



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



Everything's just peachy on Saturday

Peach Festival celebrates heritage, helps museum

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2023) Berlin will celebrate local sweet, juicy, delicious peaches on Aug. 5 at the 15th annual Peach Festival on the lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor Museum.

The festival, which will run from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., will provide peach treats and entertainment for young and old throughout the day.

"The focus of this year's festival is local food and highlighting Berlin's agricultural history," said Melissa Reid, president of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.

Local amateur bakers will have the opportunity to show off their baking skills in the peach pie contest.

Registration for the contest closes on Aug. 4, with just three sports left as of Tuesday. The pies will be judged by Chef Phil Cropper, Laura Sterns, manager of the Atlantic Hotel and Joyce White, of the Great Maryland Recipe Hunt. To sign up, email info@taylorhousemuseum.org

Cropper, of the Worcester Tech High School Culinary Department, will be hosting peach-based cooking demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2:15

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Worcester County Deputy Sheriff David Richardson shows Landyn Archer the equipment he carries on his vest when he is on duty. Landyn got to try on a vest and helmet on Tuesday at National Night Out in Ocean Pines, a nationwide annual event that promotes police-community partnerships.

Tyndall sees two park options

Time running out on grant to help cover cost of razing old poultry plant buildings

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2023) The town of Berlin needs to make a decision by the end of August on what it wants to do with the Heron Park property, and as Mayor Zack Tyndall sees it, there are two options.

Selling parcel 57 and retaining parcels 410 and 191 for open space or keeping all of the parcels and using a

\$500,000 grant to demolish as much of the building structures as possible.

The property, which was purchased by the town in 2016 for \$2.5 million, had been the site of a Tyson's poultry processing plant, and while Tyson ceased operations there in 2003, it left its offices and plant standing when it departed.

The town has a grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for \$500,000 to help pay for the demolition of those building, but that grant needs to be fully expended by June 2024.

Tyndall said some people see that as a year to get the job done, but the process takes time.

"We still have to frame out the RFP (request for proposals), take bids, award the bid and do the actual demolition."

Palmer Gillis of Coastal Ventures Properties, who responded in 2022 to the town's RFP for developing the property, has said he has about a four- to six-month process to go through to use the grant if he is awarded the contract.

Coastal Ventures submitted a re-

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The line wrapped around the building for Playa Bowls grand opening on Saturday morning.

Playa Bowls serves healthy fresh fruit bowls and drinks

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2023) The line was out the door on Saturday for the grand opening of Playa Bowls in the shopping center in front of Walmart on Route 50, and owner Tony Martina and his team were ready for them.

At 10 a.m., the doors opened, and fans of the fruity concoctions eagerly ordered their bowls. The first 50 people in line received a free bowl and a Playa Bowls T-shirt.

For those who are not familiar with Playa Bowls or acai (pronounced aa-saa-ee) bowls, they start with freshly made granola, which is topped with a fruit-based sorbet or thick smoothie, fruit and a drizzle of honey or other toppings like Nutella.

The options for the sorbet/smoothie layer include acai, pitaya, coconut, green, banana, or chia pudding. The base is made of fruit and emulsifiers for texture. Oatmeal is the only non-fruit base in the dairy-free product.

Every bowl is made to order. Blenders were whirling away on opening day with kale, bananas, co-

conut milk and other fresh ingredients.

Tony and Cassie Martina are the proprietors of Playa Bowls, which is part of a chain of about 190 stores around the country.

The concept was started by surfers Robert Giuliani and Abby Taylor in Belmar, New Jersey. The couple was inspired by the acai and pitaya bowls they enjoyed at the exotic surfing locations they visited. They decided to recreate their favorite recipes and launched the business from a food truck 10 years ago.

Tony Martina was introduced to Playa Bowls by his daughter, who took him to the Middletown store. He had a number of dietary issues that were affecting his health, but found he felt better once he switched to eating only natural foods.

He combined his own commitment to eating healthy with his business expertise and opened a Playa Bowls in Easton. Today he has three stores, Easton, Salisbury and now one in the Berlin/West Ocean City area.

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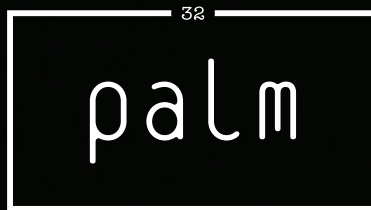
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Tony Martinez, the purveyor of Playa Bowls, shows off one his fruity concoctions called the Pacific Bowl, made of a blend of kale, bananas and coconut milk topped with granola, strawberries, bananas and shaved almonds with chia seeds and honey.

Fruity goodness at Playa Bowls

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“This area will enjoy what Playa Bowls has to offer, considering there are so many health-conscious people with active lifestyles here,” Martina said.

The most popular bowl is the acai, which is a berry that comes from the acai palm tree in South America.

“It’s packed with nutrients and antioxidants. It’s a superfruit,” he said, adding, “Playa Bowls has its own acai brand, which is organic and pure acai.”

The bowls are 16 ounces and are quite filling.

“I have a smoothie every morning and a bowl for lunchtime. When I travel, within about three to four days, my body craves it,” Martina said.

Not only are the bowls and smoothies healthy, but the company makes the environment a priority. The straws, bowls, cups and spoons are all biodegradable.

Martina has about 20 people on his staff in Ocean City. He expects to keep the shop open year-round.

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OPA opens golf amenity survey

(Aug. 3, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association has released a customer satisfaction survey about the community’s golf amenity.

A news release said the survey should take about 3 minutes to complete.

It is the latest of several surveys planned for Ocean Pines amenities, to gather input on the development of the next budget. Responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

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Tattoo committee suggests health and safety standards

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2023) The Town of Berlin has taken steps through a tattoo advisory committee to create a safe and equitable path forward for tattoo establishments within town limits, according to a letter from Mayor Zack Tyndall to Chip Bertino, president of the Worcester County Commissioners.

The committee, which includes town council members, business owners and residents, is led by **Chairman** Matthew Amey, a Berlin resident and award winning tattoo artist.

"Our discussions to date show that the Town of Berlin has an opportunity to set a reasonable standard for tattoo establishments within town limits and we need health department oversight to ensure the health and safety of our neighbors and visitors alike," Amey said.

The committee has developed a comprehensive set of regulations and

specific zoning requirements for tattoo establishments.

According to the mayor's office, a meeting has been set for Sept. 13, with Bertino and the Board of Health to discuss the committee's research and draft regulations.

