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WHERE'S THE FIRE

Sadie and Logan Simpson try on the big jackets and hats firefighters have to wear to do their job at the Big Truck Day in Ocean Pines on Saturday. See more photos on page 15.

Fiddlin' pickin' listenin'

Fiddlers Convention will fill downtown Friday, Saturday

By Stewart Dobson
Editor

(Sept. 21, 2023) In 2020, it was the coronavirus. In 2023, the most likely cause of the cancellation of the Berlin Fiddlers Convention is nimbostratus.

Those would be the heavy storm clouds that deliver prolonged rain, which is what the National Weather Service is predicting locally for Friday night and Saturday in Berlin.

That, along with the strong winds associated with a low pressure system off the coast, led Berlin Chamber of Commerce officials to make the call midweek to pull the plug on what would have been the 31st edition of the annual event.

"Making sure we approach these events with a sense of fiscal responsibility [so we can do it again next year] is every bit as important as making sure everyone has a good time at the events in the first place," chamber Executive Director Ryan Nellans said in an email.

This weekend's forecast virtually guarantees that good times will be hard to find, as the weather service reported that an intensifying low pressure system will move into the area Friday night.

The weather is expected to bring with it winds on the coast gusting up to 40 mph and rain totals creeping into the 4-inch range from Friday through Sunday.

That could change, but one thing is certain: fiddlers can't fiddle in the rain because the rosin they use on their bows absorbs moisture from the air. If the rosin absorbs too much, it prevents the bow from gliding across the strings as it should.

Besides, spectators don't like rain much either.

Farr assumes OPA presidency

Position seemed unlikely back when he was suing to validate his candidacy

By Cindy Hoffman
Staff Writer

(Sept. 21, 2023) Ocean Pines Association's new president, Rick Farr, has come a long way since his rocky election to the board of directors in 2021, when he was disqualified because the property in which he lived was held in the name of his family trust instead of his name.

He ultimately prevailed in the



Rick Farr

courts after spending \$35,000 in lawyer's fees.

Two years later he became the heir apparent to Doug Parks.

"Doug Parks mentored me throughout the year," Farr said.

In Farr's professional life, he is the chief human resources officer for the Town of Easton in Talbot County and served in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years.

He considers his leadership style to be collaborative. He hopes that

under his leadership, the board will work together in a cohesive way in the best interest of the community.

So far, the board members have been receptive, he said.

"I want to get buy-in from everybody and be one group with one voice."

He also wants to focus on transparency and open communication. He plans to do a lot of back end work to hear member's thoughts before meetings. That was clearly the case during its first meeting, when they unanimously elected officers on the

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Berlin Planning Commission approves multi-use building

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(Sept. 21, 2023) The Berlin Planning Commission unanimously approved plans for a multi-use business and residential building at 19 Gay Street on Tuesday.

Occupying the property currently are a house and shed that will be demolished to make way for a three-story building, with the first story available for businesses and the second and third story to be used as residential, with four two-bedroom units and two three-bedroom units. The units will each be two stories and have balconies accessed from the third floor.

The six apartments are expected to be long-term rentals, but the developer, Jonathan Sully, suggested he might try one Airbnb to see how it goes, although he would prefer to do long-term rentals for all of them.

He expects to have two businesses on the first floor, one of which will be his architecture firm.

He hopes the other might be a like-minded business related to design.

The building will have 12 parking spaces for the six apartments and seven for the commercial space, including two handicapped.

While the Historic Commission had already approved the elevation of the building, that did not stop a discussion on whether the building fit in with the historical nature of the town.

“I think the historic commission made a big mistake,” commission member Newt Chandler said of the exterior of the building.

“The facade does not match anything within the historic district in the town of Berlin. The historic district is the lifeblood of this little town. People come to see that. Whether it is purity of materials or it just looks like it, that’s our selling point.

“I know you’ve gotten approval, but I don’t believe in that architec-

ture at all for the historic district.”

Sully replied that he had met with the Historic Commission three times and made changes to the building to reflect the historic nature of the town.

This included the brick facade with a bulkhead down low like other stores, instead of floor-to-ceiling glass.

“I don’t believe we should be building buildings today that replicate what was built 100 years ago,” Sully said. “I think we should be building buildings today that are representative of current times and what people want out of the buildings. People want different things out of buildings today than they did 100 years ago.”

