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FIRST, THE FLAG

Mary Adair, a volunteer docent with the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, shows a flag to spectators on a tour (See story on page 15).

County delays vote to revise ramp rules

Commercial boats not yet restricted at public facilities

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(July 20, 2023) The Worcester County Commissioners listened as the residents of South Point and the legal counsel for a charter boat captain stated their case for redefining the code that governs the use of county-owned boat landings and, ultimately, decided there was too much at stake to make a decision just yet.

The legislation in front of the commissioners would define “commercial users” and limit their access to boat ramps by requiring heavy-equipment operators to register with the county and limit parking spots available to them to just one.

The commissioners voted 4-2 with Commissioners Joe Mitrecic and See BOAT Page 5

Public has say on park, seeks new committee

Council must decide how to use demo grant money by August, mayor warns

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 20, 2023) As promised, Berlin officials continued to provide opportunities for residents to share their opinions about the potential development of Heron Park during last Tuesday’s Parks Commission meeting and last Wednesday’s Planning Commission session.

Most people who spoke seemed to support the idea of a garden center and small entertainment venue on the property, as well as Rails and

Trails to connect the property to the downtown area.

Much of the discussion revolved around protecting the natural assets on the property, the demolition of existing structures and whether the offer from Coastal Ventures was enough to address the \$2.3 million the town owes on the property in bought in 2016.

There was also extensive discussion of a skate park on the property.

“The biggest question in this room is: ‘Where is the skate park going to be?’ That property could be the ideal place for a skate park,” Parks Commission member Laura Stearns said. Resident Ed Hammond agreed that

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A dilapidated fence is shown at Heron Park in Berlin. Mayor Zack Tyndall warned that officials need to decide by the end of August what to do with a \$500,000 demolition grant for the property.

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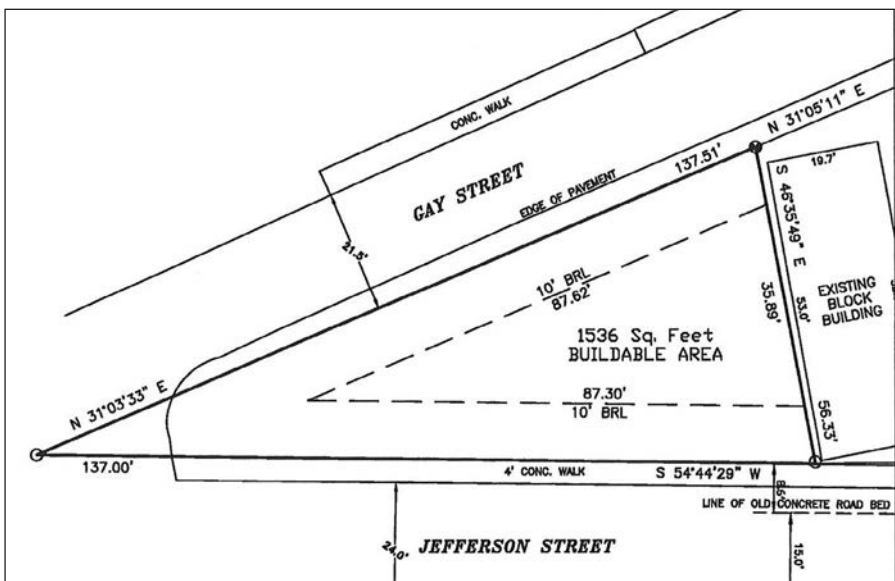
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A rendering shows plans the Buzz Meadery owners have for 21 Jefferson St. in Berlin.

Buzz Meadery owners want to develop 21 Jefferson St.

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(July 20, 2023) Megan and Brett Hines, the owners of Buzz Meadery, and their architect, Erich Pfeffer, brought plans to the Planning Commission last Wednesday for the property at 21 Jefferson Street in Berlin.

The property, which the couple has owned since 2021, is a triangle piece of grassy land at the intersection of Gay and Jefferson streets. It is currently called the Berlin Commons. Occasionally the Buzz Meadery hosts events there on Friday evenings.

The Hines's are proposing a three-story mixed-use building that would include two floors of commercial space and two apartment units on the third floor.

They told the commission they plan to build in stages, beginning with the bottom floor, which they would like to use as a food service establishment with a small amount of indoor seating. Current zoning is for a 10-foot setback from the curb. They are asking for a five-foot setback.

The plan includes four parking spaces on the lot. They also said they would include bike racks and encourage people to bike or walk to the es-

tablishment.

"My mind is open to a unique design. It's an unusual building on an unusual lot. You are giving something to the town that is interesting and unique. If we can get around the parking problem, I like it," said commission member Ron Cascio.

Dave Engelhart, the planning director for the town, reminded commission members that there is a parking fund on the books for businesses to pay into to solve the parking problem. He said he had never seen it applied, but it could be considered.

During public comments, resident Ed Hammond raised concerns about drainage issues with the site. He said he had a memorandum of understanding with the town that says the town would not take actions that would increase stormwater flow into Bottle Branch.

"Unless the planning department can demonstrate to me that there is 100 percent capture of large rainfall events, I would consider the town in breach of its MOU," said Hammond.

He said this development would be new and impervious cover and suggested the lot remain as open

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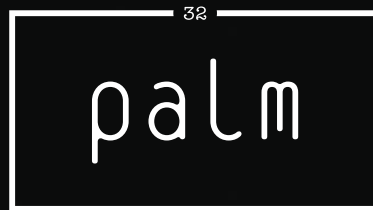
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Buzz Meadery proposes new building on Berlin Commons

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space.

"I know it is a big ask. If there was a way to get you a suitable lot and create open space there, it would mitigate some of the ill effects of what we are doing on Gay Street and make it healthier and better looking."

Hammond said the whole south side currently drains into Bottle Branch.

Engelhart said storm water calculations are done for a new building and annual fees are supposed to reflect the storm water management impacts.

"I think we are exempt because of the lot size," Pfeffer said.

"The calculations still have to bear out," Engelhart replied. "You need to discharge into the storm water system properly. Anything you are building has a storm management review."

The drawings of the building show a rainwater cistern on the side of the building.

Megan Hines said their next step is to create a more specific concept drawing of the building for the planning commission to consider.

"We live in Berlin, have a business in Berlin. We want everything to be done right," she said.

She expects to bring the plans back to the commission for their next meeting.



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Boat ramp parking uncertainty stalls measure

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Diane Purnell voting against the motion. Commissioner Eric Fiori refused himself since he has a conflicting business interest.

A public hearing segment allowed residents and legal counsel to offer testimony to the legislation.

Under the current ordinance, the county code expresses no definition of "commercial users." It says only that "commercial activities, including loading and unloading of produce, seafood, freight or merchandise" is prohibited.

A letter-of-the-law interpretation has never been enforced.

The proposed overhaul would define a "commercial user" as "an individual or entity using a county landing in a manner that is connected with or that furthers an ongoing profit-making activity."

Unlike the existing ordinance, the proposal states that commercial uses are allowed, so long as they don't create a conflict with the general boating public, interfere with recreational boater needs or risk damaging the landing or county property.

Ironically, the status quo is more favorable to some commercial users.

"For as long as there have been public boat ramps in Worcester County, those boat ramps have been used by a variety of commercial operators — trappers, hunting guides, fishing guides, marine contractors and marine service and sales business and owners," said attorney Mark Cropper, representing charter captain Marc Spagnola.

"All of those ... businesses have used the county boat ramps ... to facilitate their businesses. To my knowledge, the only commercial operator to spend the time, effort and money to come before the commissioners to get a special-uses exemption is my client, Marc Spagnola. If I'm wrong on that, someone correct me."

Cropper referred to the special-use exemption that the commissioners granted Spagnola one year ago to use

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The Worcester County Commissioners tabled a vote on a bill that would add restrictions for commercial users of county-owned boat ramps on Tuesday. Proponents of the bill, like many residents of the South Point Association, see the bill as a way to mitigate summertime congestion.

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County to take longer look at boat ramp parking rules

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the South Point ramp for his charter fishing business, despite concerns from South Point Association residents, several of whom testified after Cropper.

Concerns among the residents varied, but for the most part, stayed within the boundaries of pedestrian safety, and mitigating the summertime rush caused by the influx of tourists.

In his testimony, South Point Association President Michael LeCompte pointed out that local users are often out of luck during the summer due to the congestion at many county boat ramps.

“(That’s the case) I’d venture to say 40 to 50 local people that live anywhere in the region of South Point,” LeCompte said.