The goal of the meeting is to discuss the potential for the Worcester County Health Department to provide health and safety inspections similar to the inspections already completed by the Worcester County Health Department for body

piercing studios.

"The county commissioners, acting as the board of directors for the county health department, are an integral part of this discussion and I look forward to sharing my knowledge and experience within them," Amey said.

The committee modeled its recommended health and safety inspections based on the current standards within the State of Delaware since no guideline exist within the state of Maryland.

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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!"

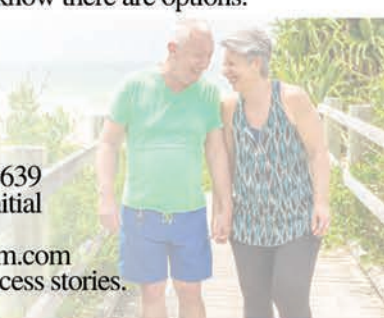
By seamlessly blending the ancient science of acupuncture with modern medical solutions, Dr. Salmond has achieved a 90% success rate in reversing the effects of neuropathy. She starts each patient with an initial consultation where a sensory exam is performed. This not only aids in making a proper diagnosis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

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Tracks and Yaks comes to Berlin

Railbike touring company provides unique way to visit town and have some fun

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2023) Track and Yak owners Julie and Adam Forshee hosted their official ribbon cutting ceremony on the tracks of Berlin for their official grand opening on Thursday.

Hot and steamy day that it was, State Senator Mary Beth Carozza, members of the Berlin council and others nevertheless tried out the railbikes.

The railroad tracks in Berlin have not been used for about six years, according to Councilman Jack Orris.

“We were looking for alternative uses for this part of the line,” Cathrin Banks, president of the Maryland and Delaware Railroad, said. “Tracks and Yaks is a good fit for Berlin.”

The company was first launched in Frostburg, Maryland, and once that operation took hold, Adam Forshee started looking for other places that would be a right fit for Tracks and Yaks.

“My husband was looking for fun places where the railroad tracks were not being used. He contacted Cathrin and told her we could bring people to Berlin and have some fun,” Julie Forshee said.

“We can bring about 150 people a day



Jade Orris, Councilman Steve Green, Mike Wiley and State Sen. Mary Beth Carozza enjoy their first rides on a Tracks and Yaks railbike.

to the area,” Forshee said.

Tracks and Yaks runs two different tours through Berlin. The Ironshire Express is a 6.5-mile railbike excursion through historic Berlin, local farmland and coastal forests.

The Queponco Excursion is a 13-mile railbike trip through historic Berlin, farmland and coastal forests. The website says, “This excursion is for those who would prefer a more challenging experience. Although the pedaling is not diffi-

cult, it is consistent, and there is minimal coasting as this is on flat terrain.”

The railbikes are built of lightweight aluminum frames with polyurethane wheels. The bikes can seat two or four people. The website says “almost anyone can operate and enjoy them regardless of physical or athletic ability. The seats slide up and back to accommodate most people. Safety harnesses are provided for toddlers and young children can sit back

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Adam Forshee does the honors at a ribbon cutting for Tracks and Yaks, as councilmembers and others cheer him on. Adam and Julie Forshee have launched the new railbike tour business in Berlin.

Railbike tours offered in Berlin

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and enjoy the ride without pedaling.”

Forshee expects to hire about 15 people in town for Tracks and Yaks, and offer tours in the Berlin area from April through December.

Fred Von Schilgen is one local resident who has been hired. He saw the Forshees when they brought their first railbike to Berlin.

As a naturalist and an avid gardener, he was excited to see the diversity of plants along the tracks, including medicinal plants and wild flowers on his first ride.

Tracks and Yaks operates out of an old trolley car at 115 Broad Street in Berlin. Visit <https://tracksandyaks.com> to make reservations and for more information.

OPA elections delayed due to contractor fumbling mailing

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2023) Due to delays by this year’s election contractor, Washington State-based Election Trust, to mail ballots in a timely fashion, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors decided at an emergency meeting Tuesday night to move back by two weeks all the dates related to the elections and the annual meeting.

The new dates are:

- Due date for ballots to be delivered to Election Trust: Aug. 22.
- Count date: Aug. 24
- Annual meeting Aug. 26

The annual meeting will be held at the club house.

Tom Piatti, the chair of the elections committee, said it takes five days for ballots to reach Election Trust through the mail.

A ballot drop box has been installed at the Ocean Pines Police station for residents to deposit ballots there. Those ballots are being sent via overnight mail to Election Trust for counting.

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SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

A ballot drop box is set up at the Ocean Pines Police station at 239 Ocean Pkwy. Homeowners who want to vote in the 2023 Board of Directors election can drop off completed ballots in the box 24 hours a day between now and 4 p.m., Aug. 8.

Ballot drop box available at Ocean Pines Police station

(Aug. 3, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association has set up a secure drop box at the police station, allowing members to conveniently drop off their completed ballots for the 2023 Board of Directors Election.

According to a news release, the drop box was set up Monday, July 24, at the station at 239 Ocean Pkwy. and will remain in open through the ballot deadline of 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 8. Ballots may be dropped off any time until then, 24 hours a day.

Ballots in the box will be sent to the Washington state elections contractor by overnight express mail.

Homeowners concerned about using the U.S. Postal Service are encouraged to use the drop box.

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Heritage and history go well with peaches

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p.m. on the porch stage.

Peach lovers will have a plethora of opportunities to enjoy the fruit throughout the day. And those who wish to put their eating skills to the test can enter the peach cupcake-eating contest. The contest is not about quantity but speed: the person who can eat the peach cupcake the fastest wins.

Kids and adults will have chances to enter. The winner of the children's contest will get a gift certificate at Island Creamery. The winner of the adult contest will get a Peach festival T-shirt.

For those who would rather take their time enjoying their peaches, bags of peaches will be for sale by Harris Market for \$10. They plan to bring 100 crates of peaches to the festival to sell.

Baked Dessert Café will be selling its peach dumplings on the lawn. Buckingham Presbyterian Church will be selling peach pies and Buckingham Elementary will be peddling homemade peach treats. Chesapeake Bay Farms will be serving up its peach ice cream and the museum will serve peach slushies.

"We have purchased another slushy machine so we hope we can keep up with demand this year," Reid

said. Other activities throughout the day will include music by the Belinki Duo and the Walnut Hill Violin Studio. Storytimes are scheduled throughout the day along with Magic Jack's show, face painting, and plenty of games.

