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The Ocean Pines Yacht Club was packed Saturday night for the Great Train Robbery. The band kept the crowd dancing all night long.

Mold found, meetings delayed

Problem not extensive, but remediation causes several sessions to be canceled

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2023) Berlin's Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission and Town Council meetings were canceled over the past two weeks because of water damage and mold discovered within the northern-facing wall of the Town Hall Council Chambers.

The damage was limited to the one
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Berlin council chambers are out of commission while workers address mold and water damage.

OPA elections go smoothly with week left

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2023) The election for three seats on the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors seems to be running smoothly over the past week after a rocky start.

Election Trust, the Washington State company that was hired to run the elections, did not mail ballots within the agreed upon timeframe, causing the board to move the dates

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A "No Trespassing" sign set up at the Ocean Pines Association Gold Club indicates only authorized individuals are allowed on the property.

Reminder issued on course access rules at OP Golf Club

(Aug. 17, 2023) Ocean Pines Golf Club officials are reminding community members about course access rules and the importance of respecting the property.

According to a news release, golf club staff are focused on ensuring the safety of registered golfers, preserving the course's integrity, and minimizing potential damage or liability issues.

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

To prevent such incidents and ensure the well-being of all participants, the Ocean Pines Golf Club officials are reinforcing the following guidelines:

• Restricted access: The golf course is exclusively for registered golfers. No walking, biking, dog walking or

any other activities are permitted on the course. No fishing is permitted anywhere on the golf course property.

• Safety and liability: Unauthorized access to the course can result in potential hazards and liability issues. It is important that community members and their children understand and respect the regulations to ensure the well-being of everyone involved.

• Property respect: The Ocean Pines Golf Club requests that all visitors to the course remain mindful and respectful of the course and its property. Engaging in activities that may cause damage or disrupt play is strictly prohibited.

Golf Director Bob Beckelman said in the release that there have been incidents involving damage caused by individuals who access the course without authorization. He said the actions not only compromise the course's quality, but also hinder the enjoyment of golf for registered players.

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Ocean Pines Police Officer John Pianka models one of the department's new body cameras on his uniform.

OP Police adopt policy and implement new body cams

(Aug. 17, 2023) Ocean Pines Police recently adopted a policy for body cameras, which were expected to go into use last week.

According to a news release, Ocean Pines leased body cameras for the department an annual cost of \$30,000, but before they could use them, police had to adopt a policy.

Police Chief Tim Robinson said he reviewed and approved a "body worn camera" policy and was able to get the equipment out to the officers on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

"These body cameras are an incredible tool," Robinson said in the release. "First and foremost, they act almost as an independent witness to what happened. In my professional experience, they have been invaluable to ascertaining an accurate accounting of what transpired on any scene involving a police officer."

General Manager John Viola said in the release that the body cameras will benefit both police and the public.

"Safety is always a top priority, and we believe the use of these cameras will help foster mutual trust and accountability between our dedicated police force and our valued Ocean Pines homeowners and residents," Viola said.

Public asked to respect all regs

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

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

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Bavarian hops scramble set for Aug. 25 at OP golf course

(Aug. 17, 2023) The Ocean Pines Golf Club will once again host the Ernie Styles' Bavarian Hops Scramble, set for 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 25.

Originally conceived by the late Ernie Styles, the Bavarian Hops Scramble was designed as a fun, nine-hole experience where participants could engage in a friendly round of golf, accompanied by four refreshing hops beverages.

Laughter, camaraderie, and enjoyment were at the forefront of the event, with participants raising their glasses to toast cherished memories and contribute to local causes.

Notable beneficiaries have included the Worcester County Humane Society and Diakonia, and the event has raised more than \$30,000 for local charities since inception.

This year, Patty Curtin and Don McMullen have taken over as event organizers.

The 2023 Ernie Styles' Bavarian Hops Scramble promises an array of exciting features:

- A nine-hole, two-person scramble, allowing participants to register as a team or as individuals.

- The opportunity to secure a "clear" low net on each hole, earning a skin and a share of the prize (pro shop credits).

- A spirited "closest-to-the-pin" competition on hole number seven, with the winner receiving the coveted "Hops Hat" for an entire year.

- A lively seventh tee box party designed for those not participating in the golf event.

- An inviting dinner is available at the clubhouse bar and grille, extending camaraderie among Ocean Pines Golf friends.

- All proceeds are directed to Diakonia and the Worcester County Humane Society.

Entry is \$25 per person, and cart and greens fees are the responsibility of each participant. The registration deadline is Monday, Aug. 21.

To register, fill out and return the entry form available online at ocean-pines.org/documents/10184/91707/Bavarian+Hops+2023+notice+sign+up.pdf?t=1691695313120.

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Signs are posted around the community to remind residents to vote in the August elections for the OPA Board of Directors.
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Ballot totals could exceed count in last year's election

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 back two weeks for gathering and counting the ballots and hosting the annual board meeting.

As of Monday evening, 2,663 ballots had been counted, according to Tom Piatti, the chair of the Elections Committee.

Piatti and committee member George Alston pick up ballots from the drop box every Monday at noon and deliver them to the FedEx near the Salisbury Airport for next day delivery.

"Last year, 2,906 ballots were counted. With a week to go, we are hoping to exceed last year's voter participation," Piatti said.

The ballot drop box at the Ocean Pines Police Station will be available

until 4 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the police station. These ballots will be shipped via overnight delivery to the elections contractor.

Residents are encouraged to use the ballot drop box.

Piatti said it takes five days for ballots to reach Washington State through the mail. Homeowners who live out of the area are encouraged to mail their ballots as soon as possible to ensure they are counted.

Ballots will be counted on Aug. 24.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Aug. 26, 9 a.m. at the Club House Meeting Room. All residents will need a valid photo ID to get into the meeting. Either a driver's license or membership ID with photo are acceptable forms of identification.

Decal removed, mold discovered

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 wall behind the dais and was not that bad, according to Kelsey Jensen, the human resources director for the Town of Berlin.

The mold and water damage were found when a decal on the wall was being removed, Jensen said.

"The building is old, so staff do try to take extra care in keeping an eye on any potential issues, but there was no indication of water damage, so it would not have been noticed normally," Jensen said.

"They believe it was due to damages present in the exterior brickwork and water had been seeping in over time. That brickwork will be repaired."

She said there have been no reports of anyone having any ill effects from the mold to date. Remediation is on track to wrap up on Aug. 16.

The Berlin Town Council meeting has been rescheduled to August 21 and the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission meetings are rescheduled for Aug. 23.

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Berlin working with Verizon on cell and internet issues

(Aug. 17, 2023) In response to feedback from the public, Berlin officials are evaluating cell phone and mobile internet service within the town.

Mayor Zack Tyndall said in an emailed statement Tuesday that he is coordinating with representatives from Verizon to have their engineers evaluate the situation.

"In order to better assist their team while they're on-site, Verizon has asked the town to gather some information regarding locations where

calls have been dropped or internet service is not functioning properly," Tyndall said in the statement. "The Town of Berlin will be sharing this information with Verizon but will not be storing or saving this information for any other purpose."

Residents were asked to fill out a survey at: [//tiny.cc/verizonsurvey](http://tiny.cc/verizonsurvey)

Anyone having trouble with the online survey or needing assistance was asked to contact the mayor's office by phone at 410-641-3858 or by email at MayorZack@berlinmd.gov.

Last call for Worcester Co. volunteer award nominees

(Aug. 17, 2023) Local organizations and individuals have until 4:30 p.m., Aug. 25, to nominate residents, organizations and businesses for the 2023 Volunteer Spirit of Worcester County awards.

Volunteer Spirit nominations will be accepted for eight categories: individual, group/team, emerging leader, faith-based, nonprofit volunteer program, local business, veteran, and

lifetime achievement. One winner to be chosen from each.

Nomination forms are available at all five branch libraries and online at worcestervolunteer.org under the News tab. Completed forms may be returned to the library or submitted to kbrinkley@co.worcester.md.us.

Volunteer award winners will be recognized at the Sept. 19 Worcester County Commissioners meeting.



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Inside Out Car Care detailing opens in WOC

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2023) The sea air can be hard on a vehicle around here, so proactive maintenance is important to keep it in top shape.

Joe Farro, who has a car detailing business, Inside Out Car Care in Salisbury, is well aware of that, and so has just opened a second site in West Ocean City, at 12472 Sea Oaks Lane, unit 8, just off Stephen Decatur Highway.

Farro said the paint used on cars has changed. When the EPA took lead out of paint, it made the paint softer.

“Nowadays, you have to protect your paint, because it just doesn’t last the way it used to,” Farro said.

Farro’s staff is certified in paint correction and ceramic coating. He said his team stays up to date on the newest products available to help vehicle paint last longer.

He recommends vehicle owners who want to keep their car body looking nice to consider getting a ceramic coat on their cars.

Farro admitted that he was hesitant to get into ceramic coating at first, as he was worried it might be the next snake oil business, but he has been doing it for six years now and it works.