LeCompte met Spagnola for the first time at a meeting earlier this month regarding the boat ramp, he said, and he told him then that the association’s displeasure is not personal.

“We are not picking on him or anybody else,” LeCompte said. “We have no reason to. I don’t know the man ... We’ve got an issue in this county — we’re growing.”

Commissioner Jim Bunting, whose district includes the much busier Shell Mill public boat ramp in Bishopville, said that commercial users if they’re to use the county ramps, need to “do it the right way” in a way that’s equal to everybody.

“We have to get it under control somehow,” he said.

Cropper used the term “selective outrage” to describe disapproval of Spagnola’s ramp use and claimed that marine sales businesses have more impact on public boat ramps than Spagnola by “three or four lifetimes.”

One of the concerns discussed by the commissioners was that the proposed legislation doesn’t limit parking for recreational fishing. A

personal boat with four occupants could mean four cars in the parking lot, but commercial users are still limited to their single space.

Bunting brought up a couple of crabbers he knows that use the Shell Mill ramp and noted how they’ve gotten along fine with using only one parking spot.

A pilot program at Shell Mill to test ways to enforce parking guidelines, Bunting hopes, will give the county a viable blueprint on how to handle other county ramps like South Point. The program will include stripping the parking lots so that boat-and-trailer spots can be outlined and routine enforcement of parking violations.

“We have to get a handle on this somehow,” Bunting said. “If we can do it at Shell Mill, we’ll probably try to do it at the boat ramps in the rest of the county. It’s going to be applicable to everybody if I have something to do with it.”

Parking overflow was brought up by South Point residents, and the narrowness of South Point Road was cited frequently. But Mitrecic keyed in on the electiveness of such a critique.

“Sounds to me that the roads are so narrow down in South Point that we ought to just pull the boat ramp out,” Mitrecic said. “That wouldn’t fly very well, would it? Next, what are we going to do, ban FedEx and UPS from coming down your roads to make deliveries because the roads are too narrow?”

“I feel bad that the roads are narrow down there. I really do but maybe that’s where you should look in the future, to get the roads widened in that area so that you do have a walking path or a bike path. But then you have to get everyone down there to agree to give up a piece of their property to buy that.”

The commissioners did not set a time to revisit the legislation.

Nonprofit providing school supplies to students in need

(July 20, 2023) Worcester County GOLD, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has run a school supplies for students program for more than 25 years, providing backpacks filled with grade-appropriate supplies to local students in need.

The program has been a great success, with the organization receiving 300 to 500 student school supply requests from agency users — case-workers, nurses, therapists, and advocates who work directly with families in need in Worcester County. GOLD representatives encourage

community members to help by shopping for a student or making a donation. By supporting the program, donors can ensure that a child in need has all the necessary supplies to start the school year on the right foot. Even a small donation can go a long way in helping GOLD reach the goal of providing every child with the supplies they need.

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Residents cool to park development plan

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Heron Park is the most logical place for a skate park to go because it would create the least environmental issues.

Parks Commission member Sarah Hooper thought skaters could use the rails and trails pathway to get to the skate park, getting them off the street.

Resident Marie Velong, however, disagreed and advocated selling the entire parcel.

"It is a dangerous place for children. You have bars on both sides, an auto place with a bunch of junk. You put kids back there with no way to monitor them," Velong said.

But Palmer Gillis of Coastal Ventures Development, the would-be purchaser of roughly 20 acres of the 63-acre tract, encouraged the idea of a skate park on Heron Park. He said the skate park would take up less than one half of an acre.

"Families can go to the garden center and send their kids to the skate park," Gillis said.

Commission members and residents also raised concerns about the costs and process for demolition of the buildings left standing on the property when previous owner Tyson departed after ceasing its poultry processing operations there. The town has received a \$500,000 demolition grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for demolition on the property.

Mayor Zack Tyndall said during the Monday working meeting that a decision on the use of the grant will need to be made by the end of August.

While Sterns said the proposal by Gillis was a lovely design, she expressed concern about losing open space.

"There will be a lot of expenses in regard to tearing it down and building what we need. Will it be worth giving up that open space we can never get back?"

"Demolish what you can of the building. If that is not enough, do the rest when you get the money," Velong said.

Gillis reminded attendees that if he

purchased the property, he would use the \$500,000 grant for a partial demo and pay for any additional demolition costs himself. He also suggested that he would keep the water tower on the site and incorporate it into part of the stage for a small entertainment venue. He saw it as an artistic method for reusing the structure.

While there has been much debate on what type of development should be on the property, and questions on whether Gillis could flip the property or go in another direction once he owned it, he reminded residents that the RFP provided guidance on what the town wanted.

"We are bound by the boundaries of the RFP," Gillis said. "Our plan is the town's plan. We copied and See GILLIS Page 8



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Residents appreciate the green space in Heron Park that is being reclaimed by wildlife but have concerns about what type of development could enhance the rest of the property.

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Planning Commission opposes park plans

Seek committee of experts to develop better approach to use and development

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(June 20, 2023) During the final meeting of the week on the future of Heron Park, the members of the Planning Commission recommended putting a pause on the development proposal by Palmer Gillis of Coastal Ventures Properties.

Instead, the commission proposed setting up a new committee of resident experts that could review the situation and come forward with recommendations.

This decision came after a long debate by the commission members.

David Engelhart, the planning di-

rector for the town, noted that residents were focused on retiring the \$2.3 million debt Berlin has from the purchase of the property. But he said there will be additional expenses, such as the costs for water, sewer, electricity, roads and sidewalks. He expects the cost to be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Why don't we have Palmer [Gillis] pay for the road? If nothing else it should be a 50/50 split," said Chris Denny, the chair of the planning commission.

Engelhart also reminded the commission that the clock is ticking on the \$500,000 demolition grant the town has lined up from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the demolition of the structures on the property left over after its one-time owner, poultry

processor Tyson, departed town.

"If we lose that grant, it's a death knell for further grants. You don't do that in the grant world. It will not be good for the town."

"We almost know that the demo will cost considerably more than the grant, a considerable amount. But we don't know that until we know what we are doing there. Our town engineers are doubtful that it will be enough for demo and clearing the debris," he said.

Engelhart said the town will have \$450,000 to spend on demolition after the requests for proposals are issued and those costs deducted.

In addition, a building on parcel 191 of the 63-acre piece of land is being used by the town to store heavy equipment.

Commissioner Matt Stoehr raised concerns that it could cost more to buy a new building for that storage than what the town will get for the property?

"This is the largest piece of property left in town and it's going to become very valuable. We should not be essentially giving it away for the price

that is in this contract," Ron Cascio said.

"Financially it's looking tough," Stoehr agreed. "We are losing tons of good land and not really benefiting."

Pete Cosby also expressed concern about the value of the property and the unknowns related to environmental issues there.

"The contract is not clear enough about environmental issues and who is responsible. We need to find out what we own and what it is worth. I would say use the grant money to tear something down and give this more thought.

"This property will become more and more valuable with time. Demand is always going to be there. I don't think we know the value of what we have. Or the liability of what we own. We need to know that before we sell it," Cosby concluded.

With that, the commission recommended that the mayor and council put the contract on pause so a committee of experts from the community can develop a better plan and to use the demolition grant.

Gillis: we copied town's plans

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pasted what the town plans were."

He said the town has been discussing this project for seven years. He promised that in three to five years, "we will all stand on the corner and say this is the best thing that ever happened in Berlin."

"This issue has been moving around in circles for a lot of time. There is a general feeling of frustration in town," Hammond said. "We need a process for citizen engagement. There is no doubt of the earnest desires and efforts of members of the [Heron Park] subcommittee. But they do not have the skill set to negotiate on this proposal. We can do a lot better than what is in this proposal, economically and by incorporating public uses."

He suggested recruiting skilled

people in the town who would be willing to volunteer their time to have a more favorable outcome.

"What we can't do is give up because everyone has been frustrated by the process."

The possibility of a referendum was also discussed during the parks meeting.

"My recommendation is not to go in that direction," said Town Administrator Mary Bohlen.

She said that a referendum question would have to be very carefully thought out.

"The question itself has to be carefully worded so people can understand it so it gets you the answers you are looking for."

She added that there could not be a laundry list of options for development on the property.

Affordable health screenings

(July 20, 2023) Residents living in and around Ocean Pines can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings at an event next month.

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General Manager John Viola delivers the financials at the Ocean Pines Association July board meeting, which was held outside at the Yacht Club. From left are Ocean Pines staff Linda Martin, Kathleen Cook, and General Manager John Viola.

