Preorders: 619-922-9950 by July 10.

KIDS COFFEE HOUSE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12 p.m. Enjoy light refreshments, self-guided activities/crafts and an open mic to showcase songs, poems, stories and more. Families are welcome. All ages. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

AN EVENING OF REGGAE

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 6-9 p.m. Featuring "Island Sounds" band. Donation at the door is \$10 and limited food platters are available for an additional \$10 fee. Participants can bring snacks and beverages. 410-641-0638

DELMARVA CHORUS HOSTING 'COFFEE, TEA & 20'S HARMONY'

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7 p.m. Great show, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, homemade desserts and show donation of \$10. Dress up for the Roaring 20's. Tickets: Jeanette, 410-726-3279.

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., July 16

SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by The Players Band (Jamaican Ska Reggae) 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., July 17

STORY TIME: SUMMER FUN

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Fun in the sun story time. Stories and songs about summer as well as time to play with bubbles. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE: SUMMER READING EDITION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Watch movies related to this year's summer reading theme. Snacks provided. 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 Campion, 410-641-0157

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY

Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free event held every Monday from July 10-Aug. 28. Grab your beach chair or blanket for an evening of interactive entertainment hosted by local DJs. For all ages. www.ococean.com, 410-250-0125

FIREWORKS ALONG THE BOARDWALK

2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9:30 p.m. Dazzling spectacle of fireworks scheduled every Monday night from July 10-Aug. 28. www.ococean.com

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.

OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

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

Tues., July 18

BERLIN BRANCH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Food, games, kids activities and more.

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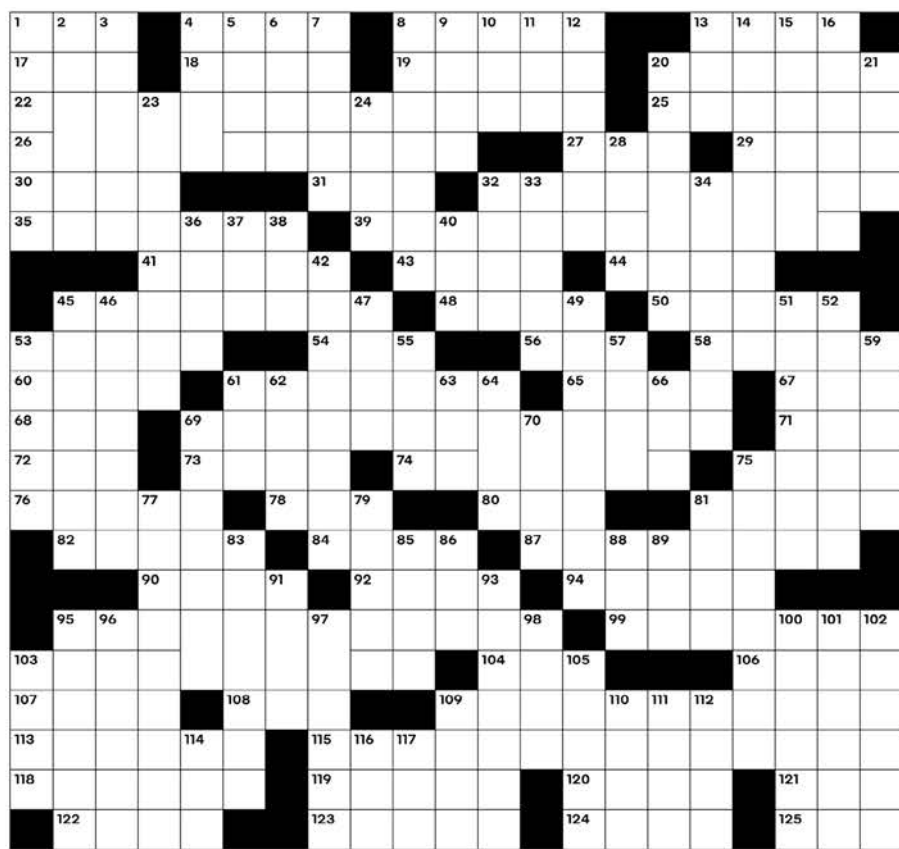
Puzzles