“Ceramic coatings are made to be a sacrificial layer over the painted surface of your vehicle. The coating is designed



PHOTOS COURTESY JOE FARRO

A newly detailed car sits in the parking lot of Inside Out Car Care in West Ocean City. (Right) Joe Farro, the proprietor of Inside Out Car Care, recently opened the West Ocean City shop.

to take the brunt of whatever is impacting it, preserving the paint underneath, but it’s not bulletproof,” Farro said.

“The ceramic coating will make it easier to clean and the slick surface will keep it clean for longer. Bugs and dirt don’t hold to the surface as easily, so it will make your paintwork a lot shinier.”

Farro said the ceramic coating is a two-day process.

“This gives me the time to do any correction of the paint. Some cars are dull or you see spider webs in the paint, we have to take those out first.”

He said the prep and correction process he and his team do before adhering the ceramic coating is the most important step.

Farro cautions people who have paint protection plans from the dealership. He said the warranty can only be used once, so he said if you have a five year warranty, don’t address the issues with the paint right away, wait until closer to the end of the warranty, so the dealer has to address all of the issues.

Farro offers different types of ceramic coating at Inside Out Car Care, with one- three- and five-year warranties.

If there are any issues with the paint during this time, Farro said to bring it back and he will take care of it.

“I stand behind it,” Farro said.

He also encourages his customers to come in for a free annual inspection of the ceramic coating. If there are any issues, he will do a rejuvenation of the ceramic coating at no charge.

This can be done during an annual detailing of the interior of the car, another maintenance need for many people, especially those who hit the



beaches regularly.

Farro also does headlight restoration.

He said headlights used to be made out of glass, but now they are made of plastic, which becomes cloudy over time.

“With daylight running lights, the heat from the lights is on the plastic 24/7, which accelerates the oxygenation process of the plastic.

“There is no way to prevent it, it is going to happen.”

Farro uses a five-step wet sanding process to take off the top cloudy layer of the plastic. Then it is polished back to clear.

Inside Out Car Care is insurance industry-approved for water and mold restoration. Its Salisbury shop just won the best award from “Coastal Style” for Wicomico. He expects to do the same at his Ocean City shop next year. <https://waxthatcar.com/>

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Pickleball is a thriving sport in Ocean Pines. The OPA Racquet Center will host its third annual Oktoberfest Pickleball Tournament Sept. 29 to Oct. 1.

OPA Pickleball tournament to draw hundreds of players

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Aug.17, 2023) Pickleball players are practicing for the third annual Oktoberfest Pickleball Tournament Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 in Ocean Pines, with registration open until Sept.15 at app.pickleballden.com/external-tournament/3025225.

It is the only pickleball tournament with cash prizes held on the Delmarva Peninsula and draws several hundred players and spectators each year, in part because players do not have to live in Ocean Pines to enter.

“Our Pickleball Club started an in-house tournament last year, and I think that has caused some confusion. We love all the new players that visit us in peak season, and we hope they will come back and play in our Oktoberfest,” Cathy Noble, the organizer of this year’s event, said.

“A skill level of 3.0 is typically the beginning level for players who want to compete. This is where you have a good knowledge of the rules and are ready to enjoy the competition of meeting and playing against new pickleball enthusiasts,” she said.

“Once we close registration, I will break out the ages for the best competitive play.”

Noble added that the general practice is to combine the under-50 age groups, and then she works up in 10-year increments.

“If I have a situation where there is a 70-year-old in a bracket with the closest age of 50, I will reach out to that team and give them the option to play down a skill level,” she said.

Youth players are also welcome to compete she said.

“We would love to have a bracket for kids! All it would take is for a minimum of three teams to create a bracket. Unfortunately, teams hesitate to register until they see other teams of similar age/skill in the

player list.”

There is an increase in younger Pickleball players, with grandparents taking their grandkids out to play and the publicity radiating from the Pickleball phenomenon, said Anna Leigh Waters, who has made the sport her career at age 16.

Noble said if she cannot give a See TOURNEY Page 11

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Md. Coastal Bays Program looking for nurdle hunters

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2023) What the heck is a nurdle?

A nurdle is a small plastic pellet that is the raw material used to create virtually all plastic products.

The pellets are made and shipped all over the world to manufacturers to make anything from water bottles to sunglasses to medical equipment to car parts.

Nurdles are small — about 5 mm or the size of a BB — and because of that, some can spill into the environment from trucks, trains and ships and other freight carriers. From there, they wash up on our beaches by the millions.

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) has joined the NurdlePatrol.org campaign to track and remove nurdles from this coastline.

“We are in our first phase of determining if there is a nurdle issue locally,” Liz Wist, the education coordinator for Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP), said.

The Nurdle Patrol started in Texas in 2018 after a large number of plastic pellets washed up on Mustang and North Padre Islands. The project has expanded across the nation since.

“By becoming part of the Nurdle Patrol community science program, you are helping add to the bigger picture about where nurdles have ended up, all while bringing awareness about the impacts of plastic pollution,” Wist said.

Volunteers can do this on their own after watching an online training. After conducting a survey, they

can submit their findings into the NurdlePatrol.org database to be part of the national survey.

The best thing about this, besides helping the environment, is anyone can do it anytime and each survey only takes 10 minutes.

The basic process is this. Go to the newest high tide line at the beach, bay or other water body and look for small plastic pellets.

They are small, so bending over or getting on your knees is the best way to look. Once you find one, start your timer for 10 minutes.

Then go to the next high tide line and look for pellets. After 10 minutes, stop the clock and submit the findings to NurdlePatrol.org. Even if no nurdles are found, that is a data point that can be submitted.

Data includes information on location, amount collected, length of collection time, and number of volunteers involved.

Data from all over the country is being reported through this website.

Nurdles need to be disposed of properly after collection. Simply put, this means throwing them out in a lined trash can.

Anyone of any age can participate in a nurdle survey.

MCBP provides all the materials needed to conduct nurdle surveys.

The materials include tweezers, a glass vial, instructions and a carrying bag, which can be picked up at the MCBP office during office hours at 8219 Stephen Decatur Hwy in Berlin.

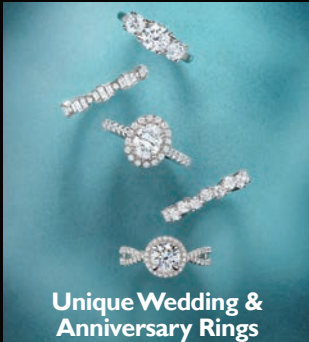
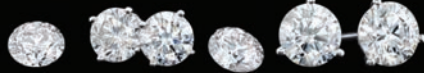
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OPA resident takes issue with bill for tree removal

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Aug. 17, 2023) Ocean Pines resident Katie Conforti received a letter dated May 10 from the Ocean Pines Association with a \$2,900 bill for a tree removed from her property.

A month later, her association voting rights and access to amenities were suspended until she paid the bill, which she believed was not just excessive but extreme.

This month, all is relatively well. Conforti paid \$900 for the tree removal and was in the process of having her membership privileges restored.

Although the disparity between the original and final bill has not been clarified, the episode began on March 30, according to the May 10 letter.

“On March 30, 2023, a contractor was dispatched to the property noted above to remove a dangerous tree which was a violation of the Declaration of Restrictions,” the letter said. “You were given prior notice of this and ample time to correct it. Your failure to act as requested results in this office taking the necessary action to bring your property into compliance.”

This was not the first time OPA tried to contact Conforti about the tree issue. The OPA provided this paper with copies of letters to her dated Aug. 1, 2022 and March 1, 2023.

The price dispute had roots well before that, Conforti said, recalling that it was in April 2022 when, wanting to deal with the tree on her own, asked for an estimate from a service removing trees in a neighbor’s yard.

This week, Scot Elliot of Atlantic Stone said he estimated at that time that it would cost about \$700 to remove the tree. For whatever reason, however, Conforti chose not to act. A little more than a year later, the OPA decided it needed to step in.

Conforti is one of many residents with a CPI violation. As of June 30, there were 221 CPI violations, three for dangerous trees.

CPI stands for Compliance, Permit and Inspections. According to the OPA website, the objective of the CPI Department is “to preserve the natural beauty and setting of Ocean Pines and to prevent indiscriminate clearing of property, removal of trees, and earth moving.” It also manages the location and configuration of structures and architectural design.

According to an email, dated July 13, 2023, sent to Conforti from Ocean Pines, “Per item 2 of Resolution M-04, it gives the Association the right to enter upon lots to maintain them. As this was a safety issue, the letters you received were a courtesy, and the tree could have been removed without prior notice to you.”

See PERMIT Page 13



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A disputed tree in Katie Conforti’s back yard was leaning and considered dangerous. Conforti said she received a quote for \$700 to remove the tree. A year later, the tree was still standing and OPA removed it for her, charging her \$2,900. The two parties settled for \$900.

Tourney slated Sept. 29-Oct. 1

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team good competitive matches, she will refund their registration fee.

Having a playing partner is not required.

“On the registration page, there is a report that will list all the players needing a partner. If you see a player you want to reach out to, just click on their name and you’ll see an option to message them. I have met many new

friends when needing a partner,” Noble said.

Tournament sponsors are Home Instead and Columbia Roofing, although organizers continue to seek more.

There are three sponsorship levels, \$250, \$500 and \$1000, each with different promotional benefits. To become a sponsor, contact Debbie Donahue at ddonahue@oceanpines.org or call 443-783-8623.