OPA financials looking good, but weather had its impacts

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 20, 2023) General Manager John Viola's financial report to the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on Saturday showed that May was another good month for the community.

The unaudited numbers show that OPA is up \$150,000 for May, with the golf and yacht club continuing to drive revenue. He did note that the bad weather hit food and beverage over the past couple of months.

Viola said he is seeing the racquet club turning around thanks to the

new club manager, Tim Johnson.

"We are doing what we did with golf," Viola said.

He noted that the police department is still short-staffed, but overtime for officers is offsetting that. The department is working as a team with state troopers and county sheriff's office to ensure appropriate coverage.

Ocean Pines currently has \$9.6 million in reserves. Viola said this high number is because of the annual assessments collected at the beginning of the fiscal year. These reserves

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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."

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

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

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

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

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

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



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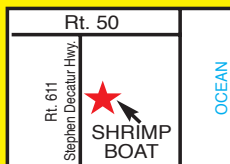
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Snow Hill nearing sale for Black Eyed Susan riverboat

By Jack Chavez
 Staff Writer

(July 20, 2023) The Town of Snow Hill is finally poised to say goodbye to the beleaguered Black Eyed Susan riverboat.

On Tuesday, Snow Hill town manager Rick Pollitt said that the town has lined up a buyer for the woe-begone watercraft that the town a year ago pinned its hopes on to be its marquee tourism attraction.

The mechanical issues that doomed the endeavor were only part of the obstacle to finally selling the 149-passenger, 111-foot paddlewheel boat.

The town borrowed \$400,000 from the county to make the purchase, and \$100,000 of that came from a repurposed state grant to the county, meaning the county first needed to determine if the state would require repayment of that funding.

Pollitt said that, to his knowledge, the state will not pursue collection.

And still, the town will have to figure out how to repay the county for the rest of that loan, considering that the final sale price will be “nowhere near” the \$324,900 that the town paid for the boat itself in 2020.

“The boat will be gone [soon] but we will be paying for it for another 12 years maybe,” Pollitt said.

The \$400,000 also helped with repairs that the town needed to make that it was aware of at the time of purchase.

It didn’t take its maiden voyage until late summer 2021. At that point, it looked like smooth sailing ahead and the private operator for the vessel began booking trips into 2022.

But the good times quickly ran

aground in spring 2022 when a mandatory U.S. Coast Guard inspection uncovered \$600,000 of work that needed to be done to make the riverboat legally qualified as a passenger vessel.

On top of the repairs and inspections the town had already dealt with from the time it purchased the boat to its maiden voyage nearly 10 months later, the latest bill proved to be the Black Eyed Susan’s iceberg in the dead of night.

Details about the buyer the town has lined up are scarce at this stage, but Pollitt said he is under the impression that the buyer is not interested in using the Black

“The boat will be gone [soon] but we will be paying for it for another 12 years maybe.”

Rick Pollitt

Eyed Susan as a “working boat.”

“Frankly, I think the cost of bringing it up to the Coast Guard’s standards is prohibitive to anyone who wants to buy it,” he said.

There were rumblings about possible efforts to sell the riverboat to a local buyer or group who could, in theory, keep the boat local, but Pollitt said no one was able to come up with the financing to make such a deal feasible.

“We had to tow it back to Snow Hill from (the Coast Guard shipyard in) Norfolk because we couldn’t afford the seaworthy repairs,” Pollitt pointed out. “Anyone will have to spend some money just to get it down the river to wherever (and) no one has come up with a workable finance plan.”

Pollitt said the county communicated to him that they hope to have their dealings with the state settled by the end of next week, making him hopeful that the issue can be brought to the commissioners by their next meeting on Aug. 1.

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Residents can attend annual meeting virtually in August

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(July 20, 2023) During the final board meeting for this sitting Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors, the directors considered three resolutions.

The board passed Resolution B-03, which allows for qualified association members attending the annual meeting virtually to be counted towards a quorum and to fully participate.

Resolution B-08 was tabled. The vote was five to one with Steve Jacobs opposing. The resolution pertains to ethics and conduct for members of the board of directors and officers of the OPA, which includes confidentiality of certain materials, interaction with association employees, and conflicts of interest.

OPA President Doug Parks said he agreed with the concept but thought the resolution should not be approved by an

outgoing board. With the elections coming up in August, he thought the new board should review the resolution.

Resolution C-14 revised language pertaining to the function of the Racquet Sports Advisory Committee. The resolution removes the committee from operations matters now that there is a manager for the racquet center. The resolution also states that members of the committee will advocate for the racquet center as a whole and not for a specific racquet sport. The resolution passed unanimously.

Additionally, the board voted unanimously to reappoint Dick Keiling to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Saturday's meeting was the final one for Parks and Director Collette Horn, both of whose terms expired and who are prevented from seeking reelection because of the association's term limits provision.

OPA board honors outgoing directors Parks and Horn

(July 20, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors took a moment during a meeting Saturday to honor and express gratitude to three outgoing board members.

According to a news release, Vice President Rick Farr presented commemorative plaques to Doug Parks, Collette Horn and Frank Daly, acknowledging their significant contributions to the community.

Parks, the current board president, and Horn, the past president, will be stepping down from their positions in August because of term limits. Daly, the former vice president, resigned in June following a relocation to Florida.

Collectively, the three members have dedicated nearly two decades of time and effort to the OPA Board, with Parks serving for seven years, Horn for six, and Daly for five.

"On behalf of the current Board and the members of our Association, I would like to present you with this

plaque in recognition for your outstanding dedication to our OPA community as a director, president, committee member, and liaison," Farr said during the meeting. "Your dedication to service is recognized and truly appreciated. Thank you."

He emphasized the importance of recognizing the members' contributions, and expressed his gratitude for their service to Ocean Pines.

"I think it important to recognize Doug, Colette, and Frank for taking the time for the countless hours in volunteering their service to our OPA community," Farr added. "Volunteering in this capacity allows Colette, Doug, and Frank to have a sense of purpose and to connect to the community and make it a better place. Moving forward, this current board and future boards will ensure that we recognize those that voluntarily serve our community in the capacity as a director or committee member."

OP financials still hold strong

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will have to carry OPA through the year, he said.

Viola's flash preliminary estimates for June has the association favorable by \$11,000.

In the treasurer's report from Monica Rakowski, the association had approximately had \$18.1 million in cash at the end of June. The cash decreased

by about \$500,000 from the same time period last year. Cash decreased about \$400,000 from May 2023. OPA has \$13 million invested in CDARs; \$41,000 in interest income recognized for the month and the remaining \$4.9 million in insured cash sweep, treasury bills, money market and other operating accounts, diversified between two local banks.



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OPA board members dressed in their tropic best for their final board meeting before the elections. The meeting was held at the Yacht Club.

OPA GM notes full pool coverage

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 20, 2023) General Manager John Viola updated the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on work being done by his staff and contractors around Ocean Pines during the board's Saturday meeting.

He noted that the North Gate bridge is getting trim work done. The North Gate fountain has been repaired and will be delivered this week. Ocean Pines will also be purchasing a new fountain so that the pond will have two fountains on ei-

ther side of the bridge.

Viola reported that the aquatics department has 38 lifeguards on staff, far surpassing the 24 guards it had last year at this time. Over Memorial Day, the pools were fully staffed and operating during normal hours.

There were six days in total, early in the season, when one individual pool was down, but all other pools were open during normal hours. All pools have operated under normal hours for four weeks straight.

Viola expects all pools to operate during normal business hours until the second week of August, as college and high school students return to school and sports. With their full staff, the department has been able to support Ocean Pines Camp and Family Fun Night.

Notifications on any pool closings

or reduced hours go out in the weekly email blast and are posted on the website, OPA social media and on the aquatics Facebook and OPA Facebook pages.

Turning to golf, Viola reported that the Ocean Pines Golf Course is "the best it's ever been."

Hydro Designs has been hired for the irrigation system design phase. The next step will be to get bids. The design phase cost is projected to be \$20,000.

Maintenance and renovations happening at the racquet center include the installation of a new shade structure, the repair of leaking pipes in the ball field and the installation of new directional arrows at the parking lot at the club house. In addition, the railings and handicap bench in the ladies room of the beach club were repaired.

'Life is Magical' author at OP book store for signing event

(July 20, 2023) This weekend, Caprichos Books in Ocean Pines is hosting author and illustrator Michelle Nelson-Schmidt and her latest book, "Life is Magical as You Make It."

According to a news release, Nelson-Schmidt, who is from Atlanta, Georgia, is the author of 33 books for children and adults.