Commission member Pete Cosby came to his defense.

“The brickwork ties the building into the town in a way that is unique. Having a unique building is a good thing for Berlin. I think it is an impressive design and the brick makes it happen. I don’t think Berlin is in a position to be a purist about history,” he said.

“The purpose of the historic district is to preserve what you’ve got and to have room for the future.”

“I think it is a great change to that area and great infill. You are taking a property that is not being used and turning it into a productive property for six residences and two businesses,” commission member Matt Stoehr said.

“The language in the code section uses the word complimentary to adjoining properties in the historic district. It does not have to be matchy-matchy. We are not Disneyland,” Planning Director Dave Engelhart told the commission.

Also coming to Sully’s defense, commission member Ron Cascio added, I think it would not work on Main Street, but it works very well where it is. It will be the most attractive thing on that street or anywhere around there for some time.”

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Kate Patton, the executive director of the Lower Shore Land Trust, poses for a photo while kayaking. Patton announced this week that she plans to retire at the end of the year after 18 years in her position.

Kate Patton Retires after 18 years at helm of land trust

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(Sept. 21, 2023) After 18 years as the executive director of the Lower Shore Land Trust, Kate Patton is passing the torch to the next generation of leadership.

Patton was a businesswoman in Berlin, where she owned and operated the Globe Theatre until 2006, when she chose a different direction and became the executive director, and only staff member, of the land trust.

"In so many ways I have grown up with the organization, even though I had a full career with my business in Berlin prior to that. This was such a learning and growth experience for me and the organization," Patton said.

The Lower Shore Land Trust assists landowners who wish to protect their land in perpetuity. The majority do this through conservation easements, an agreement between the landowner and a conservation agency or land trust.

"A conservation easement is forever. You develop a relationship with the land forever. The easement stays with that property," Patton said. "We are in it to win it for the long term, so you have to be thinking about that."

Patton said there is a strong land trust community in Maryland with 10-12 active organizations with paid staff and another dozen or so that are all volunteers.

Her staff has increased from one to

six today. She attributes her success to her staff and her relationship with other land trusts.

The breadth of what land trusts can accomplish are vast, according to Patton, including land protection, policy and community engagement.

"I have been inspired by many land trusts and mentored by some," she said.

Patton said Maryland is a proactive state when it comes to land protection.

The land trust's director of lands programs, Jared Parks, has been involved with a committee that has been working for two years to develop a conservation resilience easement that will identify where and how to assist landowners who are experiencing that loss of resources.

For instance, Parks is looking at farmers experiencing saltwater intrusion on their lands and looking for ways they can transition to other crops.

Patton said land trusts around the country are looking at this as it affects their own geography.

"We just happen to be at one of those ground zero areas, because we are coastal, front and back."

The trust is looking at opportunities to support the local coastal communities on larger landscape properties as well as within communities by addressing stormwater issues from increased development and heavier rains that impact our water-

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Gifts Fulfilled Founder Kim Shanahan poses with a plaque naming her the 2022 Ocean Pines Business Person of the Year.

Berlin business recognized for work by Amazon

(Sept. 21, 2023) Berlin-based small business Gifts Fulfilled was recently recognized by Amazon as a force for good in the local community – combining love for giving back with running a growing business

Making a difference one gift basket at a time, Gifts Fulfilled creates job opportunities for people with disabilities to assemble gift baskets and care packages for occasions such as birthdays, baby showers, and holidays.

Since 2018, the business has grown to 10 employees, including four individuals with disabilities. The more this small-but-mighty company grows in Amazon's store, the more jobs they will be able to create.

Selected as one of three inspiring small businesses in Amazon's store making a meaningful community impact, Gifts Fulfilled was surprised with a \$50,000 grant to continue creating jobs for local individuals with disabilities.

"We are committed to taking steps throughout the year to recruit, hire, retain, and advance individuals with disabilities, and to provide them with the opportunity, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and independence they deserve," Gifts Fulfilled Founder Kim Shanahan said in a news release. "Amazon has provided the access and ability to build and scale a business achieving this mission, and I am really excited to bring even more opportunities to individuals in our community with disabilities."

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Important habitat protected with conservation easements

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“Land trusts are on the cutting edge of climate change,” she said. “We are working with landowners who are experiencing impacts today.”