ABOUT TWO FEET

BY REBECCA GOLDSTEIN AND RAFAEL MUSA / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Rebecca Goldstein, of Albany, Calif., is a research scientist at Merck, developing immunotherapies for cancer. Rafael Musa, of San Francisco, is a software engineer at Airbnb. Each has been published individually in The Times, but this is their first collaboration. As friends they see each other occasionally at Bay Area puzzle events and otherwise. They worked separately, though, through many different versions, to implement this crossword's ambitious theme. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Band with the 2021 No. 1 hit "Butter"
 - 4 Under 1%, say
 - 8 What always has time on its hands
 - 13 Turns down
 - 17 Abraham Accords country: Abbr.
 - 18 "Put your wallet away"
 - 19 Hill who wrote "Speaking Truth to Power"
 - 20 Think of
 - 22 1980 film that led to the creation of the Academy Award for best makeup
 - 25 Broadway, e.g.
 - 26 Mobile homes, punnily
 - 27 Secretary of the interior Haaland
 - 29 Oil company with toy trucks
 - 30 Georgetown athlete
 - 31 Razor edges?
 - 32 Coin-toss spots, once
 - 35 Longed (for)
 - 39 What "X" could mark on a map
 - 41 Jazz genre for Charlie Parker
 - 43 Court count
 - 44 "___ that somethin'!"
- DOWN**
- 45 Author of "The Climate Book," 2022
 - 48 Vegetable that can be slimy when cooked
 - 50 Abounds
 - 53 Crystal container
 - 54 Airport across the bay from SFO
 - 56 OB-GYN offering
 - 58 Group of candidates
 - 60 Pantomimes, perhaps
 - 61 Important part of a toddler's day
 - 65 What follows You on the internet
 - 67 Paella seasoning
 - 68 "Don't be ___!"
 - 69 In which "P or Q, but not both" is represented as (P,Q)^(P^Q)
 - 71 Prompt
 - 72 Soup often made with rice vermicelli noodles
 - 73 ___-Missouria Tribe
 - 74 Peacock seen on TV
 - 75 Called up
 - 76 Diner-caddy offering
 - 78 Garage brand
 - 80 Alley ___
 - 81 "My goodness!"
 - 82 Linguistic group including Zulu and Xhosa
 - 84 Coast, in a way
 - 87 Highfalutin
 - 90 Zero
 - 92 Does an impression of
 - 94 Give in
 - 95 "Stop, I'm blushing!"
 - 99 Break after a major fall?
 - 103 Evening coffee order
 - 104 Sch. whose mascot is Brutus Buckeye
 - 106 Love, at the Louvre
 - 107 The "I" in FIFA: Abbr.
 - 108 Greek vowel
 - 109 "This was fun, but I gotta go"
 - 113 Mages' accessories
 - 115 High standards established by a predecessor ... or what you are presented with in this puzzle?
 - 118 File menu option
 - 119 Future 122-Across
 - 120 Like heterochromia in eyes
 - 121 Actress Long
 - 122 Future flower
 - 123 Author/economist Emily
 - 124 Makes a case against, say
 - 125 Ready-to-go link?
 - 10 Collegiate beaver mascot whose name is its school spelled backward
 - 11 Overseer of Windy City buses and trains, in brief
 - 12 Twitter username
 - 13 Software engineer, for short
 - 14 Chill place to stay?
 - 15 "Olympia" painter
 - 16 Like some winter roads
 - 20 Chinese zodiac animal of 2023
 - 21 Minus
 - 23 AirPods, e.g.
 - 24 National org. that doesn't actually have an age requirement for membership
 - 28 Designer Schiaparelli
 - 32 Go down in flames
 - 33 Cheri of Hollywood
 - 34 "Be right with you!"
 - 36 Wildlife spotted in Haleakala National Park
 - 37 Recede
 - 38 Female 20-Down
 - 40 ___ Negro (Amazon tributary)
 - 42 Certain side wagers, informally
 - 45 Silicon Valley, e.g.
 - 46 Angles above 90 degrees?
 - 47 Cat, in Spanish
 - 49 Feature that helps to avoid late penalties
 - 51 Contents of some streaks on cheeks
 - 52 Unflagging



- 53 Shocked sounds
- 55 Pottery oven
- 57 Excavated
- 59 Poetic lament
- 61 Sullivan's opponent in a landmark free speech case: Abbr.
- 62 Stephen K. ____, British stand-up comedian
- 63 Alien-film franchise, for short
- 64 Prefix with sphere or system
- 66 Prefix with sphere or system
- 69 In a way
- 70 Online initialism rarely meant literally
- 75 Proxima Centauri, e.g.
- 77 Alternative to a monthly charge
- 79 Actor Oliver
- 81 Ventimiglia of "This Is Us"
- 83 "Although ..."
- 85 Pentathlon event
- 86 "___ Rosenkavalier"
- 88 That guy's
- 89 Recliner setting
- 91 Accept, as losses
- 93 Show excessive affection toward
- 95 Gossips
- 96 B to B, e.g.
- 97 We don't talk about that
- 98 Petrol brand
- 100 Attention-grabbing protests
- 101 Charlotte ____, capital of the U.S. Virgin Islands
- 102 Loudly chastise
- 103 Insult
- 105 Rated rides
- 109 Deer ____, Maine vacation destination
- 110 "Man of the open country," in Genesis
- 111 French 101 verb
- 112 Turndowns
- 114 It goes in and out
- 116 E.R. lines
- 117 ___ check

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HARD - 82

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.