For those who have a recipe they want to share, for peaches or anything else, the Great Maryland Recipe Hunt will have a table on the lawn. In honor of the 60th anniversary of the publication of "Maryland's Way: The Hammond-Harwood House Cookbook," an iconic cookbook that has sold over 100,000 copies, they are collecting recipes to go into a companion cookbook that will be published in 2024. The goal is to reflect the cultural diversity of the state since the publication of the original cookbook.

All proceeds from the Peach Festival go to the Calvin B Taylor House Museum.

"The peach festival is the biggest fundraising event we have for the museum," Reid said.

The festival pays for the programming, including the junior historian program, storytelling, concerts and other learning opportunities as well as archiving many historic documents and artifacts.

"We hope to build capacity for a



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Attendees of the 2022 Berlin Peach Festival stand in line to buy peaches at one of the stands. This year's festival is set 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, at the Calvin B. Taylor Museum in town.

full-time curator in the future," Reid said. Currently, the museum is run mostly by volunteers, including Reid.

Reid said the festival is rooted in Berlin's agricultural history. The town was home to Harrison Nursery, which used to be the largest mail order fruit orchard in the world. It was also home to a basket factory, which produced the baskets used to pick the peaches at the nursery. The local ice plant, which is still in business, provided the ice for the peaches to be shipped on the rail cars heading out of town.

All of this came to an end in the

1940s when the Harrison's peach trees fell victim to a blight that killed them all and the Harrison family moved from orchards to investing in real estate in Ocean City.

The peach festival honors this history, said Reid, and through the funds raised, helps the Taylor House continue to tell the stories of the town for generations to come.

The museum will be open for tours during the festival, which will occur rain or shine.

For a schedule of event that day visit <https://www.taylorhousemuseum.org/events>

OP flounder tourney set Sat. appeals to 'little guy' anglers

(Aug. 3, 2023) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host its 16th annual Flounder Tournament and Auction on Saturday, Aug. 5.

The weigh-in and auction will take place at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club and Marina from noon to 4:30 p.m.

This is the largest Maryland coastal flounder tournament and will feature an expected purse of over

\$8,000.

"Our region gets tournament fever every summer, especially the first week in August," said Ocean Pines Chamber President Kerrie Bunting. "We are the little-guy tournament. [It's] a great day on the water and a chance to win big without breaking your bank to enter."

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Time ticking by on demo grant

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sponse to the towns RFP in 2022 to buy parcels 57, 191 and 410 for \$1.7 million to develop a mixture of commercial uses. When asked during the July 24 meeting with the mayor and council if he would be interested in purchasing just parcel 57, which is where the old plant is located, he said he would be.

In his original proposal, he planned to demolish part of the Tyson's plant and rehabilitate another part of other uses. He would use the \$500,000 grant the town received to pay for as much demolition work as possible and then assume the financial responsibility for any remaining demolition to be done.

"People see the building as something that is falling apart. Old Ocean



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The old Tyson's Chicken Processing Plant on Old Ocean City Blvd in Berlin. Mayor Tyndall said the town needs to make a decision on the future of the building by the end of August to meet a deadline for using a demolition grant.

City Boulevard is getting revitalized. Selling parcel 57 to Palmer is a logical fit," said Tyndall.

He also noted that allowing Gillis to proceed would add to the tax base

and add value to other parts of the town.

If the town chooses not to sell, it could use the grant to do the demolition itself, although the grant money will not cover all the expense, Tyndall said.

The \$500,000 in the grant also will have to cover the costs of creating the request for proposal, leaving about \$460,000 for the actual demolition, he said.

"I am not a demo expert, but \$460,000 will not get us where we need to be," Tyndall said.

"My advice to my colleagues is if we take this route, we need to get the parcel of property to where something else can be built there. Whatever the additional cost is, we need to have a plan to overcome that," Tyndall said. "We have spent time rebuilding our reserves. I am not comfortable eroding that for this building.

"When you look at it from a risk standpoint, the town assuming the risk or demo and repurposing. It's just more risk than I would like to assume as the mayor. Getting a partner in place to revitalize the building is much more advantageous for the town.

"That is what Palmer does. He is willing to assume the other liabilities outside of the demo funds. It's the logical path forward."

Not everybody sees it that way. In the July 24 mayor and council meet-

ing, Councilman Dean Burrell was cheered on by some members of the audience when he questioned the rush to begin work on the property.

During the meetings over the past month, debates have occurred between council members and by residents as to what should be allowed on the property. While many people seem to be interested in a garden center and skate park, the community has flip flopped on residential housing, retail and restaurants.

Some residents have complained about the speed of the process for making a decision and accused the council of not being transparent with decision making.

"There's a lot of misconceptions with the process so far," Tyndall said.

The mayor said there were opportunities for public comment during the request for proposal process and when the council received the bids.

Based on a timeline that was circulated during the July 10 mayor and council work session, nine public meetings have been held on the Heron Park issue since March 2021.

During a public meeting in May 2022, town residents indicated overwhelmingly that the Coastal Ventures' proposal was in line with what residents wanted, Tyndall said.

"We have had a tremendous amount of public input. I am a big advocate for gathering public thoughts.

Tyndall said that he hears from

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Tyndall: time to decide on park

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residents well beyond the public meetings.

“That’s not the only way I gather opinions,” Tyndall said.

He said some people are comfortable speaking in public, others pull him aside after the meetings or when they see him around town or at events to express their opinion.

“I look at my position as a representative, I need to do my research on the topic, listen to my constituents and pull all that together to make a decision on the best path forward.

“Our job is to know the financial

position of the town and evaluate risks. Those things have to go into our decision making process.”

Tyndall sees that the big issues to be discussed if the town decides to sell one or three of the parcels are the price and types of development the town wants done on the property and for what duration.

“There comes a time when we need to act as a group in the best interests of the people of Berlin,” he said.

The next Mayor and Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14 at Town Hall.

Flounder tournament Saturday

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Registration cost is \$55 per angler or \$50 each when registering more than one. Sing up before noon on Aug. 4.

Additional added entry level cut-tas are available for \$20 per angler.

The longest flounder brought in by any angler age 13 or younger will wins \$100 and is also eligible for the main cash prizes.

Free collectable T-shirts will be available for the first 250 registered. Sponsorships are available and dona-tions are being sought for the auction,

which will be held during the weigh-ins.

For tournament rules or to register as sponsor or angler go to: <https://business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/16th-annual-flounder-tournament-14865>.

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Crowds gather during a past Blessing of the Combines event in downtown Snow Hill. This year's event, the 23rd annual, is set for Aug. 5.