Currently, she is working in partnership with Audubon and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other partners on a project called ‘Marshes for Tomorrow.’ Through the project, the groups have identified 25,000 acres across the lower Eastern Shore and Dorchester County that will sustain habitat for the threatened salt marsh sparrow, an “umbrella species,” which means efforts to help it will help other species as well.

That work is also expected to support the region’s ability to recover from rising sea levels and other climate phenomena, and benefit local communities, watermen, and residents.

“These marshes are threatened by climate change and sea level rise. This is a really great group to work with, which makes it really hard to leave. We have some amazing partnerships,” Patton said.

Pollinators — bees and other insects — have also been a key focus on the land trust.

“We looked at pollinators as a species that could engage the community and help connect people to the resource.”

Through pollinators, the trust was able to educate people about the importance of native plants and promote the health of the landscape. The organization has engaged people in a pollinator certification program and educated interested landowners through the pollinator garden tours each year.

The organization has also focused on the restoration of grasslands for the northern bobwhite, a small quail species that has become endangered due to loss of habitat, predation and changes in farming practices.

Patton said there is much interest by landowners in enhancing and restoring habitat that provides multiple benefits for a variety of species, including the bobwhite, turkey, pollinators and other wildlife.

Patton believes the organization is in a good place with a great deal of support right now.

“I am leaving the staff and the organization really strong and dedicated. The board is engaged, and we have great volunteers. We cannot do what we do without these people,” she said.

“We’ve had some great financial support and I think that is something that will continue and is necessary. There are people who care tremendously about the resource and see that the trust has been able to deliver.”

She also noted that many businesses have supported the organization.

“We have engaged and worked with the community on a lot of different levels,” she said. “There is, among a larger audience, a deeper understanding of conservation because of the land trust.”

“I think there is a lot of dedication and commitment from the people who are involved. We like working with each other. It’s been a pleasure to work with and learn from each other. This is a great community and that is one of its strengths.”

“After having two long intensive careers at the helm,” she continued, “it’s time for me to step back and take care of me and my family and try to be involved in other ways.”

“I think that one of the biggest challenges is that as a society right now, we are busy. We need to find ways to engage with families and to nurture opportunities for people to get outside and appreciate that resource and cultivate a strong stewardship ethic.

“The next generation is going to inherit some beautiful places but they are already unraveling. It will take a lot of commitment to protect our water resources, the habitat necessary for migratory birds and wildlife. If we can focus on the small pieces, hopefully we can connect the large pieces.”

The Lower Shore Land Trust will celebrate Patton’s tenure and the successes of the organization with its annual Flannel Formal on Nov. 11, from 3-6 p.m. with music from Margot Resto and Fil Rhythm Band, a pig roast, yard games, bonfire, cocktails and an extensive silent auction. Tickets go on sale Sept. 25. Visit lower-shorelandtrust.org.

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A man loads buckets of tomatoes on a truck at the old Phillips cannery facility in downtown Ocean City in a historic photo.

History of Phillips cannery on display at Germantown

(Sept. 21, 2023) During the time when tomato canneries were a staple of towns across the Eastern Shore and beyond, the Phillips Tomato Cannery stood out.

Summers provided lucrative employment and the off season saw the plant foremen working side by side with the Phillips family to improve plant processing, improvements that included line automation and air conditioning the work floor to alleviate the combination of summer heat combined with the temperature of boiling tomatoes.

It was hard work, but it was more than work: it was community.

Local artist Patrick Henry has recreated the sense of community bonding in collaborative work with an exhibit on display at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center in Berlin.

Using slides provided by Margaret "Peggy" Phillips in the 1990s, Henry brings the visitor onto the cannery grounds and the cannery floor from the time the tomatoes arrived until they left in labeled cans.

His exhibit explores the stories of the people who worked at the cannery through the memories of the original workers and family members. It includes original artifacts,

such as peeling knives, baskets, and labels.

It is because of local employers such as the Phillips Tomato Cannery that the Germantown African American community could, in 1922, amass the funds required to meet the matching grant offered by the Rosenwald School fund to build their school and open it in the 1923/24 school year.

The Germantown School Community Heritage Center is kicking off its centennial year with Henry's show.

The exhibit is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays through Sept. 30 at the Germantown School at 10223 Trappe Road in Berlin.