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Mailloux case scheduled Aug. 18

(Aug. 17, 2023) Tyler Mailloux, the 23-year-old Berlin resident who has been charged as the driver in the hit-and-run accident that killed 14-year-old Gavin Knupp of Ocean Pines, has a motions hearing in Worcester County Circuit Court tomorrow (Friday).

Since May 17, when the court scheduled the hearings and trial, the prosecution and defense have filed a slew of motions concerning discovery, expert witnesses, requests for the dismissal of the charges and a change of venue.

The motion hearing was initially scheduled for Aug. 16 with Judge Brian D. Shockley, but it was resched-

uled to two days later and taken over by Judge Brett W. Wilson. The Dorchester County judge also will preside over the trial, which is scheduled for Sept. 11-14 at Worcester County Circuit Court in Snow Hill.

Worcester County State's Attorney Kristin Heiser filed 17 charges against Mailloux in circuit court on April 28, about 10 months after the July 11, 2022, fatal accident on Grays Corner Road.

Four of the 17 charges are felonies, and two of those carry a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. All the charges are related to Mailloux's alleged failures to stop at the scene or report it later.

Mailloux's initial appearance in court, and arraignment, had been scheduled on May 1, but was canceled since charges had already been filed, Heiser said.

One of the more notable motions to be considered will be the defense's request for a change of venue.

In filing the motion on June 16, Mailloux's attorneys argued that the widespread publicity generated by the case has created prejudice against Mailloux across Worcester County.

The prosecution's filings also disclosed it anticipates calling eight expert witnesses, while the defense has listed four.

OP residents should update emails

(Aug. 17, 2023) Ocean Pines homeowners are encouraged to update email addresses associated with their homeowner accounts for official correspondence and billing purposes.

Homeowners can change their addresses by emailing the Ocean Pines membership office at member@oceanpines.org.emails. Emails should include first and last names, lot numbers and preferred email addresses.

Homeowners can also change their email addresses by logging into their accounts at oceanpines.org and clicking on "My Profile."

Email addresses on file with Ocean Pines are primarily used for billing purposes, as well as for official correspondence.

Emails associated with homeowner accounts are different than those associated with weekly e-blasts distributed by the Ocean Pines Public Relations Department. To sign up for the weekly e-blast, visit constantcontactpages.com/su/WyIaXID/thisweekinthepines.

Vendor spaces still available for Wor. Co. Fair next month

(Aug. 17, 2023) Vendor spaces are available and other fundraising events are set for the Worcester County Fair on Sept. 15-17.

To become a vendor, email worcofair@gmail.com.

A BINGO event with prizes to benefit the fair is set from 6-8 p.m., Aug. 25, at the Ocean Pines Community Center for \$2 a card and eight games.

The fair office is also accepting donations of gently used books for the event book sale and selling raffle tickets for a 36-inch Blackstone Grill.

The drawing will be Sept 17. Many volunteer service hour opportunities are available as well.

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Ocean Pines activity guide now available for fall/winter

(Aug. 17, 2023) The latest issue of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, the association's twice-annual listing of amenity programs and classes, is now available online.

Physical copies should be mailed to homeowners within the next few weeks.

The issue showcases fall 2023 and winter 2023/2024 programs, classes

and other events of Ocean Pines' Recreation and Parks, Aquatics, and Racquet Sports amenities. There is also information on offerings from the golf club, farmers and artisans market, and Ocean Pines food and beverage operations.

To view the activity guide, visit oceanpines.org/web/pages/activity-guide.

Permit violation led to loss of amenity use, voting privileges

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Conforti attended the July board meeting and spoke about her situation during public comment. At that time, General Manager John Viola said he would meet with her on the topic. On Aug. 14, the meeting occurred. Conforti said she agreed to

pay \$900 for the tree removal.

OPA has lifted the sanctions they placed on Conforti, so she now has access to the amenities. She said Viola encouraged her to contact the Election Committee to see if they could provide her with a ballot to vote during this election cycle.

Tree Violation Process:

1. Inspector reviews dangerous tree, takes pictures, and initiates violation for the tree. Letter is sent both certified and regular mail to the homeowner.

Letter specifically states the re-inspection date, and the notation that if not corrected by the re-inspection date that a contractor will be hired to remedy the situation and the cost of the service plus and OPA \$100 administrative fee will be billed to the homeowner.

2. Occasionally, a homeowner will contact CPI asking for an extension to the violation to give them ample time to remove the tree. CPI will grant the extension.

3. If the homeowner does not

respond regarding the violation notice, a follow-up inspection is completed to review if the tree has been removed by the homeowner or if the tree needs to be removed by the OPA contractor. If an OPA contractor is selected, the contractor is contacted to provide a quote to remove the tree.

4. The tree is removed by the OPA contractor and a bill letter is sent to homeowner stating that they have 30 days to pay the bill, or the charge will be added to their assessment.

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Lottery period open to hunt in Worcester, Wicomico Co.

(Aug. 17, 2023) Hunt clubs interested in obtaining a hunting lease agreement on Chesapeake Forest Lands can enter a lottery for available tracts in Worcester and Wicomico counties.

Officials with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will accept online entries until Aug. 23.

Winning clubs will have the right to obtain 10-year lease agreements, at the price listed on the department website, for the upcoming hunting seasons, 2023-2024 through 2032-2033.

The department advises entrants to visit the Chesapeake forest tracts before making a selection, as some sites have limited access. Hunt clubs are expected to help maintain access

roads, gates and signs on the leased property.

Rules and guidelines for the lottery are as follows:

- Only hunt club members at least 18 years of age can participate in the lottery.

- A hunt club must have at least two members licensed to hunt in Maryland with one person

- designated as the club president.

- Each member may fill out a lottery form. Only one submittal per person will be placed in the lottery.

The drawing is set for 2 p.m., Aug. 24. Winning entries will be awarded the first available tract they choose.

The Chesapeake Forest Lands comprise 187 management units totaling more than 76,000 acres in six lower Eastern Shore counties. The state purchased the lands to manage and protect them, and to expand opportunities for public access for outdoor recreation like canoeing, birding, fishing and hunting.

DNR now accepting apps for local gov't, organization grants

(Aug. 17, 2023) Maryland Department of Natural Resources officials recently announced the Grants Gateway application period is open for local governments and organizations for Fiscal Year 2025.

According to a news release, funding is available for projects across the state that restore local waterways, increase communities' resilience to climate change and storm impacts, strengthen local economies, develop the next generation of environmental stewards, and foster sustainable development and use of Maryland waterways with projects that benefit the general boating public.

The department's Grants Gateway provides a streamlined, single point of entry to several state and federal programs, maximizing the resources available to restore the Chesapeake Bay and help coastal communities.

The program, now in its fourth year, enables communities better access to financial resources and a more intuitive reporting and management process.

Grants are funded through the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund, the Waterway Improvement Fund, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program.

More information on the programs can be found on the Department of Natural Resources website.



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The ballroom at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club is shown decorated for a wedding. The club was recently voted Best Wedding Venue in Worcester County by the readers of Coastal Style magazine.

OP Yacht Club voted Best Wedding Venue in Worcester

(Aug. 17, 2023) The Ocean Pines Yacht Club has once again secured the title of Best Wedding Venue in Worcester County in Coastal Style magazine.

It marks the third time in four years that the yacht club has received the recognition from the local magazine's readers. Ocean Pines' venues were also honored for four consecutive years, from 2015 to 2018.

According to a news release, the consistent recognition of excellence

underscores the dedication of Ocean Pines to provide unmatched experiences for couples on their special day.

The yacht club features a spacious ballroom with draped ceilings, a private bar, bridal suite, and a stunning waterfront view of the Ocean City skyline, Katie Krynsky, general manager of the yacht club, said in the release.

For information on weddings at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, visit opyachtclub.com/weddings.

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The Worcester County Health Department and the Worcester County Sheriff's Department work together to prevent the sale, distribution, and consumption of tobacco products by those under age 21. Out of the 145 tobacco retailers in Worcester County, 69 retailers were randomly visited between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, by local law enforcement for the purpose of attempting to buy tobacco products by an underage cadet. The following tobacco retailers had an employee who requested an ID and refused to sell tobacco to a person under the age of 21. Please join the Worcester County Health Department and the Worcester County Sheriff's Department in congratulating these establishments. Please stop in and say "Thank You" to:

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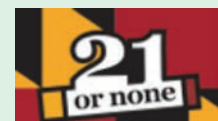
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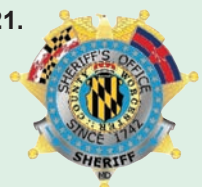


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'History of Postcards' presentation Aug. 17

(Aug. 17, 2023) Local author Robert M. Craig will present a free public talk on the "History of the Postcard," at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Ocean Pines Library.

During the talk, Craig will provide a fascinating review of the changing styles of postcards, illustrated by cards from Germany, Austria and the U.S.

Craig's presentation will trace the birth and evolution of the postcard (changing space allowances for address, message, and image), and illustrate early hand-colored postcard images printed in Germany and distributed by local pharmacies.