Blessing of Combines event set Sat. in Town of Snow Hill

(Aug. 3, 2023) The 23rd annual Blessing of The combines event is set 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 5 in downtown Snow Hill.

The event brings the local farm community together, along with other locals and visitors from all over, to honor the agricultural roots of the Snow Hill area.

A parade, consisting of the Snow Hill Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corp Color Guard, antique tractors, the Shore Fun Garden Tractor club and lines of combines is set to begin at 11 a.m. The large combines will then park along Green Street for spectators to view and tour.

A "throttle thrust" will signal the master of ceremonies to begin the program with a keynote address by Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Kevin Atticks.

The speech will be followed by a musical entertainment line-up of the County Line Band and Carly Twigg.

The event will also offer food, activities and attractions.

Amusements include various ven-
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Extension office open house at for Blessing of Combines

(Aug. 3, 2023) University of Maryland Extension – Worcester County is holding an open house during the upcoming Blessing of the Combines in Snow Hill.

The community event to celebrate the start of the harvest season is set from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 5

Staff will show how the extension office serves the community through agriculture and food systems; 4-H youth development,; and family and consumer sciences, including wellness, nutrition and finance education; home gardening; and natural resources.

A 4-H robotics demonstration is set, as well as giveaways and lots of activities for kids and adults.

A historical exhibit of 100 years of extension in Worcester County will give attendees a glimpse into the community's agricultural traditions of the past.

The extension office agent, along with the 4-H educator and staff, finance educator, and master gardener volunteers will be on hand to highlight the extension programs.

Fresh hot popcorn and icy, cold water will be available in the air-conditioned office, where attendees can cool off as they enjoy the displays. There are plenty of outdoor activities as well.

Event set 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., array of activities planned

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dors, the Wheels that Heal Car Show, and an antique tractor exhibit, and kids of all ages will enjoy the petting zoo, free pony rides, a bounce house, gigantic corn maze, games, and other activities. Local businesses will also be offering sales and specials.

The Snow Hill Blessing of the Combines is organized by a small private committee that has been led by the Payne Family since inception. The committee is dedicated to promoting the heritage of the Snow Hill farming community and educating the public about the agriculture industry.

Anyone who wants to become a sponsor of the event or has any questions, contact Becky Payne at 443-783-1715 or blesscombines@gmail.com.



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The South Point Boat Ramp is shown at 5820 South Point Road in Berlin. The ramp and parking around it have been a point of contention for a while, and the Worcester County Commissioners voted this week on a temporary solution.

Spagnola granted permit until further notice

By Remy Andersen
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2023) Capt. Marc Spagnola, owner and operator of Dusk to Dawn Fishing Charters, will be able to use the county’s South Point boat ramp with the temporary blessing of the Worcester County Commissioners.

In a unanimous vote Tuesday, with Commissioner Eric Fiori abstaining, the commissioners agreed to grant a special use permit to Spagnola until an executive decision regarding commercial use of the boat ramp can be enacted. Currently, the commissioners are undecided whether the boat ramp should be open for all commercial use.

The permit would allow Spagnola to use the county ramps at South Point for his charter bow fishing business as he had been doing under a previous one-year permit that expired on May 16 of this year.

With the request granted, Spagnola agreed to the conditions reflected in the previous permit, and also agree to limit the number of parked vehicles at the boat ramp to two rather than four. Additionally, Spagnola agreed to never have more than one of his ves-

sels at any boat ramp at the same time.

Spagnola also asked that the permit be extended beyond a year so he would not have to seek renewal so frequently. This was the third time this special use permit has been requested by Spagnola and his attorney, Mark Cropper.

In a July 18 public hearing, the term “commercial users” was defined as “an individual or entity using a county landing in a manner that is connected with or that furthers an ongoing profit-making activity,” and their access to the boat ramps was limited.

The proposal further stated that commercial usage would be allowed so long as no conflict arose with other boaters and there was no risk of damaging the landing or county property.

The previous ordinance only stated that “commercial activities, including loading and unloading of produce, seafood, freight or merchandise” was prohibited.

Several South Point residents testified against Spagnola, raising concerns about how the spike in tourists travelling to South Point for the fishing charter would increase traffic in the area, thus impacting pedestrian safety.

No date was set to formally decide on the general commercial use of the public boat ramp.

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Robert Shrieves with his dog Ziba and Manual Phillips talk to attendees for National Night Out in Ocean Pines about the work that Worcester Animal Control does in the area.



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Fire Marshall Matt Owens and Deputy Fire Marshall John Atkins show off their truck and the tools they use to keep them safe as they battle fires.



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BERLIN

Sandra Oliver talks with, from left, Dr. Darlene Jackson-Bowman, Clara Jackson, and Glendalyn Harris of Building Mosaic Solutions, which is part of the Berlin Prevention Works Coalition.



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Berlin Police Department was just one of dozens of tents set up at Henry Park in Berlin to celebrate National Night Out. Hundreds of residents came to enjoy the food and games.



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Toys, games and free goodies were handed out at National Night Out in Berlin. Events were held across the country to encourage engagement between police and the local community.



CINDY HOFFMAN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

From left, Diana Purnell, Natoshia Owens and Andrew Dupont of D.A.R.E. give away free back packs to students at Berlin's National Night Out.

Repairs, upgrades now completed at OP racquet center

(Aug. 3, 2023) Ocean Pines Public Works staff and a team of outside contractors recently finished repairs to a wind-damaged platform tennis court at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

The damage occurred in March, when extreme weather whipped through Ocean Pines, with high winds gripping the mesh wind screens and pulling down the fencing.

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said in a news release that staff, along with outside contractor Total Platform Tennis and local welder Waggoner Welding, contributed to the repairs. He estimated the total cost to be between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Public works staff members are also finishing a new blue shade structure at the racquet center. Wells said the work is likely to wrap up this week and will include one final piece added to the roof, and the installation of ceiling fans.



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A before shot of the fence at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center that was damaged in a March storm.



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The repaired fence at the racquet center.

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Tattoo studios should be cleared for takeoff

It's been at least 40 years since tattoo shops emerged from the shadows of waterfront districts in port towns to brightly lit uptowns, and from the arms, knuckles, hands and chests of seafarers, soldiers and less noble characters to the smooth skin of ordinary people.

As is obvious to anyone who ventures out in public, the appreciation of body art in certain age groups has become so widespread that it is almost more unusual in those circles not to have at least one peeking out from somewhere.

And yet, Worcester County, where the beer, booze and wine flow freely from hundreds of licensed establishments, and where anyone of legal age can now buy enough marijuana to stay buzzed for a couple of weeks, prohibits tattoo shops because ... the section of the county code pertaining to such establishments was written for the people of another era.