For more information or to arrange a visit outside of local museum hours, email: Germantown-school@gmail.com or call 410-641-0638.

Correction

A story in the Sept. 7, 2023 edition about Popce's Homemade Ice Cream Shop misidentified the name of the wife of the owner. Her name is Celeste.



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OP fire dept fundraisers mark anniversary

Campaign to help finance south station construction offers engraved bricks

(Sept. 21, 2023) The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department is holding several 50th anniversary fundraising campaigns, including one to help construct a new and improved South Station.

The centerpiece of the initiative is a personalized brick fundraiser, offering community members opportunities to leave their marks on the

project.

The campaign invites supporters to contribute to the construction of the station by buying engraved bricks. Two options are available: a 4-by-8-inch brick for \$100, or an 8-by-8-inch brick for \$200.

The bricks will play an integral role in constructing a unique feature at the new South Station, showcasing the lasting contributions and support of the community.

Donations of \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000 and up will also be recognized in a series of plaques highlight-

ing the generosity of the community and the contributions to public safety.

Individuals interested in participating in the fundraisers can make contributions online by visiting opvfd.com or by going to the station in person.

Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department members encourage everyone, whether a resident or a supporter from afar, to be a part of the effort.

Fire Chief Steve Grunewald and Fire Department President Dave VanGasbeck expressed their gratitude for the continued support of the community in a news release.

"This anniversary represents a significant milestone for our department and community," VanGasbeck said. "Along with celebrating 50 years, we are also thrilled to invite everyone to participate and be part of the legacy that will be the new South Station."

Grunewald said support from the fundraising campaign ensures the department can continue supporting and protecting the community effectively.

Details on more fundraising efforts for the new South Station will be announced at a later date.

For more information, visit opvfd.com or call 410-641-8272.

Farr says collaboration will be key to his administration

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board.

"I think we have some good directors, they are very talented in every way," he said.

He has some priorities for the board to focus on, including the new fire house and the irrigation system for the golf course.

He has already engaged with the plans for the fire house. He said he has learned that the bays of the fire house are solid, which will save thousands of dollars in construction.

The board will be considering the irrigation system for the golf course in the next couple of months. The funding for this will come from general funds. He said the replacement of the system will be done in sections off-season and will take a couple of years to complete.

He also has his eye on the beach club, which was built in 1971. He wants to look at renovations to the building, noting that the footprint

cannot be changed.

He has high regards for the work of Matt Ortt. Ortt Companies run all of the restaurant venues in Ocean Pines, including the golf club, the yacht club and the beach club.

Regarding the beach club, Farr said he will see what Ortt needs to be successful.

"I will do everything possible to extend Matt Ortt's contract through the foreseeable future."

Farr said he also wants to make sure the amenities have what they need.

Farr may be busy with his day job and his board activities, but he also makes time for volunteer work. On Oct. 8, he will join other volunteers at the Yacht Club to assemble care packages for military troops. Steel Blu Vodka is sponsoring the event from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Farr invites folks to join him to assemble the boxes and enjoy live entertainment by Cup o' Joe and happy hour food and drink specials.

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(Sept. 21, 2023) In what was a banner year for giving, the American Legion Family of Ocean City Post 166 donated more than \$307,000 to charity in Fiscal Year 2023.

According to a news release, the donation was the largest ever given by the Legion Family, and went to 70 different charitable organizations, veterans groups, and public service organizations. A total \$58,000 in scholarships was also included to help pay for higher education for local students.

The American Legion Family is made up of the Legionnaires of Post 166, the auxiliary unit, the Son's of the American Legion, and the Legion Riders.

The funds were raised through a variety of mechanisms, such as slot machine proceeds and special functions at the post — which included the rider's crab feast and son's bull and oyster roast — as well as raffles, and off-post events.

The auxiliary organized the first-ever Putt for a Cause contest held in local bars. In one day in January, the event raised \$10,000 for the Stop



American Legion Post 166 Charity Committee member Ben Dawson, Post Commander Tom Wengert, and Treasurer George Barstis hold a ceremonial check the Post Family recently donated to charity organizations for Fiscal Year 2023.

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Soldier Suicide organization.