M. Nelson-Schmidt

"Life is as Magical as You Make It," a part memoir and part self-help book, offers a "unique perspective on finding joy and gratitude in everyday moments."

During the appearance, set 10 a.m., July 22, Nelson-Schmidt will engage the audience with her storytelling skills, weaving in anecdotes and wisdom from her own life experiences. Her relaxed and conversational tone will inspire attendees to

embrace the magic in their own lives, reminding them that they are already enough.

The release called the book "a fantastic opportunity for families, book enthusiasts, and individuals of all ages to come together and celebrate the power of storytelling and the joy of reading."

Following Nelson-Schmidt's presentation, attendees will have the chance to meet her in person and get their books signed.

Caprichos Books is an independent book store dedicated to fostering a love of reading and building a sense of community. The shop is known for a curated selection of new and used books, providing a warm and welcoming space for community members to gather.

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Pedestrian hit, hopes drivers will watch for bikers, walkers

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(July 20, 2023) Logan Tucker, 22, was hit by a car on Ocean Parkway in June and is talking about it in hopes that it prevents something similar happening to others.

It was about 9:30 p.m. on June 12, he said, when he and his friend, Gavin McGraw, were walking home. Tucker said McGraw had a flashlight to illuminate their path and make sure drivers could see them.

The driver, however, hit Tucker from behind. Tucker said he thought she was trying to make a turn. They were walking about 100 yards from the fire department.

When Tucker was hit, he said the impact sent his body into the grass area. His friend was not hit. Tucker said his friend told him the driver did not have her headlights on.

“When I came to after I was hit, I knew something was wrong with my leg,” Tucker said. He was able to walk to the car though. He said he gave the driver a hug because she seemed upset and was very apologetic.

“I did not want her to freak out.”
“My phone was dead, so I asked her for a ride home.”

He did not think to get her insurance information and only got her first name.

He was injured enough to ask his father to take him to the emergency room that night. At the hospital, he was informed that he had a hip contusion. Later on, he had foot pain. Two weeks later, he got an x-ray.

He said he had numerous issues with his leg and foot for the first two weeks, but it has gotten better over time. Fortunately, nothing was broken, and he was able to treat his aches and pains with ice.

A few days later, he went to the police station to file a report. He said he was given the impression that they knew the woman who hit him, but he has not heard from them since.

Tucker hopes that by sharing his story, it will remind people to slow



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Logan Tucker was hit by a car on Ocean Parkway in June. He hopes his story will encourage drivers to be more cautious on the roads in the community, especially at night.

down and pay more attention to bikers and those walking on the street, especially at night.

“Check to make sure your headlights are on, and stay three feet away from pedestrians,” Tucker reminded drivers.

“She scared me to death, and I scared her to death,” he said.

“Everything is OK now, and that is the important thing.”

He believes Ocean Pines might want to consider street lights or walking paths to make it more safe for everyone.

“I worry about the kids. I have lived here for 10-12 years. Other people are not as fortunate as I am.”

According to the Ocean Pines Police Department, there has been one fatal collision involving a pedestrian on Ocean Parkway this year.

Pamela Shellenberger, 64 of Berlin was walking across Ocean Parkway at 9:23 a.m. on May 1 when she was struck by a car. Shellenberger was reportedly airlifted by Maryland State Police to Tidal Health Peninsula Regional in Salisbury, where she succumbed to her injuries.

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ESLA Young Authors contest winners at WPS

(July 20, 2023) The Eastern Shore Literacy Association (ESLA) announced 19 Worcester Preparatory School students earned finalist status in the Young Authors Contest for poetry or short story.

According to ESLA Young Authors' Contest Chair, Dr. Brian Cook, there were over 300 entries from 19 area schools, both public and private. Each finalist finished in the top three of their respective category/grade levels.

ESLA Young Authors' 2023 finalists from WPS:

- Grade 1, Short Story – Vincent Fasano
- Grade 2, Poetry – Isla Pippin
- Grade 3, Poetry – Charlize Damouni
- Grade 4, Poetry – Serena Jaoude
- Grade 4, Short Story – Eli Parker and Sloane Smith
- Grade 5, Poetry – Lea Jaoude
- Grade 6, Poetry – Kristie Carr
- Grade 7, Poetry – Vivien Ruggerio
- Grade 7, Short Story – Paul Kraeuter and Scarlett Shimko
- Grade 8, Short Story – Mia Jaoude and Lara Owens
- Grade 9, Poetry – Jude Damouni and Tyler Netting
- Grade 10, Short Story – Jayden Scopp and Allen Zhang
- Grade 11, Short Story – Dylan McGovern



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Nineteen students from Worcester County Prep earned finalist status in the Eastern Shore Literacy Association Young Authors Contest for poetry and short story writing. The nonprofit supports Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties by promoting a literate society.

Grade 12, Poetry – Jett Oda-chowski

ESLA is a nonprofit organization that supports Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties with the purpose of promoting a literate society by bringing together a network of

people dedicated to sharing knowledge and information about literacy through programs and services.

ESLA is an affiliate of the State of

Maryland Literacy Association (SoMLA), a leading literacy organization in Maryland comprised of over 1,500 members in 17 active chapters.

Beach to Bay Heritage Area awarded \$329K state grant

(July 20, 2023) A total of 13 certified Maryland heritage areas, one that includes Worcester County, recently received a total of \$5 million in state funding.

According to a new release from Gov. Wes Moore, the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority awarded matching grants to nonprofits, local jurisdictions, and other heritage tourism organizations across the state.

The grants support heritage tourism projects and activities that attract visitors and expand economic development and tourism-related

jobs throughout Maryland.

Locally, the Beach to Bay Heritage Area, which encompasses Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties, received a little more than \$329,600.

The release said the Maryland Heritage Areas Program has an annual economic impact of \$2.4 billion in annual economic impact. Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grants generate \$319.8 million in state and local taxes and support 33,815 full- and part-time jobs annually.

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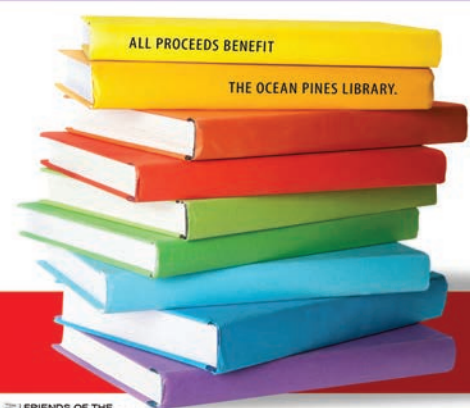
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Students learn military history at memorial

Veterans Foundation hosts field trips to share love of country, highlight sacrifices

(July 20, 2023) Each year, hundreds of local students are bused to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines to tour the grounds and learn a valuable lesson about where their freedoms come from.

The Veterans Memorial Foundation, since 2010, has sponsored field trips for all fifth grade students in Worcester County.

Walking the Patriot's Pathway, children learn about the history of American conflicts. They also learn about the memorial and hear stories of heroism tied to local people who served.

Volunteer docents talk about the history of the U.S. flag, and the Junior ROTC demonstrates how to properly fold and display it.

Tim McMullen has been a volunteer docent since 2016.

"Professionally, as a retired history teacher, I feel it is absolutely necessary that fifth graders start to appreciate military history," McMullen said. "We have a movement in American high schools now not to teach about Gettysburg, not to teach D-Day. That frightens me."

He added that he is proud of the local community.

"I think what we have with this Veterans Memorial and this educational program is phenomenal," he said.

Personally, McMullen said both his parents served during World War II and later met in Paris in the spring of 1945.

"My father, who was Donald McMullen, Sr., ended up as a full colonel with a 10th grade education and is a tremendous inspiration for everyone in our family," McMullen said. "My mother, in 1942, got into an argument with her father and told him she was going to join the WACs, which was the Woman Army Corps. He told her she didn't have the courage

enough to do it. So, she got on a bus and went to Boston. And I remember her telling me the next thing she knew she was in London during the Blitzkrieg."

The couple were married in 1946 and soon after had two sons, 11 months apart: Tim and Don McMullen, Jr.

Along with his parents, McMullen said he was also inspired by his youngest brother, Bill, who enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967 and served in Vietnam.

"Bill spent three years in the service, and we just buried him a year ago. Among other things, he had respiratory lung failure due to Agent Orange," McMullen said. "When we count the number of people that died in the Vietnam War, we count those people that died during that period, from about 1963 to 1974. But there are thousands and thousands of Americans who died from physical and emotional difficulties because of Vietnam."