His talk will also address the wide range of postcards produced by the

Curt Teich Company, the world's largest printer of postcards during the early and mid-20th century. Other producers of postcards, competitors to Curt Teich, are also featured, including many producing postcards of scenes of old Ocean City.

The talk is in celebration of the publication of Craig's latest book on Ocean City, "Ocean City's Historic Boardwalk, Beach, and Bay: The Fisher Collection."

The new book is a companion volume to "Craig's Historic Lodgings of Ocean City: The Fisher Collection," published in May.

Illustrations are primarily drawn from the postcard collection of Robert

and Kathy Fisher of Snow Hill, to whom both books are dedicated.

The books are part of Arcadia Press's historic postcard book series. The latest publication on Ocean City's Boardwalk, beach and bay, is the author's sixth book on Ocean City, and 16th book to date

Craig is a historian of architecture, art and popular culture.

He taught for four decades at the

architecture school of the College of Design, Georgia Tech. He has published several books on Atlanta architecture, including two books on Georgia Tech, and recently edited a collection of memoirs of 34 Vietnam-era veterans (including his own experiences), called "Red Rivers in a Yellow Field: Memoirs of the Vietnam Era" (also on display at the Aug. 17 event).



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The historic Rackliffe House is shown overlooking the Sinepuxent Bay in Berlin. The trust for the 18th-century coastal plantation house was a recent recipient of a Beach to Bay Heritage Area mini grant.

Beach to Bay Heritage Area awards nine local mini grants

(Aug. 17, 2023) The Beach to Bay Heritage Area has awarded a total of \$25,000 to nine organizations on the lower shore, including some in Worcester County, for a variety of projects ranging from performances and art installations, to interpretive signage.

The recipients, according to a news release, are the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, Delmarva Discovery Museum, Community Players of Salisbury, Rackliffe House Trust in Berlin, Sturgis Museum, Crisfield Heritage Foundation, Pemberton Hall, Whitehaven Heritage Association and Art League of Ocean City.

The Beach to Bay Heritage Area receives funding through the Maryland Heritage Areas Program, which is designed to assist and encourage the preservation of historical, archaeological, natural, and cultural resources. The program also supports economic development through heritage tourism within the 13 certified heritage areas in the state. The funding for the mini grant program is at a record level this year. The next opportunity to apply will be in June of next year. For more information on the Beach to Bay Heritage Area, visit beachesbayswaterways.org.



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An old "Greetings from Ocean City" postcard is shown on the outside of author Robert M. Craig's book about historic Ocean City. Craig will give a presentation about the History of Postcards and his latest book on Aug. 17 at the Ocean Pines Library.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ocean City Lions Club awarded four scholarships this school year. Pictured, from left, are Scholarship Chairman Lion Sean Williams with recipients Marian Hanna, and Katie Pizlo. Not pictured are Ashley Carcamo-Diaz and Sophia Krasner, who also received OC Lions scholarships.



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HAND DANCE DOLLARS

The Delmarva Hand Dancing group recently dissolved their chapter and decided to close out their account by donating all remaining proceeds to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation. Pictured, from left, are Carol Lee Bell, Charlie Bell, Marie Gilmore, and Delmarva Hand Dancing Secretary Diane Denk with the donation check.



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KIWANIS LOTTERY

The sales table for the Kiwanis Club's annual lottery fundraiser to support children's programs and scholarships is set up at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market. The table is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday. Tickets are \$20 and good for all 365 evening Maryland Pick 3 drawings from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2024.



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HISTORY LESSON

The Kiwanis Club's Aug. 2 meeting featured guest speakers Clara L. Small, a professor of history for 36 years at Salisbury University, and Barbara Purnell, the president of the Germantown school, who talked about the history of two Maryland schools that were built for African American children as part of the Rosenwald School Building Program. Pictured, from left, during the meeting are Kiwanis Club President Bob Wolfing, Purnell, Small and Lynne McAllorum, the club's speakers chair.



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KIWANIS VOLUNTEERS

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City Kiwanis Crew who donated and made 200 hotdogs for the Ocean Pines National Night Out Celebration pose for a photo at the event on Aug. 1 in White Horse Park. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanians Dave Landis, Mark Page, Bob Wolfing, Sue Wineke, Kitty Wrench, Tim Hill and Mike Castoro.



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LEADERSHIP

Ocean City American Legion Post 166 Commandant Tom Wengert takes the oath of office as the Marine Corps League's First State Detachment compliance officer from Detachment Commandant Al Soto. Wengert recently took on the new title and responsibility, along with leading the local post.

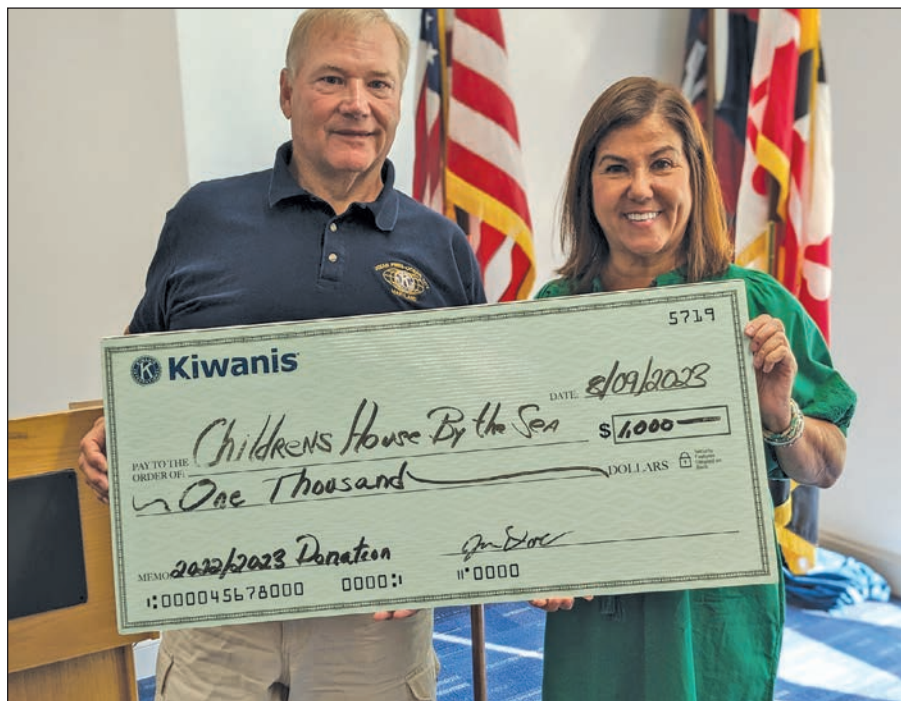


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SUPPORTING KIDS

Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Bob Wolfing presenting a \$1,000 check to Children's House By the Sea Programs Director Mary Decker Brown after she was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting on Aug. 9.



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JEANS AND JESUS

Kids enjoy hot dogs at the Jeans and Jesus Community Outreach Resource Day on Saturday in Berlin, which brought religious, health and community groups together for a fun filled day of games and giving, including a food bank provided by Maryland Food Bank and Vulnerable Population Task Force.

Family donates medical equipment to AGH

(Aug. 17, 2023) Atlantic General Hospital's respiratory therapy department recently received two pieces of medical equipment that will be used to treat future patients.

According to a news release Lora and Jim Pangratz, the parents of 26-year-old Andrew James (AJ) Pangratz, donated a CoughAssist airway clearance device and a Bi-Pap machine to the hospital in memory of their son.

AJ Pangratz, who had Duchenne muscular dystrophy, passed away on Nov. 11 at Atlantic General due to complications with covid.

"It just ended up being too much for his body," Lora Pangratz, who became a volunteer chaplain at Atlantic General in March, said in the release. "My husband and I really wanted to be able to help others by donating his CoughAssist and his Bi-Pap machine. It brings us comfort to know that it will be used to help other patients."



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Jim and Lora Pangratz pose with Atlantic General staff and respiratory equipment they donated to the hospital in memory of their son, AJ. Pictured, from left, are Scott Rose, AGH director of med-surg and ICU; Jim Pangratz, Mitch Loring, AGH manager of cardiopulmonary services; Lora Pangratz; and respiratory therapists Debra Bolen and Russell Rafferty.

Your Healthiest You Conference Sept. 30

(Aug. 17, 2023) Women Supporting Women, a local nonprofit organization that has dedicated the last 30 years to providing awareness, education and support to individuals who are affected by breast cancer, is hosting its third annual Your Healthiest You Conference Integrative Health and Wellness event later this month.

The event is set 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, at Oak Ridge Baptist Church at 347 Tilghman Road in Salisbury.

According to a news release, the keynote speaker for the event is

Marcy Brenner, a performing songwriter, recording artist and author. Brenner is the subject of an award-winning documentary, "Dead Girl Walking," which tells the story of her cancer diagnosis and treatment. She will share her message through speaking, music, and segments from the documentary.

"As a two-time breast cancer survivor, I came to realize the unexpected gifts that I received from my cancer diagnosis," Brenner said in the release. "My journey taught me that we have a choice about happiness and

to live while you are alive. Part of dealing with stress and the tough things in life is learning how to find the gifts in them."