Society has changed since then and the code hasn't, written as it was at a time when tattoos and the people who had them were viewed as rough and even a little unsavory.

Those days vanished decades ago, which is why the Worcester County Commissioners should look favorably on the Town of Berlin's appeal next month to rewrite the regulations so tattoo studios can open in town.

There's no legitimate argument to be made against such a move, considering that county residents who wish to show some ink have only to travel over the state line to Fenwick Island, which has shown no sign of societal collapse or great moral decay despite having had studios there for decades.

Besides, the old days of "L O V E" and "H A T E" spelled out letter by letter on sets of hairy knuckles were long ago replaced by what can only be described as real works of art by honest-to-goodness artists, whose work on the human form would look just as good on canvas.

It's time the rules and regulations of this county and its towns reflected society. It's not the 1960s anymore.



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Artist Carol Gentes poses with her work, "Under the Sea," made up of 12 mixed media pieces depicting ocean creatures at the Berlin library branch. The artwork, along with Beth Cooper's "Shore Sampling," will be on display until Sept. 21.

Worcester Arts Council library gallery

(Aug. 3, 2023) The Worcester County Arts Council recently announced the current library gallery exhibit, featuring paintings by two local artists and members Beth Cooper and Carol Gentes.

Beth Cooper presents "Shore Sampling," which is made up of 16 different works highlighting glimpses of life on the Eastern Shore.


Carol Gentes' display, "Under the Sea" consists of 12 mixed media pieces depicting ocean creatures.

The exhibit will be on display in the Berlin library branch until Sept. 21.

Artwork is available to buy and may be viewed during the library's regular business hours.

For more information about featured artists, visit worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

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Salon offers free haircuts for students

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Aug. 3, 2023) Tiffany Hoffman is a mom and a hairdresser. So, she knows how important a good haircut is for kids when they are going back to school in the fall.

As a result, she is offering free haircuts for kids at her salon, Tifferson's Beauty and Wellness Center, at 12445 Ocean Gateway, Unit 7.

"A lot of my clients have kids and some parents might not have the means right now," Hoffman said.

She wanted to help these kids and parents, but as a small business owner, she also wanted to thank members of the community for supporting local small businesses.

Two hairdressers are cutting kid's hair for this event: Hoffman and Jenna Danner.

Already, 56 parents have filled out the form at www.tiffersons.com/events, 16 students have had their hair cut and 25 are booked for an appointment.

Tifferson's is home to 11 small businesses, including hairdressers, colorists, cosmetologists, nail technicians and even jewelry makers.

"This gives each individual an opportunity to prosper and thrive at their own craft," she said.

This is the first time she has offered free Kids' Cuts. The offer will continue through early September.



PHOTO COURTESY TIFFANY HOFFMAN
Tiffany Hoffman, owner of Tifferson's Beauty and Wellness Center is offering free haircuts for kids going back to school.

To sign up for Kids Cuts, visit www.tiffersons.com/events. Hoffman will follow up and schedule an appointment.

Ocean Pines resident Carol Quinto, a self-taught sewer, poses with some of her creations at the Pine'er Craft Club. Club members recently named Quinto the July Crafter of the Month.

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Free meals offered at nine Worcester schools in '23-'24

(Aug. 3, 2023) After offering free meals to students during the summer months, Worcester County Public Schools will continue the effort at nine schools for the 2023-24 academic year.

A news release said students at the eligible schools will be able to access nutritious meals at no cost through the federal Community Eligibility Provision program. Evidence shows school meal programs play a crucial role in ensuring kids get three meals a day and have the nutrition they need to thrive in and out of classrooms.

The nine schools that were certified by Maryland State Department of Education for the program are Pocomoke Elementary, Middle and High schools; Snow Hill Elementary, Middle, and High schools; Cedar Chapel Special School, Buckingham Elementary School, and Berlin Intermediate School.

For schools not currently certified in the program, a review of eligibility criteria will be conducted annually for four years.

Community Eligibility Provision is a federal program that enables qualifying schools to serve free meals to all students without the hassle or perceived stigma of completing free and reduced meal applications. While applications are no longer required for meals, to maintain other benefits for students and schools, every student at an eligible school is asked to complete an Alternative Income Eligibility form each school year.

"Research has often shown that students cannot be taught if their immediate needs – including hunger – aren't met," Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor said in the release. "By implementing CEP at these schools, we are ensuring that our students can realize success without the burden of food insecurity."

Pine'er club names Carol Quinto July crafter of month

(Aug. 3, 2023) Ocean Pines resident Carol Quinto was recently named the Pine'er Craft Club's July Crafter of the Month.

According to a news release, Quinto and her husband Phil retired to Ocean Pines from New Jersey in 2004. In retirement, Carol has discovered crafting to express her creativity. She is a self-taught sewer, and her coverups, plus embroidered towels and placements, are among the best sellers in the craft shop.

Quinto joined the Pine'er Craft Club soon after moving to Ocean Pines and has been an essential member of the executive board, holding multiple positions within the group.

Carol has chaired the popular summer and holiday craft fairs as well as held the position of vice president and manager of the gift shop.

She currently serves as treasurer of the shop and unofficially as the tech advisor, as she is the go-to for all questions. See QUINTO Page 23

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Strong storms lead to fires at Worcester County homes

(Aug. 3, 2023) The Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office investigated two fires Saturday night following severe thunderstorms passing through Worcester County.

According to a news release, members of the Snow Hill Fire Department were dispatched to a reported barn fire just after 8:30 p.m., Saturday, July 29, at 7233 Whiton Road in Snow Hill.

Upon arrival, crews observed "significant fire conditions" throughout a barn, which resulted in request for assistance from several other area fire departments. Firefighters from

Quinto resource to new members

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tions and installations regarding the square system.

"The club and shop would not run smoothly without the benefit of Carol's help," Club President Sharon Puser said in the release. "I know I rely on her, and while we love our new members, seasoned members like Carol help keep everything going without a hitch."

The release added that Quinto is such a resource to the newer craft club members, that it's amazing she still has time to craft.

But, along with sewing and embroidery, Quinto creates fabric decoupage plates — that are safe to eat on — plus festive Ocean Pines ornaments. She, like many members, enjoys crafting of all varieties and dabbles in something new when it suits her.

"My other love is golf. I am member of the LPGA Amateur Eastern Shore Golf Association," Quinto said in the release. "I play in a lady's 9-hole League, and while I've only been playing a few years, I really enjoy it."