As a former teacher, McMullen said it's important to engage visiting students with those kinds of personal stories.

"What you have to do is ask each of them, do you have a veteran in your family?" he said. "Then I tell the story about these two people, one from Western Pennsylvania who quit school in 11th grade, lied about his age, and enlisted. And I tell them about the lady in Boston who got in a fight with her dad."

He added that good history teachers can tell good stories.

"Those stories are important," McMullen said.

McMullen credited his brother, Don, along with Susan Pantone and Sharyn O'Hare, with making the educational programs a vital part of the community and an important part of each local student's schooling.

He said volunteering also helps strengthen the bond with his brother.

"For me to be able to do this with Don is very important," he said. "Don and I are the two oldest in a large family. We were born the same year

and we grew up like twins, although we're not twins. The fact that I'm doing it with Don is very important to me."

Mary Adair, a former president of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, has been involved with the education program for about a decade.

Her late husband, U.S. Army Col. Robert Adair, served two tours in Vietnam and she still describes herself as a military wife.

"My husband served 28 years active duty as an officer. That was my

life and it's very close to my heart – our country, our flag, all of it," she said. "Everything that I live for is for our freedom and the fact that I want the children to be aware of this. I don't think that they're teaching it in school, so I try to instill in them the pride for our flag and for our country."

As a docent, Adair talked about the history of the U.S. flag and some of its notable variations. In doing so, she said she tries to keep things light and keep things moving.

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"I try to have an interplay with them," she said. "I tell them that they're not in school and there's no wrong answers. Hopefully, they will learn some things from having gone through the presentation, but I also want them to ask questions. I want it to be kind of a conversation."

Adair said she'll speed through the first two colonies that joined the union, and then introduce Vermont and its role in history as that place that also gave us Ben and Jerry's, skiing and maple syrup.

"I usually go through all the New England states fairly quickly, so they can pick up on it. But when they do connect with something, you can really see their faces light up," she said.

Adair said everyone knows about George Washington, but many students don't know much about the War of 1812, or Gen. Charles Cornwallis.

"I think it's important because a lot of adults didn't know that stuff either," she said. "In fact, I didn't know until I started teaching that the Queen Anne's Flag was the British

flag that the British troops marched under, and I just think that's kind of cool to know!"

She said she's cut out "quite a bit" over the years but still wants people to know things such as if you hold a flag upside down that it's a sign of distress, because it's "still useful today."

"And I like to tell them about who is third in succession for the president. So, just a few key points that I know they're not getting in school," she continued.

For others who may be inspired to tell similar stories or give back to their community, Veterans Memorial

Foundation President Marie Gilmore said there is always a need for volunteers.

"We're always looking for new docents to tell the stories of our veterans," she said.

Docent training generally starts in April, ahead of annual field trips in May and October.

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Grants support heritage areas

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include museums, parks, historic sites, educational organizations, and other entities that "steward and celebrate the unique cultural and natural resources within one of Maryland's 13 certified heritage areas," the release said.

The heritage areas program is locally administered and overseen by the authority, which is an independent unit of government chaired by the Maryland Department of Planning Secretary Rebecca Flora, and administered by the Maryland Historical

Trust. A full economic impact study can be found at mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas_impact.shtml.

To learn more about the Maryland Heritage Areas Program and the state's certified heritage areas, visit mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.shtml.

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ART LEAGUE AT KIWANIS

Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines - Ocean City President Bob Wolfig, Executive Director of the Art League of Ocean City Rina Thaler and Art League Development Director Nancy Dofflemeyer at the July 12 weekly summer meeting at the Ocean Pines Library. Thaler spoke to attendees about the activities and efforts of the art league, as well as the programs the group offers to the community.



LION OF YEAR

Steve McMillan, left, recently received the OC Lion of the Year award from outgoing President Norm Cathell. McMillan was honored for his work as club secretary, organizing community vision screenings and leading the Adopt A Highway clean-up project.

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OP YOUTH FISHING

First place winners, by age group, in the Ocean Pines Anglers Club's annual Art Hansen Memorial Youth Fishing Contest pose together with their awards on July 15. Pictured, from left, are Dominic Wasen, largest fish, and Reid Landis, most caught, in the age 4-7 group; Ben Brile, largest fish, and Griffin Landis, most caught, in the age 8-11 group; Kylar Middleton, largest fish, and Isabel Schoonyoung, most caught, in the age 12-16 group.



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Angler judge Doug Murphy measures the catch of contestant Scarlett during the fishing contest. Scarlett was one of the participants in the event.



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Kylar Middleton checks in with angler judge Bill Long with what would be the largest fish in the 12-16 age group at the fishing contest.



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Grand prize drawing winners in the contest pose together with their awards. Pictured, from left, are Mike Vitak with his custom rod and reel winner Eva Thompson; Mitchell Leisure, angler trip winner; and Doug Murphy, angler representative.

Snapshots



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REPUBLICAN WOMEN DINNER

Members of the Republican Women of Worcester County pose with Battsetseg (Baggi) Shagdar, one of the original delegates of the Democratic Women's Union of Mongolia, at a recent dinner at Assateague Crab House. Pictured sixth from left, Shagdar has held several government positions and is currently the outgoing Ambassador to Cuba.



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SOFTBALL CLASSIC SUPPORT

Pictured, from left, Geraldine Day, widow of Leon Day, Former Negro League player and Baltimore Black Sox pitcher; Worcester County NAACP President Ivory Smith; and Rayner Banks, Negro League goodwill ambassador, pose with plaques recently awarded for support of the 2023 Worcester County NAACP Negro League Baseball Softball Classic. Day brought her friends and church members from Baltimore to participate in the Flower Street Memorial Day Parade and softball game classic held at Stephen Decatur High School.



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pictured, from left, are Kiwanians Kitchen Krew head and pancake chef Mike Castoro, servers Dick Clagett, Tony Winter and Lyle Dillon, and volunteer Angelina Li at the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's most recent pancake breakfast on July 8.



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SERVICE AWARD

OC Lion Club First Vice President Scott Stark, left, poses with outgoing Lions President Norm Cathell after receiving the Arnall Patz Fellowship. Stark was recognized for his service and support of the Lions Vision and Research Foundation at The Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute.



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TURBINES PROTEST

Members of Protect Our Coast Delmarva hold up protest signs during coastal Hands Across the Beach Day in a fight against wind turbine farms planned for construction along the shores of the East Coast.

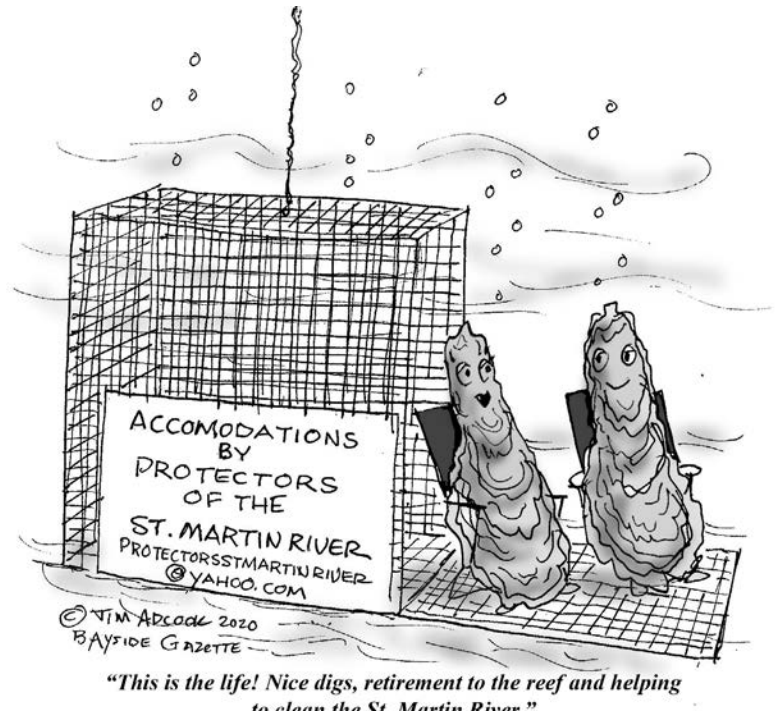
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Sen. Carozza call for special session on gas tax and crime

(July 20, 2023) Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38), who earlier called for a special legislative session to stop Maryland's automatic 10 percent gas tax increase that went into effect July 1, renewed her support this week for the request, and added a push to address state gun violence.