The conference includes the following vendors and breakout sessions:

- Vitality Cryocare
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- Little Green Witch Apothecary
- Holly Holistic Health – Essential Oils
- All Shore infusion & Wellness Center
- Holistic Wellness - Reconnecting

with yourself through rest

- Olympia Fitness - Movement classes

Gwyneth Bradshaw, a registered dietitian with Fixer Upper Fitness, will speak about nutrition.

The cost for the event is \$10 per person, which includes breakfast on-the-go provided by Sprout.

Register online at womensupportingwomen.org or call 410/548-7880. Funding for the event is provided through a grant from The Women's Fund, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

Opinion

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

Bay program's search for plastics needs you

In the 1967 film, "The Graduate," a friend of the family corners young Benjamin Braddock, as played by Dustin Hoffman, and says, "I want to say one word to you, just one word ... Plastics."

That was his career advice to the bewildered new college graduate, and pretty good advice it was, considering that society's use of plastics has increased since that year by more than 1,600 percent, from a total annual production of about 25 million tons to approximately 431 million tons in 2021, according to Statista.

It is also huge problem. Plastic is one of those things that we apparently can't live with and can't live without. Cheap and durable, plastic of one kind or another is a component in nearly everything we use — cars, heart valves, computers, contact lenses, bread wrappers, chewing gum, clothing ... you name it.

And when it enters the marine environment as microplastic granules known as nurdles, it doesn't go away. Ever. It simply breaks apart into smaller particles that can be ingested by marine life, including the seafood we eat — like your tuna sandwich.

That's why the Maryland Coastal Bays Program's involvement in the NurdlePatrol.org campaign is serious business. It is bad enough that so much of the ocean is polluted with plastic, but microplastic contamination is even worse because it is not as easy to spot and because it is in the food chain.

Right now, the Coastal Bays Program is just getting started with its Nurdle Patrol involvement, which includes determining if it is a problem in these coastal waters. It undoubtedly will be at some point, given that tons of these tiny beads find their way into the ocean each year, but establishing a base point here will help the global effort to track the spread of this toxic material.

Residents of this area can help by volunteering to participate in the search for these particles. Check out the story on the Coastal Bays Program's involvement in the Nurdle Patrol to see how.

Letter

Thanks for support for OP Library

Editor,

Two weekends ago was the largest annual event held at the Ocean Pines Library.

The volunteer organization Friends of the Ocean Pines Library sets up a book sale that encompasses over 25,000 books, DVD's, audio books and music CD's divided into about 25 categories.

Most are sold over a three-day period with all proceeds going to benefit the Ocean Pines library and used for buying equipment, sponsoring programs offered at the library and supplementing the budget

provided by the Worcester County Commissioners.

This year was the 23rd Annual Book Sale. It was put together by nearly 90 volunteers who donated more than 500 hours to make this sale possible.

Throughout the year, patrons, estate closings and organizations donate 95 percent of the books, DVD's and CD's that are sorted, evaluated and categorized for the sale. This year's sale was one of the largest ever with about 1,600 patrons attending and spending nearly \$16,000.

On behalf of the friends of the library, and the Ocean Pines Library, we would like to thank those who donated

books throughout the year, the volunteers who assist with the library every day and at the sale, and the staff of the library who are so gracious with our activities.

To all of you who came out to support the sale that benefits the library and its programs — thank you, thank you, thank you.

Donations of books, DVD's, CD's and audio books are now being accepted for next year's sale. Donations can be left at the front check-out counter or in the back of the library on the loading dock.

See you all in July 2024!

Jim Meckley and Eileen

Leonhart

Ocean Pines

School blueprint ed plans approved

(Aug. 17, 2023) Members of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Accountability & Implementation Board voted on July 27 to approve the initial Blueprint implementation plans from all 24 school districts.

According to a news release, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future is the state's commitment to transform and improve public school systems to give every student opportunity to thrive and succeed.

The Blueprint, the release said, brings a holistic approach to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to become college and career ready by 10th grade and no later than 12th grade.

The accountability and implementation board was created to safeguard the Blueprint and provide oversight, support, as well as guide state and local governments to help implement specific plans to reach local students and achieve goals.

Local education agencies submitted initial Blueprint implementation plans in March 2023 to the Maryland State Department of Education and implementation

board.

Following the department's recommended approval, the board thoroughly reviewed each plan to identify they meet the Blueprint's requirements and criteria for success. Board members also identified areas of strength and opportunities for improvement in each plan.

"This is a major step in the process that challenges Maryland's education leaders to rethink and reimagine the way they work with students and families to ensure their education prepares students to succeed in an ever-changing world," Isaiah "Ike" Leggett, the accountability and implementation board chair, said in the release. "The AIB will be investing in technical assistance partners for each school system to support them as they turn the Blueprint's vision into actionable plans."

The Blueprint is a multi-year education transformational commitment that combines innovative policies based on evidence-based practices and funding to support and empower schools and districts to cre-

ate education systems that meet the needs of students and communities.

The Blueprint named five pillars of a world-class education system — Early Childhood Education, High-Quality and Diverse Teachers and Leaders, College and Career Readiness, More Resources for Students to be Successful, and Governance and Accountability — that support the creation of high-performing schools that serve all of Maryland's learners. The Blueprint aims to address historical inequities by providing students, families, communities, schools, and staff with access to resources that effectively close gaps and achieve success.

Worcester County's plan includes efforts such as expanding quality funded and all-day pre-K, recruiting and supporting high-quality and diverse teachers, improving the education of English learners, improving education for student with disabilities, providing support for students attending schools with a high concentration of students from low-income households, and enhancing student health services.

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SchooLARS 4 STEM hosting back-to-school event Aug 19

(Aug. 17, 2023) SchooLARS 4 STEM in collaboration with Salisbury University's Foundation Inc. is hosting a back-to-school community STEM event later this month in Salisbury.

According to a news release, the STEM n da CommUNITY event is set from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aug. 19, at Salisbury University's Wayne Street Fields (adjacent to Seagull Stadium), at 1301 Wayne St. in Salisbury.

The event will allow more than 200 students (K-12) to experience STEM careers and opportunities existing on the Eastern Shore.

More than 50 STEM vendors rang-

ing from aeronautics to law enforcement will see firsthand the needs of the local and future STEM pipeline. Highly immersive and engaging displays and demonstrations will inspire and promote STEM curiosity.

The event merges STEM engagement with community partnership and aligns perfectly with this year's theme: Educate, Elevate, Employ.

SchooLARS 4 STEM is a grassroots mentoring program borne out of the desire to create a pipeline of local students with strong STEM competencies by providing authentic, highly-immersive STEM engagement experiences

Classic Car Jeep Show Sept. 2

(Aug. 17, 2023) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Classic Car & Jeep Show on Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial Park.

The event is set from 9 a.m. to noon.

Cars will be \$20 (cash only) day of, but \$15 if drivers pre-register at business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/2023-classic-car-jeep-show-14915. The event is free to attend.

Trophies will be awarded for Best

Jeep, and car categories including Antique, Classic and Hot Rod.

A variety of vendors will be serving food, with music provided by Radio Ocean City.

The event is sponsored by Derrick Elzey State Farm Insurance and Seafloor Hardwood, Carpets, and More.

For more information, visit OceanPinesChamber.org or contact the chamber at 410-641-5306, or kerrie@oceanpineschamber.org.

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Worcester Prep's fifth grade class perform a songs at their recent Manners Banquet to show what they have learned while studying the American Academy of Etiquette curriculum.

WCP 5th graders schooled in manners and etiquette

(Aug. 17, 2023) A curriculum of learning proper manners and etiquette for this day and age ended in a special event for Worcester Preparatory School's fifth grade students.

During the end of this school year, Worcester Prep's fifth grade class studied the American Academy of Etiquette curriculum. An array of topics were discussed, such as when it is appropriate to text or make a phone call, proper dining etiquette, how to formally introduce yourself to

the host of a party, the ins and outs of writing a thank you note, and much more.

The completion of the lesson was celebrated during a Manners Banquet on June 1 at The Hyatt Place in Dewey Beach with a presentation of manners and etiquette, followed by dinner. The students performed skits to show what they had learned and how to communicate with others, and closed out the evening with a special dance with their loved ones.

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Worcester prep fifth grade student Alessia Ziman spends time dancing with her father, Jeremy Ziman, during the Manners Banquet.

Wor-Wic's spring dean's list recognizes high performers

(Aug. 17, 2023) A total of 395 Wor-Wic Community College students, 97 are from Worcester County, have been named to the dean's list for the recently completed spring term.

The list recognizes area students who maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while taking six or more credit hours during the term.