Quinto's creations and other gifts can be found at the Pine'er Artisan Gift Shop, which is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, holidays excluded.

The Club's August Craft Fair is set for Aug. 5 at the Ocean Pines Community Center and White Horse Park. Admission and parking are free, and everything sold is 100 percent handmade.

The club is always seeking new crafters and meetings are open to the public.

Artisans who would like to sell their creations at the shop, can contact Debbie Jiwa or Barbara Herzog, shop managers, or email opcraftclub@aol.com for more information.

Since inception, the craft club, which has existed in Ocean Pines for 49 years, has donated nearly \$179,000 back to Ocean Pines.

Newark, Powellville, Willards, Parsonsburg, Pittsville, Girdletree, Stockton, Greenbackville all responded to the blaze. Crews remained on scene for about three hours bringing the fire under control.

Later that night, members of the Pocomoke Volunteer Fire Company were dispatched to a reported structure fire at 1011 Clark Ave. in Pocomoke. The call came in a little after 10:30 p.m.

After arriving, crews observed smoke coming from a two-story single-family home.

The firefighters who respond were also assisted by members of the Stockton, Girdletree and New Church departments. The release said crews remained on scene for about two hours bringing the fire under control.

Two tenants were taken for medical treatment and members of the American Red Cross responded to assist them.

Deputies from the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office responded to both incidents and conducted fire scene examinations. The exact cause of both fires remains under investigation, but deputies believe severe weather was a contributing factor in both.

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Cuisine

Beef tartare unsung hero of olden days

One of the unsung heroes of days of yore is beef tartare, that dish that so many people avoid like the plague due to the need to ingest raw beef.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

A classic dish originating in either The Levant, Turkey or Mongolia (choose the path you wish to believe), it has been around for hundreds of years.

In fact, it is safe to say that it has been around for many hundreds of years.

If you go to steakhouses, as I have all around this great nation of ours, you know that you are about as likely to find steak tartare on the menu as you are to find the ubiquitous carpaccio in a good Italian restaurant. They just seem to always be there.

Before I go any further, I would be remiss of my duties if I didn't share the absolute best carpaccio I have ever had the pleasure of enjoying — at Todd English's Olives in the Virgin Hotel in Las Vegas. Now back to the story.

I grew up in a household where we enjoyed raw things. This is back in the day when there was not as much concern on the safety of beef, and if my dad was making burgers, he would make us little patties of raw beef, smack them with a little bit of salt and pepper, hand them to us and tell us to get out of the kitchen. It became a standard procedure for us. In today's pathogenic clime, I would be hesitant to do this unless I knew the origin of the beef.

Smaller producers typically have a better handle on the safety levels of the cattle and I would have no problem eating this product rare or raw. If I grind my own meat from larger pieces, then that as well gets my vote for the uncooked consumption.

As an aside, if you decide down the road that you would like to grind your own meat, and you own a Kitchenaid stand mixer, do yourself a favor and buy a full-metal grinding attachment. Those things are a godsend. The cheap plastic ones made by the manufacturer itself does not get the job done. The metal ones are the commercial grinders that we use in restaurants and you can ice all of the parts down to keep them chilled during the process. And if you are making sausage, you know why it is important to keep everything chilled.



But, I am way off topic on this beef tartare thing. We are not grinding anything for this dish, but rather dicing. The tartare can be made with ground beef, but I personally find it much more satisfying with a little bite to it. And as we are using tenderloin for this recipe, it is of the utmost importance to keep whatever bite there may be in this already tender steak.

Make this dish and play around with the flavors. Served with the bone marrow crustini, there is a richness and succulence that you won't find elsewhere. And that's what makes this an unsung hero of a dish.

Beef Tartare, Bone Marrow Crustini

serves 6
10 oz. Tenderloin
4 Tbsp. Capers
1 Tbsp. Stone ground mustard
1 tsp. Soy Sauce
1 tsp. Worcestershire
1/2 bunch Broadleaf Parsley
6 ea. Cornichons
Salt & Pepper, to taste
2 ea. salt-cured egg yolks (recipe follows)
Bone Marrow Crustini (recipe follows)
1. Dice beef into half-inch cubes.
2. Take half of the capers and 1

cornichon and finely dice.

3. Chop parsley finely and reserve some for the marrow butter.

4. Combine beef, chopped capers & cornichons, mustard, soy, Worcestershire and some of the parsley.

5. Combine well and season.

6. When you are happy with the results, press the tartare onto a platter in a ring mold.

7. Top with some grated cured egg yolks (or raw yolks if you prefer not to spend a week or two properly curing the yolks) and surround with remaining cornichons, marrow toast, parsley, whole cornichons and whole capers.

Salt-Cured Egg Yolks

makes 6 yolks
6 egg yolks
Kosher salt, as needed

1. Carefully place the yolks in a non-reactive container in which you have put about three-quarters of an inch of kosher salt. Make sure that there is plenty of space around each yolk.

2. Gingerly top and surround the yolks with more salt, ensuring that you do not pop any.

3. Let sit in the refrigerator for 1 week.

4. They will be firm enough to han-

dle, but still be careful with them. Remove from the salt and dust the salt off.

5. Place in a 170F oven for about 3 hours to quick dry, or look up some other techniques on air drying them.

6. If you don't want to mess with all of this, simply serve raw egg yolks, or hard boil some eggs and use those yolks instead.

Bone Marrow Crustini

serves 6
1 baguette, sliced into crustini
8 oz. Softened butter
3 cloves garlic, smashed and finely chopped
Salt & pepper, to taste
3 Marrow bones, roasted
4 Tbsp. Finely chopped parsley
Juice of 1 lemon

1. Combine all of the ingredients after scraping the roasted marrow from the bones.

2. Taste and adjust seasoning. I like this to have a pronounced garlic flavor with that roasted marrow touch.

3. Spread your marrow butter on the crustini and bake until golden.

4. Set aside until ready to serve.

Paul Suplee is the owner of Boxcar40 in Pittsville and senior lecturer of culinary arts at UMES

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., Aug. 3

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

AFFORDABLE HEALTH SCREENINGS
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Packages starting at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a personal package for you. Pre-registration required: 877-237-1287, www.lifelinescreening.com.