Mary B. Carozza

According to a news release, Carozza wants members of the General Assembly to act now on moving legislation to address both issues.

"Over the Fourth of July holiday, we saw Maryland's largest mass shooting in Baltimore that left two dead and 28 others wounded by gunfire and another shooting involving juveniles right here on the Shore in Wicomico County with one dead and six others wounded," Carozza said in the release. "We in the Maryland General Assembly should take immediate action now and show a sense of urgency in passing meaningful legislation with accountability and consequences that goes after gun violence."

Carozza added that she has talked to Gov. Wes Moore (D), her Senate colleagues on both sides of the political aisle, and local state attorneys and law enforcement officials about the need to address the issues. She wants lawmakers to introduce bipartisan legislation

that would penalize repeat violent offenders, and restores law enforcement officials' ability to search vehicles for illegal guns and speak with juvenile suspects.

Carozza said Maryland General Assembly members have passed legislation, which she has opposed, that makes it more difficult for law enforcement and judiciary officials to hold juvenile offenders accountable.

"Urgent matters call for urgent action," she said in the release. "This dramatic spike in juvenile gun violence across the State of Maryland more than justifies a Special Session of the Maryland General Assembly."

She added that joining her Republican colleagues last month to call for a special session to reduce the gas tax was a "heavy lift."

"[But I] believed there was an opening with the Governor who indicated that he did not support an automatic gas tax increase," she said. "This was before the mass shootings in Baltimore and in Wicomico County, and now we're hearing from outraged Marylanders who expect us to act now to keep our homes and communities safe."

She added that if Moore and the chamber leaders decide not to hold a special session this summer or fall, then lawmakers will "keep pushing for bipartisan, commonsense crime legislation that goes after repeat violent offenders."

Snow Hill seeks booth workers

(July 20, 2023) The Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help at a booth during the Blessing of the Combines next month.

Organization members are looking for people to work the hamburger vendor table during the event, which is set for Saturday, Aug. 5th in Snow Hill.

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DAR recognizes Vietnam veterans with certificates

(June 20, 2023) The General Levin Winder of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently recognized six veterans at Bethany United Methodist Church for their service during the Vietnam War.

Member Barbara May presented each veteran with a DAR certificate of appreciation, a Vietnam Veteran lapel pin and copy of the Presidential Proclamation for the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Veterans Jack Carpenter, Randolph Hudson, Raymond Nornes, William Shockley, and Anthony Wiles were honored during the event. A certificate of appreciation for deceased



From left, Bethany United Methodist Church Pastor Bill Sterling stands with Vietnam veterans Randolph Hudson and Raymond Nornes, Sandy Nornes (representing her brother, veteran Michael Herdon), veteran Jack Carpenter, Barbara May from the General Levin Winder of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and veteran William Shockley. The veterans, along with Anthony Wiles, who is not pictured, recently received certificates of appreciation from the local DAR chapter. SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

veteran Michael Herdon was also presented to his sister.

The General Levin Winder Chapter is a Commemorative Partner of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration authorized by the U.S. Congress to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam

War. The commemoration began on May 28, 2012, and runs through Nov. 11, 2025.

The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American his-

tory, and securing America's future through better education. DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. For more information, visit dar.org.

Del. Wayne Hartman to serve on Maryland tourism board

(July 20, 2023) Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C) has officially been appointed to the Maryland Tourism Development Board by House Speaker Adrienne Jones.

The board's mission is to guide activities to develop and market the state as a destination for tourism.

"I am pleased to appoint Delegate Wayne Hartman to serve as a House of Delegates representative on the Maryland Tourism Development Board," Jones said in a news release. "I am confident that Delegate Hartman will share his extensive experience and leadership skills with the Maryland Tourism Development Board and that his expertise will ben-

efit the tasks of the Board." Hartman said in the release that he was honored to be appointed to the board.

"I look forward to working with the Board to increase Maryland's tourism rates and overall competitiveness," he said.

Hartman also scored 100 percent in the Maryland Free Enterprise Foundation's annual roll call publication, indicating a strong pro-business and pro-jobs growth position.

"My business score from the Maryland Free Enterprise Foundation reflects my voting record during session in Annapolis," Hartman said in the release. "I will always remain committed to supporting economic development, job creation, and a strong business climate throughout Maryland."



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Presented awards for their essays during the Maryland State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution 118th conference on May 20 in Ellicott City, from left, are Pocomoke Middle School fifth grader Gabrielle Purdy, Worcester Prep sixth grader Collin Hastings and Worcester Prep eighth grader Sophia Poffenberger with General Levin Winder Chapter Regent Talley Hann.

Worcester County students win state DAR essay contest

(July 20, 2023) Three Worcester County students were recently recognized for first-place wins in an essay contest hosted by the Maryland State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

According to a news release, members of the DAR hosted the organization's 118th State Conference on May 20 at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City. During an awards luncheon, State Regent Mernie Crane presented students sponsored by the General Levin Winder Chapter from Pocomoke Middle and Worcester

Preparatory schools with first-place American history essay awards.

Gabrielle Purdy from Pocomoke Middle was the fifth grade winner, and Collin Hastings and Sophia Poffenberger, both from Worcester Prep, won for sixth and eighth grades.

Each student read an excerpt from their essay about a delegate to the Second Continental Congress and received a medal, certificate and cash award.

Donate new, used sneakers to Grace Center in Berlin

(July 20, 2023) The new or used athletic shoe fundraiser drive to support the programs offered at the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health in Berlin held in May and June was such a success that it has been extended through the end of August.

According to a news release, any gently worn, used, or new sneakers may be donated to be turned in for cash to members of the Grace Center to benefit the environment when they are shredded and recycled to be used in road construction.

As children get ready to return to school, it's the perfect time to get rid of outgrown sneakers rather than throwing them out - no matter the condition. And everyone in the community can participate.

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I love traveling to the South. Hell, I love traveling to the North, East and

West as well. I just love traveling. There is never a shortage of things to learn when one gets out of Dodge, and there is no better way to do so than under the guise of "research."



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

Now, research is an invaluable tool when it comes to menu development and cultural education, so I imagine using the term guise is not well-fitted in this instance, but I digress.

My daughter recently transferred to Flagler College, and as such we have flown to Florida quite a few times for college tours, securing housing, touristy things and otherwise getting out of said Dodge. St. Augustine is beautiful, and history abounds in this tiny waterfront town. And, while the restaurant scene is solid (and just like anywhere they are suffering the labor shortage splendidly), there are a few favorites that we have found over our year of scouting.

I think my favorite aspect of food here is that it is mostly southern food, as it is in The South. I know, it's strange but deal with it. What we have found is that our favorite spots lean toward southern cuisine, and I can live with that: Fried Green Tomatoes, Pimiento Cheese Dip, Chicken Fried Whatever, Greens, et al. The Floridian is a great spot, as is PK, Blue Hen, The Distillery, Preserved and others. There is a lot of comfort food, some well-refined and served up for our pleasure in this quaint little town.

Of course, I can't forget two of our favorite restaurants, one French and one Italian (Sainte-George and Alta Marea, respectively), but they aren't in the scope of this piece. Once again, digression.

St. Augustine is reverently known for the Datil Pepper, a chili that is grown in great abundance in the region. As hot as a habanero, it has an incredible flavor and is manufactured into hot sauces, dry rubs and seasoning blends. It can be found in stores around town, and we fell in love with them on our first visit. Adding this to the dip adds a very Florida touch and is well received by guests as long as you don't use too much.



The dip in the picture is a warm pimiento dip atop a fresh soft pretzel. Soft pretzels are incredibly simply to make, but one little trick makes them even better: baking your baking soda. As Harold McGee (renowned author and food scientist) noted in a 2010 New York Times article, the process results in a "a more muscular and versatile alkali". The process of baking the baking soda at 250 degrees for an hour supercharges this alkaline substance and makes it more akin to lye, which is used to give corn tortillas their texture and almost meaty flavor.

The simple act of baking the soda ahead of time makes your alkaline solution more potent and the finished product much more palatable. To think that it was right under our nose this whole time. Who doesn't love a good kitchen hack?

And now I must bid you adieu, as I prepare for Vegas. Travel, we must. Enjoy, we shall, and eat well we will. And along the way, oh the things we will learn.

Pimiento Cheese

serves 4
8 oz. Cream Cheese
1/2 c. Duke's Mayonnaise
4 oz. Pimiento, diced
1 tsp. Dried parsley

1 1/2 c. Shredded cheddar blend
2 scallions, sliced
1 Tsp. Coarse ground mustard
1 tsp. Datil hot sauce
S&P to taste
Datil dry rub, for garnish

1. Combine everything together except for the salt and pepper, mixing well to make it as homogenous (albeit lumpy) as possible.