The Worcester County recipients are as follows:

Berlin: Kyra Arnold, Isabell Ashley, Jacob Bauer, Lauren Bodolus, Iyland Bonebrake, Rumina Bowers, Layla Chrysanthis, Kevin Coats, Addison Cook, Cash Cyburt, Sawyer Ellis-Gaal, Jonathan Franklin, Hayden Gable, Melina Grant, Audreyanna Heinsinger, Chakirah Henry, Charletta Henry, Juliana Jaeger, Lexi Kliphouse, William Kozma, Shyanne Markland, Connor

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Bishopville: Grant Cheynet, Andrea Cohee, Jessica Cropper, Autumn Drew, Hunter Nelson, Kylie Record and Lance Ward

Girdletree: Kellyann Belka and Ronnie Lukens

Ocean City: Ella Ames, Dimitri Anthony, Karly Arment, Lorelei Auker, Kayla Brady, Maddox Bunting, Keeley Catrino, Timothy Chaykosky Jr., Kathleen Ewing, Renee Fohner, Lucas Franzetti, Chelsea Hale, Alexandria Harkness, See LOCAL Page 25

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OC Today



Cuisine

Forbidden rice makes chicken dish exotic

Today I'm going to take it easy on you. This is an easy recipe but, of course, it all starts with the ingredients.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

One of my all-time favorite grains, nay, my favorite grain, is black or forbidden rice. A meaty (umami) grain that stands on its own whether made with water, meat

stock or vegetable stock with mushrooms, it has a flavor that is unsurpassed in the grain game. As we all are eternal students, I just learned why the rice is black (or deep purple). Apparently, it is extremely high in anthocyanin, the devilish antioxidant so high in blueberries and eggplant skin. Who knew? Well, now we all do.

So, before we get started, you should do your research on acquiring some forbidden rice. The best way to buy it is to go online and buy in bulk. If you buy a 1-pound bag, it costs a bloody fortune, but if you buy an 11-pound bag, it comes in at around \$3 per pound. Since this is dry weight, the cost is not terribly inhibitive for you and your guests.

The beauty of forbidden rice is threefold in its taste, mouthfeel and versatility. It is bold enough to stand up to meats and seafood, and easily used as part of a vegetarian or vegan menu. Standing on its own, the flavor is rich for a grain, and it marries well to just about any flavors. At one of our favorite restaurants in St. Augustine, it was served with seared rare tuna, fresh wasabi (totally different from the powdered stuff) and fava bean puree. That was my first introduction to forbidden rice a couple years ago, and I have been a fiend about it ever since.

Two of my little trade secrets that really aren't secrets anymore are the use of shallots and dried exotic mushroom blend (I didn't use that in this particular recipe, but I'm just sharing a little tip). The latter has anything from morrells to chanterelles to porcini and so on. When macerated in simmering water, they transform your swamp water into a meaty, savory broth. They add so much to any finished dish, and they are worth exploring as well. If you can just find porcini powder or dried porcinis, that will certainly suffice.

While I will never claim that this



dish is overly healthy with its heavy dose of butter, I will vouch for its simplicity and flavor. Sometimes, I need a quick and easy dish to cook for the family and this is well-suited for that.

At the end of the day, shouldn't we have new dishes in our lives to broaden ourselves? My girlfriend gave penne alla vodka a go a couple weeks ago, and it was a smash hit. That's what we all need to do — experiment, practice and learn. Then, it's nothing but simple muscle memory followed by delicious food. Delicious and easy.

Blackened Chicken on Forbidden Rice

serves 4

6 oz. Chicken breast or chicken tenders per person
1 stick unsalted butter
2 Tbsp. Paul Prudhomme Redfish Magic Seasoning
6 oz. Sliced mushrooms
2 c. Cooked broccoli
Herbs as garnish
4 c. Forbidden rice (recipe follows)

1. It is always recommended to marinate your chicken breast. The white meat of yard bird dries out

more quickly than thigh meat. Use your marinade of choice and allow to rest in it for about an hour.

2. Drain chicken and pat dry. Heat butter in a pan.

3. While the butter is heating, toss the chicken in the seasoning (generically referred to as blackening seasoning).

4. Cook in the pan for 4 minutes on the first side, ensuring that they are evenly spaced in the pan. If you have to work in batches, do so as too much will crowd the pan and you won't get that beautiful color that your chicken so rightfully deserves.

5. When you turn it over, add the mushrooms and cover with a lid. The mushrooms will get a lovely crisp on the first side which will soften as it cooks with the lid on. Layers of flavor, people. Layers of flavor.

6. After a few minutes, remove the lid and give a stir. Lower the heat to almost off and allow this to finish cooking. With the lid on, more of the juices will stay in the pan for plating.

7. Assemble with the forbidden rice and vegetables, and garnish with your green herbs and a drizzle of the chicken juices, butter and fond scrapings from the pan

Forbidden Rice

Serves 4

2 Tbsp. EV Olive Oil
2 Tbsp. Finely minced onion
1 Tbsp. Finely minced shallots
1 Tbsp. Smashed or finely minced garlic
2 c. Forbidden rice
4 c. Chicken stock

1. Heat the oil and saute the onion and shallots for two minutes.

2. Add the garlic and cook for a minute, stirring regularly and making sure that it does not burn. If it does, toss it out and start over.

3. Add the rice and cook for about two minutes to get a little bit of a toast on it.

4. Add the chicken stock and bring to a boil.

5. Lower the heat, cover with a lid and cook for about 30 minutes.

6. The rice will still have a bite to it, but make sure that the water is absorbed well.

7. Keep warm until ready to serve.

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



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Pictured, from left, are Mike Mercer, Blair Carey, Ryan Johnson and Ayden Crew of the Avery Hall Insurance – Selective Insurance Group during the Wor-Wic Community College golf tournament at the college's Ocean Resorts Golf Club in Berlin. The team had the lowest gross score.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Pictured, from left, are Travis Ralph, Zach Evans, J.R. LaPearl and A.J. Joven from the Mountaire Farms team during the Wor-Wic Community College golf tournament at the college's Ocean Resorts Golf Club in Berlin. The team had the lowest net score.

Wor-Wic held 21st annual golf tournament in Berlin

(Aug. 17, 2023) The 21st annual Wor-Wic Community College golf tournament recently commenced at the Ocean Resorts Golf Club in Berlin.

According to a news release, proceeds from the tournament totaled \$36,000 and will benefit the college's on-campus child development center.

This year's top team with the lowest gross score was the Avery Hall Insurance – Selective Insurance team of Blair Carey, Ayden Crew, Ryan Johnson and Mike Mercer; followed by the Pohanka Automotive team of Phillip Fenstermaker, Aaron Guy, Corey Keene and Adam Whitaker. Third place went to the Avery Hall Insurance Group team of Joe Gast, Eugene Jubber, Bill Sterling and Colton Thomas.

The top team with the lowest net score was the Mountaire Farms team of Zach Evans, A.J. Joven, J.R. LaPearl and Travis Ralph; followed by

the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce team of Bill Chambers, Cindy Chambers, Linda Davis and Ralph Davis. Third place in net went to the Potomac Valley Brick & Supply team of Jeff Bauer, Jason Raivel, John Rizzo and Mark Rizzo.

Longest drive winners were Cindy Chambers and Travis Ralph. Trent Pusey won the putting contest. Closest to the pin prizes were awarded to Ryan Johnson, Pat O'Malley Travis Ralph and Dave Ryan.

Local students on Dean's List

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Ja-Quez Harrell, Kameron Harris, Garrett Herr, Tiffany McClain, William Melgar, Jeremy Mitchell, Jean Morales, Calvin Nguyen, Willa Novelli, Peter Redding, Yasmeen Sbih, Emily Schroeder, Jon Snelson, Abigail Stabinski and Victor Wilowdean

Pocomoke City: Susan Bamoto, Amber Bloomfield, Harrison Bradley, Dustin Bratten, Michelle Craig, Deyton Dean, Daijah Dickerson, Samantha Hoffman, Nicole Ludwig, Andrew Ortiz and Megan Smith

Showell: Emily Stitely

Snow Hill: Krystal Beall, Alexis Harper, Victoria Harper, Kyle Labo, Ann Lawson, David Mason, Kernighan Mitchell, Samuel St. Pierre and Lauren Tolbert

Whaleville: Sarah Burke



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Puzzles

WHAT'S HANGING?

BY LISA SENZEL AND JEFF CHEN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Lisa Senzel is a pathologist at Stony Brook Medicine on Long Island. She has been solving the New York Times crossword in print since 1994. Jeff Chen is a writer in Seattle. The idea for this puzzle was Lisa's. Jeff wrote a program to generate possible theme answers, then designed the grid and guided Lisa through the fill. "Generous, funny, great people" is how Lisa describes Jeff and the other crossword mentors she has had. — W.S.