PEACH FESTIVAL 2023
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Flea market, vendor tables and silent auction. Free face painting and games and prizes for kids. Holiday room and music. Health fair. Burger, hot dogs and bake table. Peaches, ice cream and smoothies. 410-524-7474

STORY TIME AT THE PARK
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 10:30 a.m. Held in the picnic pavilion by the playground. Bring a blanket to sit in the grass or sit at one of the tables. If inclement weather, held in the Ocean City library. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818

MERRY MAKERS: DIY LETTER EMBELLISHING
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. All materials provided. Registration required: 410-208-4014. Let Jane know which letter you want to decorate. Limited 10.

AN ELECTROMAGNETIC ADVENTURE
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join the Science Guys of Baltimore. Test your strength with the electromagnetic tug of war, launch rings into the air with the electromagnetic pulse generator and much more. For ages 8 years and older. 410-632-3495

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

AN ELECTROMAGNETIC ADVENTURE
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Join the Science Guys of Baltimore. Test your strength with the electromagnetic tug of war, launch rings into the air with the electromagnetic pulse generator and

much more. For ages 8 years and older. 410-957-0878

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

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS
Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Free concert featuring Tranzfusion (classic rock). 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., Aug. 4

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR 16TH ANNUAL FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT AND AUCTION
Held Aug. 5 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford Landing Road, Ocean Pines, with weigh ins from noon to 4:30 p.m. Registration cost is \$55 per angler or \$50 each for 2 or more. Calcuttas are \$20. Register before noon, Aug. 4. <https://business.oceanpineschamber.org>, 410-641-5306

PEACH FESTIVAL 2023 - FLEA MARKET ONLY
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Flea market only. <https://www.stpetersoc.com/news—events.html>, 410-524-7474

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

LOCAL AUTHOR/ARTIST AT BOOK-SIGNING AND ART EXHIBIT
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Joanne K. Guilfoil will be signing her latest book, “Chickens on Delmarva: 100 Years of Backyard Flocks, Farms and Friends,” and displaying her White Marlin Open paintings. ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org

FIRST FRIDAY BLOCK PARTY & OPENING RECEPTION
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Celebrate the Art League’s 60th

birthday. Birthday cake, new art exhibits, live music, free hors d’oeuvres, artisans, book signings, raffle, community mural and more. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

Sat., Aug. 5

OCEAN CITY TACO FESTIVAL
Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-8 p.m. Featuring the area’s best restaurants and food trucks serving up their taco creations (\$4 tacos), live entertainment, margarita bars, kids fun zone and more. Cash only. OceanCityTacoFest.com

TINKER TIME: NATURE JOURNALS
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in anytime. Assemble your own nature journal. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

OC CHAMBER JOLLY ROGER DAY
Jolly Roger Amusement Park, 2901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tickets cost \$32 and include Splash Mountain Water Park (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), Amusement Park day rides (2-6 p.m.) and a round of miniature golf. Rain or shine. <https://chamber.oceancity.org/events>

OUTDOOR CRAFTY SATURDAY: CHALK ART
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join in outside and decorate the sidewalk with chalk. Be prepared for a mess. For ages 4 years and older. In case of inclement weather, a different activity will be held indoors. 410-208-4014

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop ins welcome. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories and cool props from Assateague island National Seashore. A different adventure each week. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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: HOEDOWN WITH DJ KAY
Furnace Town Historic Site (Nassawango Iron Furnace), 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 5-8 p.m. Tickets Free-\$10. Furnace Town is elated to welcome the incomparable DJ Kay for a post-Blessing party in the forest! It’s the Hoedown @ Furnace Town! Come on out between 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., Aug. 6

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Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-8 p.m. Featuring the area’s best restaurants and food trucks serving up their taco creations (\$4 tacos), live entertainment, margarita bars, kids fun zone and more. Cash only. OceanCityTacoFest.com

SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by Mike Hines and the Look “High Energy Dance Music,” 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., Aug. 7

MARLIN FEST
On the beach at the OC Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Beach party featuring a live stream of the White Marlin Open weigh-ins, live music, food and drinks, vendors, a variety of beach activities and WMO and Marlin Fest merchandise. marlinfest.com, 410-289-9229

WHITE MARLIN OPEN
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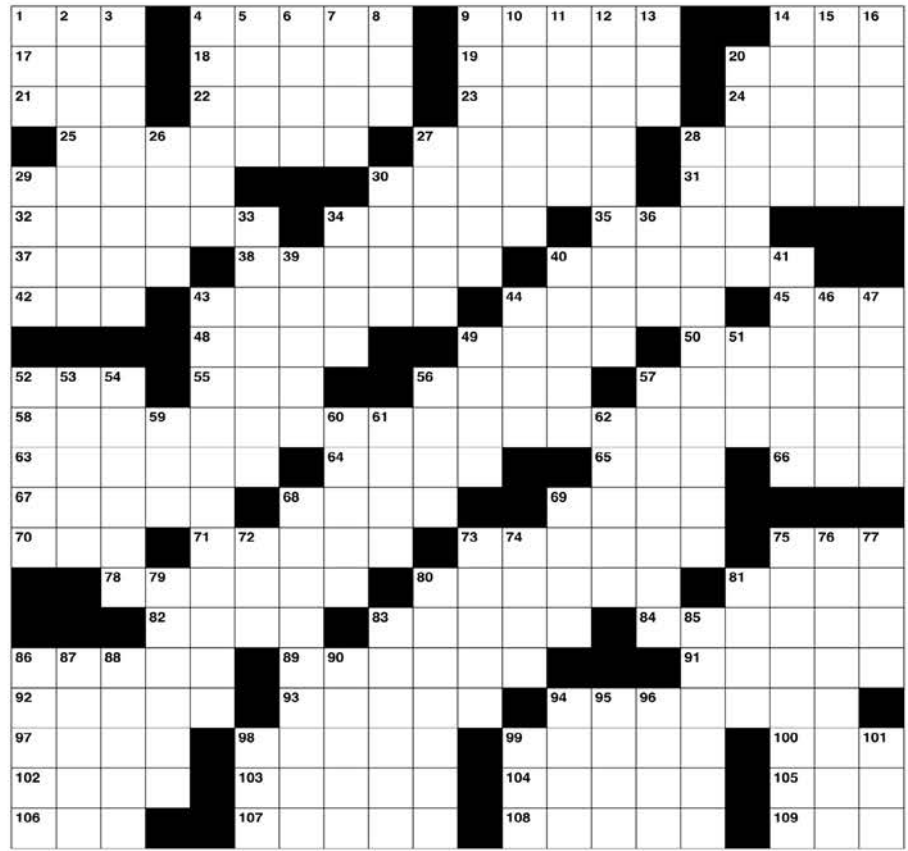
AURAL SURGERY

BY CHANDI DEITMER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Chandi Deitmer, of Cambridge, Mass., is an editor for Elevate Labs, a brain-training app. Her crosswords have appeared in The Los Angeles Times, USA Today, The New Yorker, The Atlantic and numerous "indie" outlets. This is her fourth puzzle for The New York Times — all Sundays. Her starting point for it was 58-Across. Chandi says, "I love the space a Sunday puzzle affords to be playful!" — W.S.