2. Season accordingly and set aside until service.

3. When ready to serve, simply gently heat and keep warm.

Soft Pretzels*

makes 6 jumbo pretzels

1 1/2 c. Warm water
1 Tbsp. Sugar
2 tsp. Kosher salt
1 packet active dry yeast
4 1/2 c. AP flour
2 oz. Unsalted butter, melted
Vegetable oil, as needed
10 c. Water
2/3 c. baking soda, baked (see article)
1 large egg yolk with 1 Tbsp. water
Coarse sea salt

1. Combine water, sugar and salt in the bowl of stand mixer and sprinkle with yeast.

2. Let it rest for 5 minutes, or until you see the yeast doing its magic.

3. Add flour and butter and mix with a dough hook for 5 minutes.

4. Remove dough, clean the bowl and oil it.

5. Place the dough back in the bowl, cover and rest in a warm place until doubled in size.

6. Preheat oven to 450F.

7. Bring the water and baking soda to a rolling boil while you are portioning out your pretzels.

8. Portion out the dough into 4 equal pieces. This is for jumbo pretzels, so you can halve these as you see fit.

9. Roll them into ropes and perfect your pretzel-making skills.

10. Be creative on how to transfer the dough to the water as you want to maintain that pretzel shape.

11. Cook for about 30-45 seconds in your alkaline bath, and then remove to a sheet pan lined with parchment paper.

12. Brush with the egg and sea salt and bake for 12-14 minutes, depending on your oven.

13. Remove when the pretzel is a little past golden brown and serve with the pimiento cheese.

* from foodnetwork.com

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 20

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. A free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointment is required: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

STORY TIME: MR. JAKE'S FAVES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Join in for another of Mr. Jake's favorite stories. Stick around for a fun craft. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BUILD TOGETHER!

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Use your creativity and engineering skills to complete a variety of building challenges. For ages 5 years and older and parents. 410-632-3495, 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

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. This workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research, followed by a Q&A session. Bring a laptop, tablet or papers containing family information. Register: 410-208-4014.

LUNCH & LEARN

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12:30-1:30 p.m. To help local businesses navigate the legalization of cannabis. Presentation by Douglas W. Desmarais from Smith & Downey, P.A. Bring your own lunch. <https://chamber.oceancity.org/events/>

SALISBURY ZOO: ZOO-TO-YOU PROGRAM

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. The Salisbury Zoo will bring four different animals to the library. Registration required: 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

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.

BAD ART CRAFTERNOON

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3 p.m.

Leave your skills at home for this stress free craft time using recycled materials and art supplies. All supplies provided. For ages 12-15 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ZUMBA

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

CONCERTS IN THE PARK SUMMER SERIES

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 7 p.m. Free concert featuring "On The Edge" (top 40 variety hits). Free event. Pack a picnic and bring a lawn chair. Boaters also welcome. downtown-pocomoke.com, 410-957-1333, ext. 111

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Free concert featuring Saved by Zero (80's rock cover band). Beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. Bring your own seating. <https://ocdc.org>, 410-289-7739

Fri., July 21

STEAM SOCIAL

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

SUPER POWERED STEM: ICE CREAM IN A BAG

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Beat the heat with some homemade ice cream. Shake it till you make it, and share it with friends. For ages 6 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

VOLUNTEER'S BBQ

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. All volunteers and those who wish to volunteer welcome. Food, drinks, music and games. RSVP: <https://form.jotform.com/231924380701148>. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

PTSD911 COAST TO COAST BIKE AND FILM TOUR

Ocean City Performing Arts Center - Ocean City Convention & Visitors Bureau, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. PTSD911 A Documentary Film. Tickets: <https://ptsd911.myshopify.com/products/ptsd911-ocean-city-md>. Bike Tour: <https://ptsd911movie.com/coast2coast/>. Movie Trailer: <https://youtu.be/iRq6rOy6qLM>.

Sat., July 22

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DAY

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Complimentary meals and snacks, Bible lessons, games, crafts, music and more. Register at www.bethanyberlin.org "contact us." Megan Cooke, 443-614-3870, mj-cooke11@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS IN THE COURTYARD

Art League of Ocean City - Courtyard, 502 94th St., 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

SUMMER MUSIC @ FURNACE TOWN: THE FOLK HEROES & THE FOLK VILLAINS

Furnace Town Historic Site (Nassawango Iron Furnace), 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 5-8 p.m. Tickets Free-\$10. Furnace Town is over the moon to welcome back The Folk Villians - this time with The Folk Heroes in tow! Come on out from 5 - 8 for food, music, and more! 410-632-2032

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 23

TERRY FATOR: ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Ocean City Performing Arts Center - Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. Featuring

Terry Fator and his cast of America's favorite puppets and Terry's celebrity impressions. Tickets:

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/2482749/terry-fator-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by Among the Stars (Tribute Band), 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 24

STORY TIME: MARYLAND HISTORY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Meet local history librarian Erin Scott and listen to fun stories about history, sing silly songs and enjoy crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

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

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE: SUMMER READING EDITION: VIEWERS' CHOICE

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. Come into the library the week before to vote on the which movie will be presented. For all ages. 410-208-4014

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

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Champion, 410-641-0157

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS NIGHT

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 6-8 p.m. Held

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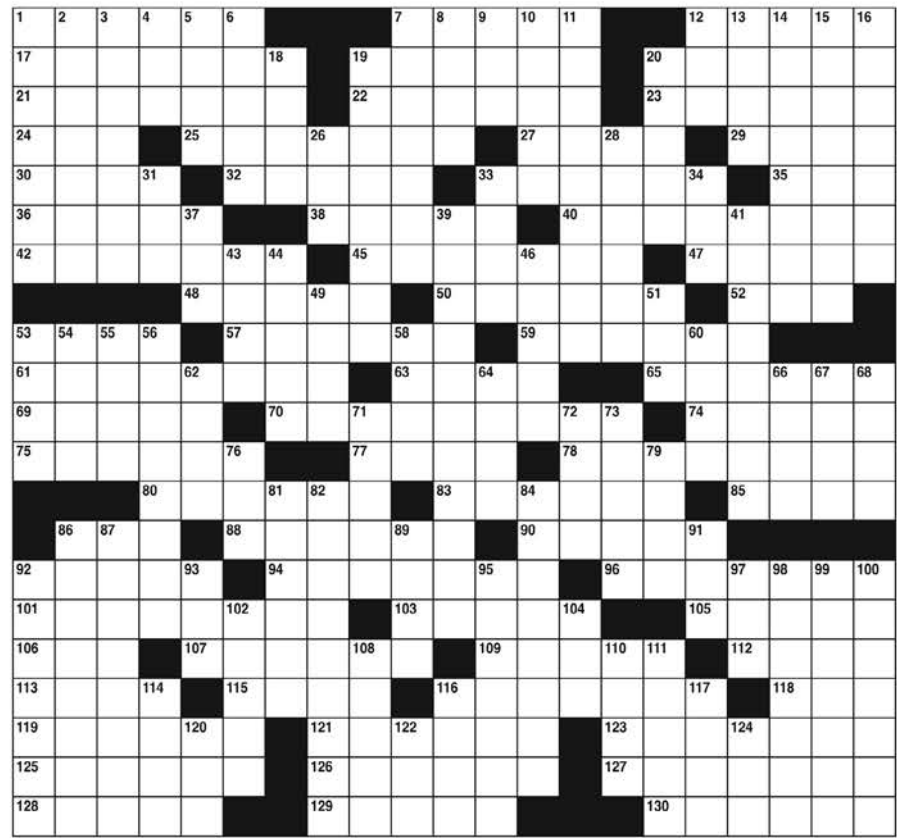
Puzzles