ACROSS

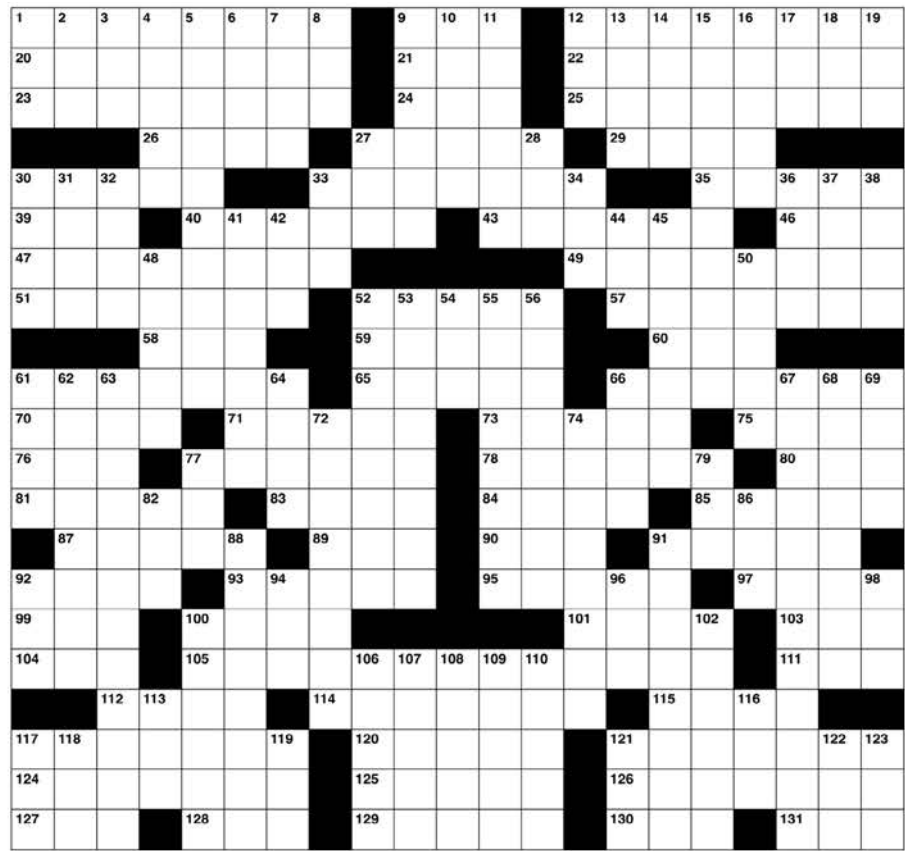
- 1 Bookish intellectuals
- 9 ___ Thai
- 12 Capital in the Caribbean
- 20 Lets handle
- 21 Romance author Huang
- 22 "Aww!"-inspiring
- 23 Basic math subject
- 24 Ultimate degree
- 25 Goes around
- 26 Sting operation, basically
- 27 She released "30" in '21
- 29 Microscope part
- 30 San ___ (Bay Area city)
- 33 Function of one end of a pencil
- 35 Musician with a Nobel Prize in Literature
- 39 "Eureka!"
- 40 Concord and sultana
- 43 Significant feature of a May-December romance
- 46 Award bestowed by King Charles, in brief
- 47 Subatomic particle with no electric charge
- 49 Mockery
- 51 Words said with a gulp
- 52 Gathering of experts
- 57 Stung

- 58 Work on something you like?
- 59 Advil alternative
- 60 Follower of Christ?
- 61 Dieted, maybe
- 65 West Point student
- 66 Certain endurance athletes
- 70 Turns, in a sense
- 71 Essay assignment
- 73 Chutzpah
- 75 Appropriate answer for this place in the grid
- 76 Even one
- 77 "Why, you little stinkin' ..."
- 78 Time magazine once named him "Actor of the Century"
- 80 Govt. employer of cryptologists
- 81 Mustafa ___ Atatürk, founding father of Turkey
- 83 Tend to the sauce, say
- 84 Gaelic tongue
- 85 Pelican pal of Nemo in "Finding Nemo"
- 87 Options, metaphorically
- 89 Complete collection
- 90 Crested ___ (bird)
- 91 It might come packaged with a flavor packet
- 92 President between Tyler and Taylor
- 93 Earthy color
- 95 One in a black suit
- 97 World of Warcraft creatures
- 99 Unpopular bill
- 100 Number of legs on an escorpión

- 101 ___ program (college offering)
- 103 Brief moment
- 104 Director Lee
- 105 Piece of furniture with parts that fold down, as depicted seven times in this puzzle
- 111 Activity behind police tape, for short
- 112 Light bulb, in comics
- 114 One of many "residents" of San Francisco's Pier 39
- 115 Michigan's ___ Royale National Park
- 117 Lasagna cheese
- 120 "Star Wars" droid, familiarly
- 121 One-named vocalist with the hits "Foolish" and "Happy"
- 124 Something that turns on a turntable
- 125 Nursery purchase
- 126 Relative of a bookcase
- 127 100%
- 128 Superlative suffix
- 129 Wine from the Rhone Valley
- 130 Nine digits on an I-9
- 131 "You just broke my toe, ___" (biology pun)

DOWN

- 1 Feature of "Peter Pan" and "Black Beauty"
- 2 Mil. roadside hazard
- 3 Skosh
- 4 Paperless Post product
- 5 Moving backward
- 6 Section of an atlas
- 7 Sporty car roof
- 8 —
- 9 Rare bears
- 10 Pays to play
- 11 National flower of Mexico
- 12 Slabs for making pizza or bread
- 13 Poem about country living
- 14 "Ain't gonna happen"
- 15 Master keys?
- 16 Distinctively stylish
- 17 "American Dad!" airer
- 18 Stadium cheer
- 19 —
- 27 "Chances ___ ..."
- 28 Part of the U.K.: Abbr.
- 30 Spa treatment, for short
- 31 "I'm literally right here ..."
- 32 Full of tension
- 33 Person on the high C's?
- 34 —
- 36 That guy who spills beer all over you, maybe
- 37 Partner of willing
- 38 Sun, for a sunflower
- 41 Meets, as a challenge
- 42 Main bug in "A Bug's Life"
- 44 They're not vets yet
- 45 Held up high
- 48 Menu bar option in Microsoft Excel
- 50 World's tallest flying bird
- 52 A kid is a sucker for it
- 53 One way to take some courses



- 54 One who calls Homer Simpson "neighborino"
- 55 50/50 propositions
- 56 "Go for it!"
- 61 Dojo offerings
- 62 Mellow
- 63 Concerned with roots
- 64 —
- 66 Part of E.P.A.
- 67 Christmas displays
- 68 Cores
- 69 —
- 72 Joint ventures?
- 74 "___ Vibration" (Bob Marley album)
- 77 Camera type, for short
- 79 ___ mission
- 82 "Everything is peachy!"
- 86 Texter's qualifier
- 88 Who said, "I know nothing except the fact of my ignorance"
- 91 People who see things as they are
- 92 Grp. that might organize a walkathon
- 94 Comedian Margaret Fischer
- 98 Part of STEM: Abbr.
- 100 "Swan Lake" heroine
- 102 Parenting author Eda or meditation author Lawrence
- 106 Bounds
- 107 Word with bird or retirement
- 108 Place to give someone a ring
- 109 Big Apple?
- 110 You might lose a loose one
- 113 One eye in a winking emoticon
- 116 Hitch on Twitch, say
- 117 Orange-colored fruit pastry
- 118 Bedridden, say
- 119 —
- 121 Sailors' songs
- 122 One more than bi-
- 123 —

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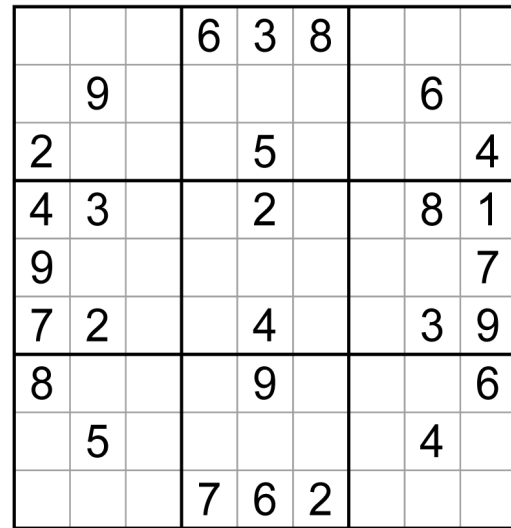
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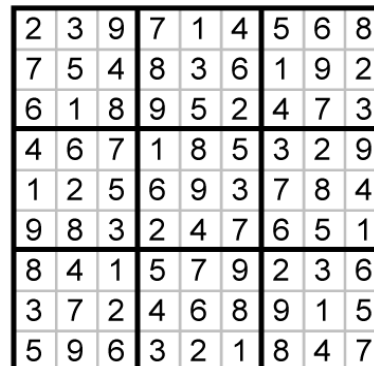
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HARD - 77

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

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. 17

CAPT. STEVE'S POOR GIRLS OPEN

Bahia Marina at Fish Tales, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, 4-9 p.m. Tequila Thursday - scales open at 4 p.m. Vendors, raffle tickets, tournament merchandise and other fun events. Tournament benefits the American Cancer Society. www.poorgirlsopen.com, 410-430-1157

'SMALL BUSINESS RESILIENCY: LEARNING TO SUCCEED IN AMERICA'S DYNAMIC ECONOMY' HEARING

Berlin Town Hall, 10 Williams St., 1 p.m. The U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship will hold this hearing. Register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAPQLSeOowAyPaPScU5Bt8YBk4T7EotsDKSHUTHGhKiXfJfWdoJMoA/view-form>.

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.

MID-MORNING CRAFTS: ALL TOGETHER NOW!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a fun mid-morning craft to celebrate the summer reading theme: All Together Now! Be prepared for a mess. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014

CREATE TOGETHER!

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Kids ages 5 years and older and parents create together. Explore a variety of art and craft materials. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA CONCERT AND WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Free family concert. Meet Chamber Music by the Sea Festival musicians. A workshop for young musicians will be held at noon. 410-641-0650

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. The 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. Registration requested: 410-208-4014.