The post also shared donations with Atlantic General Hospital, Diakonia, Coastal Hospice, Believe in Tomorrow, volunteer local fire companies, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore. The donations also allowed the Stephen Decatur High School booster club to buy safer helmets for the school's football

team.

A donation of special note for post veterans was made to the Eagle Chapter of the Air Force Security Association. Once a year the organization cleans the Vietnam Memorial Wall Memorial in Washington D.C. The donation was sent to help fund the group's annual costs for the effort.

St. Paul's hosts Blessing of the Animals Oct. 8

(Sept. 21, 2023) People are encouraged to bring their pets to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin on Oct. 8 for a Blessing of the Animals.

The event, held the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of St. Francis, the patron saint of all animals, is set for 1 p.m. at 3 Church St. in Berlin.

All animals are welcome to be blessed, including dogs, cats, horses, donkeys, birds, fish and other reptiles. The organizers ask that all pets be well behaved and on a leash or confined to a proper pet carrier for the event.

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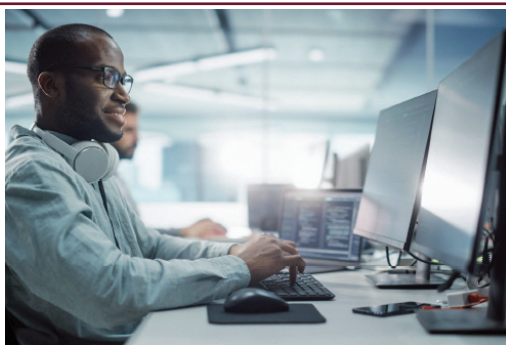
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Berlin Zoning appeals board approves apartment complex

By **Cindy Hoffman**
Staff Writer

(Sept. 21, 2023) The Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals last Wednesday agreed to grant the Assateague Landing Apartments project the conditional use zoning designation its owner needs to proceed with the development.

The site plan, which showed single-story townhouse dwellings consisting of 20 apartments at 534 Bay Street, was approved on Aug. 30 by the Berlin Planning Commission.

Even though the property is zoned as R3, which provides for the development of a range of multi-family dwelling units, the Berlin zoning code requires multi-family projects to seek conditional use approval.

The property will provide two parking spaces per unit and eight additional guest parking spaces with five parallel parking spaces.

The property owner, Eric Davis, will keep 1.84 acres as open space. The full property is 2.8 acres.

Davis plans to rent these two-bedroom, two-bath units for 12-month leases. He said he expects to rent the units at around \$1,500 a month and hopes it will help address the housing shortage in the town of Berlin and the county.

Davis said he owns and manages a couple hundred properties in Salisbury. Most of his properties are 10-42 unit complexes. He manages all of his properties and lives in Berlin.

This development will have a 24-hour emergency line to report any maintenance problems and he has staff on call 24 hours a day to respond to emergencies on all his properties.

Construction of the property is expected to take eight months, according to Davis.

OC Power Squadron's safe boating course Sept. 25-28

(Sept. 21, 2023) The Ocean City Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, is hosting a comprehensive safe boating course the last week of September.

The eight-hour course will be given on four consecutive nights at the Ocean Pines Community Center, from 5:30-8 p.m., Sept. 25-28. The course includes a review and exam on the last night. Participants can register online at ocpsabc@gmail.com.

There is a \$25 fee for the course materials. Middle and High school students age 18 and under can take the course, including material, for free.

Anyone born after July 1, 1972, is required to satisfactorily complete a

safe boating class to operate a recreational vessel or personal watercraft in Maryland. (Jan. 1, 1978, in Delaware). Successfully completing the class also satisfies the requirements nationwide.

This course covers basic boat handling, rules of the road, navigation, federal and state regulations, aids to navigation, and required equipment, among other topics.

Statistics show that in 82 percent of boating fatalities, the captain had no formal boating education. The Ocean City Power Squadron encourages all boaters to complete a boating safety class.

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KAYAK LAUNCH

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Sports betting contributes nearly \$2.6M to state

(Sept. 21, 2023) Maryland's 12 retail and 12 mobile sportsbooks that operated in August combined to generate nearly \$2.6 million in state contributions.

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

Statewide handle in August totaled more than \$263 million, with mobile handle accounting for 94.9 percent of the total at more than \$250 million. Mobile wagering delivered nearly \$2.5 million in contributions, while retail sportsbooks contributed almost \$98,000.