POWER-UPS

BY JON SCHNEIDER AND ANDERSON WANG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Jon Schneider, of New York City, is a research scientist for Google, working on problems in machine learning and economics. Anderson Wang, of Mountain View, Calif., is a software engineer currently between jobs. They met at M.I.T. in the early 2010s, where they lived in the same hall. They've been making and solving puzzles together ever since. This is the first New York Times crossword for each of them. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not fine
 - 7 Expedition
 - 12 Savory jelly
 - 17 Tacks on
 - 19 Mollycoddle
 - 20 Sight on an English farm
 - 21 Slacker role for Jeff Bridges in "The Big Lebowski"
 - 22 Superenthusiastic
 - 23 Spelman College graduate, e.g.
 - 24 "___ is an emotion in motion": Mae West
 - 25 See 30-Across
 - 27 Morning weather phenomenon
 - 29 See 33-Across
 - 30 With 25-Across, get as much approval from an audience as possible
 - 32 Dalmatians, e.g.
 - 33 With 29-Across, like a deer in headlights
 - 35 N.Y.C.'s first subway line
 - 36 Singer Mann
 - 38 Michelangelo masterpiece
 - 40 Sunset Boulevard sight
 - 42 Utah mountain range
 - 45 What people tend to do when a rush-hour subway train arrives
 - 47 See 50-Across
 - 48 See 53-Across
- DOWN**
- 50 With 47-Across, not change anyone's mind, say
 - 52 Forest of Fangorn resident, in fiction
 - 53 With 48-Across, stops wasting time
 - 57 Dawn
 - 59 Eternally damned
 - 61 Promptness
 - 63 Default consequence
 - 65 Have an influence (on)
 - 69 Iraqi port city
 - 70 Mathematical concepts suggested eight times in this puzzle
 - 74 "I'm telling the truth!"
 - 75 One of the Seven Dwarfs
 - 77 Yeats's "The Lake ___ of Innisfree"
 - 78 Bad place for a fly, in a saying
 - 80 Showy shrub
 - 83 Arch supporter
 - 85 See 90-Across
 - 86 Flat-topped cap
 - 88 See 92-Across
 - 90 With 85-Across, uncomfortably accurate
 - 92 With 88-Across, sacrificed
 - 94 Place that processes ore
 - 96 Eponym of the world's largest church
 - 101 Some team-bonding trips
 - 103 State whose capital is Dispur
 - 105 Drum that can be played with a brush
 - 106 Hypotheticals
 - 107 See 113-Across
 - 109 Cleans, as a deck
 - 112 See 116-Across
 - 113 With 107-Across, bad sort of competition
 - 115 "Freak on a Leash" metal band
 - 116 With 112-Across, "Your misfortune is nothing special"
 - 118 Jocular lead-in to "macation"
 - 119 List ender
 - 121 Abstract artist de Kooning known for her portraits
 - 123 Obsessive cleaner, say
 - 125 Important faculty for school
 - 126 Brought home
 - 127 Lively French dance popular in the Baroque era
 - 128 Big name in nail polish
 - 129 Rug rats
 - 130 Brand whose sales skyrocketed after the release of "E.T."
 - 7 More throaty
 - 8 Pale
 - 9 Ukr., e.g., once
 - 10 Spanish "I love you"
 - 11 Kind of cuisine that's often eaten with one's hands
 - 12 Tied, in scores
 - 13 ___ vide (culinary technique)
 - 14 Do some heavy lifting
 - 15 "Don't pay attention to that"
 - 16 Idle gossip
 - 18 Convince
 - 19 Cracks
 - 20 Actor Dev of "Lion"
 - 26 Lick (up)
 - 28 Stop the flow of
 - 31 House call?
 - 33 Playful growl
 - 34 Run-___ (hip-hop trio)
 - 37 Alternative to an ellipsis
 - 39 Some clickbait articles
 - 41 Potentially risky thing to drop in a relationship
 - 43 ___ Woo-shik, co-star of 2019's "Parasite"
 - 44 ___ cuisine
 - 46 Sanders who played in a World Series and two Super Bowls
 - 49 Charon's domain
 - 51 Lead-in to self
 - 53 They might be caught in the rain
 - 54 ___ Bator
 - 55 Stun, in a way
 - 56 Hard-hit line drive
 - 58 One variety of love



- 60 Broadway's ___-Fontanne Theater
- 62 Heckle
- 64 Part of a hammer
- 66 Butter alternative
- 67 "There warn't no home like a raft ..." speaker
- 68 Lavish celebration
- 71 Hard Italian cheese
- 72 Level, for one
- 73 Isolated components
- 76 Deviation in flight
- 79 Exterminator's target
- 81 Was bested by
- 82 Title horror film locale
- 84 Wrote poorly
- 86 They have your life hanging by a thread
- 87 They might involve impersonating a dealer
- 89 Kingdom east of Babylonia
- 91 Mini-albums, in brief
- 92 Ship with three banks of oars
- 93 Fly catcher
- 95 Dead Sea Scrolls sect
- 97 Envelope abbr.
- 98 Juggling, singing, magic, etc.
- 99 Scholarly
- 100 Tells off
- 102 Just peachy
- 104 ___ Pro
- 108 Dental covering similar to a crown
- 110 Water pipe
- 111 Dishonest attack
- 114 Foe of the Morlocks, in sci-fi
- 116 Major export of Tuscany
- 117 Place to hang holiday lights
- 120 Something drawn by a jerk, maybe
- 122 Sanctuary
- 124 What a digitigrade stands on

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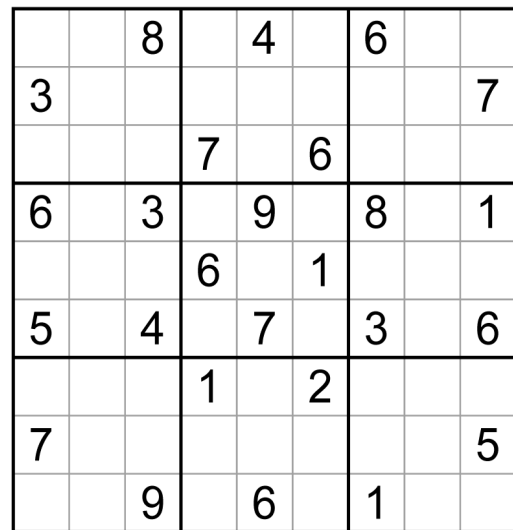
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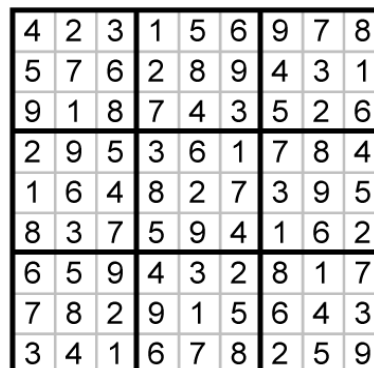
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HARD - 81

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.



Answers to last week's puzzles



Calendar

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July 24-28. Dinner provided at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Family Fun Night is Friday at 6 p.m. Free event. Pre-registration appreciated www.stevensonchurch.org/VBS, 410-641-1137.

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 25

PLAY TIME

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

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Welcome back Mr. Boom Boom for some interactive activities teaching children how to create harmony by working together to play different instruments. Ages 3 years and older. 410-641-0650

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

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE - TEASER!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-4 p.m. The Specials Room will be open for a limited time with collectibles, signed copies, rare books, sets and vintage books. Cash or check with ID. 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 26

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join in for a time just for you and your teeny tiny. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 0-2 years and their caregivers. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

HIGHEST HONORS

OC Lions Sarah Hooper and Greg Cathell recently received Melvin Jones awards from outgoing President Norm Cathell. Named for the founder of the Lions Club International, the award is the highest honor from the Lions Club.

a.m. Welcome back Mr. Boom Boom for some interactive activities teaching children how to create harmony by working together to play different instruments. For ages 3 years and older. 410-524-1818

FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETING

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 12 p.m. Any Marines and Navy Corpsmen who have served in our Corps, living in Worcester and Sussex counties, are welcome to join in. 410-430-7181, web-sergeant@firststaetmarines.org

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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.kiwanisofopoc.org

ONGOING EVENTS

FREE SUMMER PROGRAMS

OC Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, July 3-Aug. 25. Held Monday through Saturday, 10-10:30 a.m. Mondays feature History of Our Surfmens; Tuesdays, Beach Safety; Wednesdays, Knot Tying; Thursdays, All About Sharks; Fridays, Land, Sky, & Sea; Saturdays, Aquarium Feeding. www.ocmuseum.org

ALL TOGETHER NOW: COMMUNITY JOURNALING PROJECT

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., during the month of July. Contribute your ideas, sketches, drawings of favorite memories. Read through pages already filled out to learn about others through their writing and art. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

Classified

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Call **410-723-6397**
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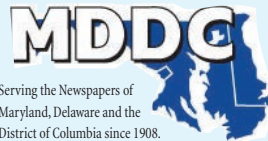
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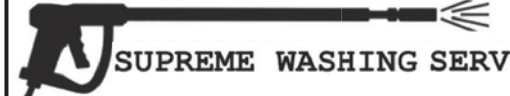
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