END OF SUMMER OUTSIDE PLAY DAY

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 1-3 p.m. Make foam gliders, blow giant bubbles, spray paint pictures, play corn hole and more. Dress to get dirty. While supplies last. All children welcome. 410-957-0878

THE BOARDWALK, BEACH AND BAY: THE HISTORY OF OCEAN CITY'S LANDMARKS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. The history of Ocean City's famous landmarks, as told by Dr. Robert M. Craig, author of "Ocean City's Historic Boardwalk, Beach and Bay." 410-208-4014

RELAXING CRAFTS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3 p.m. Make some calming crafts and learn a few tips about mindfulness. 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

30TH ANNUAL TENT SERVICES

Richard Allen School, 316 S. Railroad Ave., Georgetown, 7 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to encourage individuals whose lives have been adversely affected by drugs or alcohol. Speaker will be Elder Frank Gibbs Jr. Open to the public. 302-381-3711

WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP TO HOST MADD PRESENTERS

Berlin 50plus Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., 7 p.m. Amy Davis and Tom McKnight, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, will share their stories about impaired drivers and how they were personally affected. Attendees will receive a goody bag. 443-944-6701

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL

Atlantic Hotel, 2 S. Main St., Berlin. 7 p.m. Ticketed concert. Music by Florence Price, Arensky and more. Tickets: www.wced.foundation/events.

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.

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS

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

ing Lauren Glick Band (pop and rock). Beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. Bring your own seating. <https://ocdc.org>, 410-289-7739

Fri., Aug. 18

CAPT. STEVE'S POOR GIRLS OPEN

Bahia Marina at Fish Tales, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, 4-9 p.m. Rose all Day - scales open at 4 p.m. Vendors, raffle tickets, tournament merchandise and other fun events. Tournament benefit the American Cancer Society. <http://www.poorgirlsopen.com>, 410-430-1157

STEAM SOCIAL

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

FIRESIDE CHAT LUNCHEON

Golden Sands Ocean Resort, 22nd Floor Atrium, 10900 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-3 p.m. Fireside Chat Luncheon with US Senators Cardin and Van Hollen. Cost is \$38 for Ocean City and Salisbury chamber members and \$50 for prospective members. <https://chamber.oceancity.org/events/>

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL

All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 7 p.m. Ticketed concert. Music by Boccherini, Tom Poster and more. Tickets: www.wced.foundation/events.

Sat., Aug. 19

CAPT. STEVE'S POOR GIRLS OPEN

Bahia Marina at Fish Tales, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, 4-9 p.m. Spiked Seltzer Saturday. Scales open at 4 p.m. Vendors, raffle tickets, tournament merchandise and other fun events. Tournament benefits the American Cancer Society. <http://www.poorgirlsopen.com>, 410-430-1157

5TH ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW AND BBQ CHICKEN SALE

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Food, trophies, door prizes and dash plaques. Registration held 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee is \$10 per vehicle. All are welcome. Rain date is Aug. 26. Oather Mumford, 443-614-6191

WALK WITH A DOC

South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines, 9 a.m. AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacy manager Jeff Kugel, PharmD, will discuss immunizations. Alyce Marzola, amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org

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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

'STEM N DA COMMUNITY' BACK 2 SCHOOL STEM EVENT

Salisbury University, Wayne St. Fields (behind Seagull Stadium), 1301 Wayne St., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Open to K-12 in Worcester, Somerset, Wicomico and Accomack counties. Over 50 STEM vendors, water rockets, dunking booth, food trucks and more. schoolers4stem@gmail.com, 410-251-8821

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. All children and their families are invited. A different adventure each week. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

30TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG MARCH, RALLY AND FUN DAY

Richard Allen School, 316 S. Railroad Ave., Georgetown, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The march will begin at 11 a.m. Fun Day activities will be held from noon to 4 p.m. There will be entertainment, games, food, bounce houses, train rides and more. Vanessa Neal, 302-854-6692

CHAMBER MUSIC BY THE SEA FESTIVAL

Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 11 a.m. Free open-air informal performance on the lawn of the museum. www.wced.foundation/events

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

'GLOVES UP GUNS DOWN'

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, noon to 4 p.m. Hosted by Lamar Sturgis, Stop The Violence!., this event will enhance your boxing skills while gathering together with people in the

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Calendar

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community. The event is free and lunch will be served. 443-477-8675

VIDEO GAME DAY: TOURNAMENT MODE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12 p.m. Join in for head to head competition during the Nintendo Switch Tournament or come to watch. All games provided by the library and rated E-E10. For ages 11 years and older. 410-208-4014

SUMMER MUSIC @ FURNACE TOWN : AMPERSAND TRADITIONAL AMERICAN MUSIC

Furnace Town Historic Site (Nassawango Iron Furnace), 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 5-8 p.m. Tickets Free-\$10. Furnace Town is thrilled to welcome Ampersand to celebrate the end of summer, traditional Furnace Town style! Come on out from 5-8 p.m. for food, music and more! 410-632-2032

\$5 FILM NIGHT: OC FILM CHALLENGE

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 8 p.m. The premiere of the films entered into the Ocean City Film Challenge. Winners will be announced. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Doors open at 7 p.m. ocmofilmfestival.com/ocmd-film-festival-events/, 410-524-9433

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. 20

30TH ANNUAL TENT SERVICES

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SUNDAES IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Music by Front Page News "Classic Rock," 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. 21

STORY TIME: PETE THE CAT

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Read some stories of Pete the Cat, songs, games and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

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

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 this tabletop role-playing game. All experience levels welcome. For adults and teens. Registration requested: 410-524-1818. www.worcesterlibrary.org

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., Aug. 22

PLAY TIME

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

KINDNESS ROCK PAINTING

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Design a message through your artwork to add to the library's Kindness Walk next to the Butterfly Garden. For ages 2-5 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BLOCK PARTY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m.

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, join in for a block party. Play with blocks and other toys while socializing with other families. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.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

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., Aug. 23

BIARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

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 Corpsman who have served in our Corps, living in Worcester and Sussex counties, are welcome. 410-430-7181, websergeant@firststatemarines.org

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays through Aug. 25 - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednesday meetings are offsite and will be updated monthly on the website and Facebook. Guests are welcome. www.kiwanisofopoc.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

ONGOING EVENTS

TURTLES HIDING ON THE BOARDWALK!

Find all of their hiding places and win your own stuffed turtle, Aug. 18-Sept. 1. Pick up your game card from any participating business or from the Boardwalk Information Booth, between N. Division and Caroline streets. Take your finished game card to the Information Booth to claim your prize. For kids 12 years and younger. events@ocdc.org or 703-731-6515.

COMMUNITY BOOK SWAP

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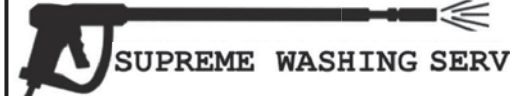
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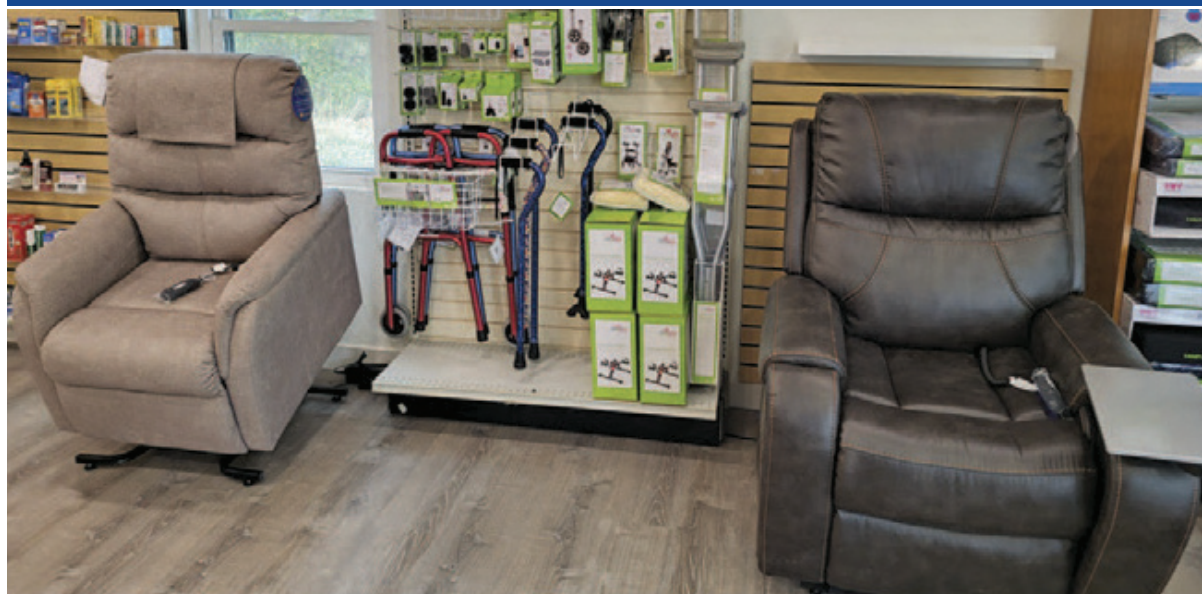
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