	2	3				9		8
	7		2	8				
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Answers to last week's puzzles

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

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THALIA **DORF** **FOAMING**
RESENDS **LEAN** **HOTPACKS**
ICY **GOOF** **ELOPER** **IRE**
NAH **LABANIMAL** **ANTMAN**
GPA **SPRINGFALLING** **EAU**
SERAPH **SIRENSONG** **AMC**
DNA **SPLATS** **SILO** **NIL**
BRIANMAY **BILE** **TENMILE**
PUNTSO **MARA** **DEANNA**
SEGO **ODDEVENING** **TIGER**
MINGERA **DECAPOD**
TTYL **LEONA** **SHILO** **PSA**
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JABBERS **CHIP** **SWEATS**



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Golfers pose together during the Ravens Roost #44 26th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on June 2 at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

Ravens Roost #44 awards local scholarships

(June 13, 2023) Among a series of recent awards, members of Ravens Roost #44 presented \$2,500 scholarships to two Worcester County high school graduates.

The group also held its 26th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on June 2 at the Ocean Pines Golf Club. Almost 130 golfers participated.

Breanne Ferguson and Connor Herr from Stephen Decatur High School, and Anne Carter and Morgan Schoch from Worcester Preparatory School were the recipients of the money, according to an email.

Don McMullen, Scholarship Committee co-chair, said in a news release that the Ravens Roost

Scholarship Committee awards individual scholarships based on SAT/ACT scores, grade-point averages, participation in athletics, community service, work history, letters of recommendations, and an essay on how athletics are important in today's society.

Ravens Roost #44 has awarded \$243,900 in scholar/athlete scholarships over the last 20 years.

The release said the winning teams and players of the golf tournaments were:

- First-place team: Russ Bowen, Joe Ayre, Brian Henry, and Kevin Stover
- Ravens Roost first-place team: Ravens Roost #44 Ocean City Paul

Fohner, Dennis Fohner, Chuck Eder, Brian Stevens

- Closest to the pin (Men's): Mike DeGrandis
- Closest to the pin (Women's): Deb Williams
- Closest to the line (Men's): Charlie McMichael
- Closest to the line (Women's): Patty Lewis
- Putting contest winner: Mike Decker

The American Legion Post 166 of Ocean City was the signature sponsor for the event, and major sponsors were District Cannabis, Atlantic General Hospital, Pit n Pub, Mike's Flooring & Design Center, and Matt Ortt Companies.

"We would also like to thank our tee sponsors, local golf courses who donated rounds of golf, and businesses who donated gift certificates and prizes," McMullen said in the release.

He also thanked the golfers, volunteers and course staff.

McMullen said the Scholarship Committee is seeking donations for 2024 scholarships.

Donations may be mailed to Ravens Roost #44, Post Office Box 4161, Ocean City, Maryland 21843.

Ravens Roost #44, Inc. is an IRS 501(7)(c) nonprofit. The federal tax ID is 52-2160753.

For more information, visit ocravensroost44.com.

Calendar

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Dino Fradelos, AKA the "Dean of Doo Wop" and DJ The Paulman host a dance party at 2 p.m. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

RETRO 60'S COSTUME AND CRAFT MORNING

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Featuring a DIY lava lamp demonstration, good-vibes sand and string art projects and smiley buttons. Wear groovy threads for costume contest. Ages 8 years and older. 410-957-0878

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

BLOCK PARTY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Babies, toddlers and preschoolers play with blocks and other toys while socializing with other families. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

AMBERLINA'S ADVENTURES!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines

Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Join Amberlina for a fun, interactive afternoon of dancing, stories and more. For ages 4 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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BEACH HEROES-OC

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

loss and a healthy lifestyle. 410-289-4725

OC KNITTING CLUB

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

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

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

Wed., July 19

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Held via Zoom the third and fourth Wednesdays of each month. For surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatrics Center, 410-641-9568.

EASTERN SHORE SEWISTS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Promoting the needle arts through sewing education, activities and textile crafts. For artisans of all skill levels. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional

Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 1-2 p.m. For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

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

FAIRYTALES FOR ADULTS: ESSENTIALS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 5:30 p.m. Dr. Sandra Burke talks about the symbolic wisdom of original fairytales and their transformational power. Bring your favorite fairytale. Q&A to follow. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays through Aug. 25 - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 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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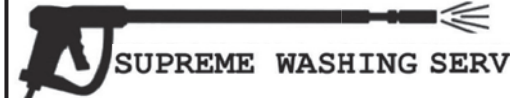
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