- ACROSS**
1 Org. for Sandra Bullock in "Miss Congeniality"
4 Shawarma wraps
9 Tear things
14 Sorry
17 Dress (up), quaintly
18 Dress up
19 ____ nous
20 Bring up to ____
21 Nocturnal bird known for its distinct calls, informally
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23 How things might go on the internet
24 Fit
25 ____ Moshfegh, author of the 2015 Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award-winning novel "Eileen"
27 Collections of bets
28 Response to a repeat introduction
29 Respond to
30 Some outdoor seats
31 -
32 14,000-foot volcano in California
34 Hallmarks of Scottish accents
35 Long walk
37 Secret lairs
38 -
40 Grammy winner Hill
42 Green beginning
43 Lifted, as spirits
44 Swelling
45 Sch. with the mascot Sparky the Sun Devil
48 Zakat, in Islam
49 Equivalent of one gallon
50 -
52 Some roofing material
55 Part of a day care schedule
56 From India or Pakistan
57 Wee, in one spelling
58 Hit Mach I ... or a hint to answering eight pairs of consecutive entries in this puzzle
63 Run for it!
64 Beneficent
65 Denomination of Boston's historic Charles Street Church: Abbr.
66 Real so-and-so
67 "Anything you want!"
68 -
69 Nibble (on)
70 Substance banned for agricultural use in 1972, for short
71 Style that flares out from the waist
73 One crying "Help!"?
75 Big money exec
78 Growing season
80 Former magazine that featured male nudes
- DOWN**
1 "Victory!" in internet shorthand
2 Clothing style with hippie influences
3 "Look at the time!"
4 Easily recognizable
5 Responses prompted by an officiant
6 Tugboat jobs
7 Side by side, maybe?
8 Show shot in Studio 8H, for short
9 Gobbles up
10 Marriages
11 Copy command on a keyboard
12 Offensive line in football, say?
13 Fleur de ____ (seasoning)
14 "Same here"
15 Irene ____ ("the Woman," to Sherlock Holmes)
16 411
20 Fresh
26 Nonsense, to Brits
27 Medicare section that covers prescription drugs
28 Comment when trying to get a discussion back on track
29 U.S. Davis Cup player for 10 years
30 Slippery stuff
33 Heap praise on
34 Believes, so to speak
36 Something to pray on
39 Pep
40 Like many true-crime dramas
41 Aslan's world
43 Overdraft fees, e.g.
44 Cap'n's subordinate
46 Fenced-in patches of mud
47 ____ guide
49 Reality show fodder
51 ____ Lingus

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- ACROSS**
52 Long-term security option, in brief
53 Responded to "Speak!"
54 Modernizes the equipment of
56 "____ forget ..."
57 Steamed food items eaten with the hands
59 Recipient of a 2008 govt. bailout
60 Scraping (by)
61 Browser destination
62 Language group of sub-Saharan Africa
68 "That's ... so ... crazy!"
69 Agog
72 Many do this on the beach
73 What an errant red sock may do in a load of whites
74 All ____
75 Humorously exaggerated
76 Exemption from consequences
77 Shoppe descriptor
79 Took a breather
80 Things revealing basic truths?
81 Like Zambia relative to Angola
83 Feed, as a pup might
85 Fades (out)
86 Holy text divided into suras
87 Savory quality
88 Suffer an embarrassing loss
90 Sped
94 Something that closes quickly
95 Capital of Togo
96 Parroted
98 Sidewalk snogging, e.g., for short
99 "Dexter" channel, familiarly
101 ____ Penn, actor who held a post in the Obama White House

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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STORY TIME: TURTLES

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Summer story time with songs, stories and plenty of fun as we learn about turtles. 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

DIABETES EDUCATION

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 4-6 p.m. Discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Alyce Marzola, amarzola@atlanticgeneral.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

QUARTER AUCTION

Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food available for purchase. Tickets cost \$10 and include a paddle. Additional paddles are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Must be 18 years or older to enter. Tickets: Jackie, 443-735-4275.

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

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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., Aug. 8

MARLIN FEST

On the beach at the OC Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Beach party featuring a live stream of the White Marlin Open weigh-ins, live music, food and drinks, vendors, a variety of beach activities and WMO and Marlin Fest merchandise. marlinfest.com, 410-289-9229

WHITE MARLIN OPEN

Harbour Island Marina, 14th Street, bayside, Ocean City, 4-9 p.m. Watch the weigh-ins of the “World’s Largest & Richest Billfish Tournament” in person from Harbour Island Marina. whitemarlinopen.com

PLAY TIME

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

OUR LOCAL CONNECTION

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, 10:30 a.m. Join the Maryland Coastal Bays Program to explore how the animals, plants and people are all connected through a hands-on activity. Get up close and personal with an EnviroScape. Ages 8+. 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

DIY BEADED BRACELETS & ANKLETS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Create your own beaded bracelet or anklet. All supplies provided. For teens and adults. 410-957-0878

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Songs, rhymes and stories. Stay after to socialize with other families. For ages 2 years and younger. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. Discussions and mutual support and education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Reserve: Kay Kin-

nikin, 410-641-4765, kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org.

ZUMBA

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Registration required: 410-524-1818. www.worcesterlibrary.org

SONGWRITERS WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6 p.m. Bring a song you are working on to this open collaborative. All genres welcome. Present works in progress or talk through composition issues with other songwriters. 410-641-0650

ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Marine Surveyor, Capt. Tom Ottenwaelder will be the guest speaker. Dinner and refreshments available. The public is invited.

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.

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BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

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TREASURE BOX

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Make a beautiful treasure box. For teens and adults. Sign up: 410-957-0878.

FAMILY GAME DAY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 p.m. Bring a game from home or play one of the library’s games. For all ages. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS NIGHT

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 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. Register: 410-632-3495.

OCEAN CITY LIONS CLUB MEETING

Ocean City Lions Club, 12534 Airport Road, Berlin. Held the second Wednesday of each month. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Dinner and meeting at 7 p.m. Guests welcome.

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

COMMUNITY BOOK SWAP

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., during the month of August. Bring a gently read book to share and take another. 410-957-0878

CREATIVE KIDS CORNER

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