The state's sports wagering market added two new retail sportsbooks that conducted controlled demonstrations last month.

Canton Gaming and operator partner Parx Interactive held demonstrations at The Greene Turtle in Canton on Aug. 28 and 30 and opened on Sept. 1. Whitman Gaming and operator partner FanDuel held controlled demonstrations at Sports & Social in North Bethesda on Aug. 29 and 31 and opened on Sept. 2.

Controlled demonstrations require sportsbook operators to conduct live wagering and must be successfully completed before Maryland Lottery and Gaming issues operating licenses. Revenue from the Canton Gaming and Whitman Gaming controlled demonstration dates is included in the August revenue report.

A detailed summary of each sportsbook's results for the month of August, including handle, hold percentage, prizes paid, promotional play, taxable win, and contribution to the state, along with a summary of statewide handle and hold by sport is available for download at mdgaming.com.

Pines Association releases aquatics amenity survey

(Sept. 21, 2023) The Ocean Pines Association has released a customer satisfaction survey about the aquatics amenity.

According to a news release, the survey should take about 3 minutes to complete.

The survey is the latest of several planned for Ocean Pines amenities, to help gather input on the development of the next fiscal-year budget.

Individual responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

To take the survey, visit survey-monkey.com/r/OPAaquaticssurvey2023.

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Worcester teacher of year named finalist for state title

(Sept. 21, 2023) Worcester County Teacher of the Year Jaimie Ridgely has been named one of seven finalists who will compete for 2023-24 Maryland Teacher of the Year.

The Maryland State Board of Education and Maryland State Department of Education announced the names of the finalists in a news release Tuesday.

"I congratulate these seven educators on their nominations and commend them on their extraordinary impact on the lives of our children – educating, encouraging, and inspiring Maryland's future leaders," State Board President Clarence Crawford said in the release.

"Maryland's educators demonstrate an unwavering dedication to the children of our state every day and are a true inspiration to their colleagues and community. These seven educators embody that dedication."

The other finalists are Mary Kay Connerton, Anne Arundel County; Brianne Sounder, Cecil County; Nicole Rhoades, Frederick County; Andrea Schulte, Queen Anne's County; Raymond Weber, Washington County; and Tara Martens, Wicomico County.

Ridgely is a National Board Certified teacher and literacy enthusiast who prioritizes identity exploration and joy in her literacy enrichment and technology education classes at Stephen Decatur Middle School. Community, voice, choice, and reflection are cornerstones of her student-centered classroom where students share their creative voices within and beyond the classroom walls.

She earned her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Salisbury University.

She is a 21-year veteran teacher who also serves as an adjunct professor, Worcester LEAD teacher, peer mentor and professional development facilitator. She also serves as an afterschool sponsor for the Book Club, tutoring, and Dungeons and Dragons.

The release said the finalists were selected by a panel of judges from key state education organizations representing principals, teachers, school boards, teacher unions, parents and higher education. Finalists were chosen according to a rigorous set of national criteria that included student achievement, teaching philosophy, academic results, community involvement, and knowledge of educational issues from a group of 24 local teachers of the year, representing the 24 Maryland local education agencies.

Maryland has celebrated the

Teacher of the Year Program and participated in the National Teacher of the Year Program for 33 years. In the last decade, the state has had five national finalists, with three becoming the National Teacher of the Year.

Presenting sponsors of the Maryland Teacher of the Year Program are McDonald's Family Restaurants of Baltimore and the Northrop Grumman Corporation. Platinum sponsors are NTA Life, Educational Systems FCU, Maryland Public Television, and Whiting-Turner Contracting Company.

The 2023-24 Maryland Teacher of the Year will be announced during a gala reception and dinner at Martin's West in Baltimore on Oct. 13. The winner will receive cash awards, national traveling opportunities, and participate in several national meetings and conferences.

The selected Maryland Teacher of the Year will compete for the National Teacher of the Year Award, to be announced next April.

Maryland's Teacher of the Year will also spend the 2023-24 school year as an educational speaker and advisor in Maryland and will be honored by the president at the White House next spring.



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Pictured, from left, are Worcester Prep Director of College Counseling Vickie Garner, Head of Upper School Carol Evans, 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalist Izzy Huber and Head of School John McDonald.

WPS senior named Merit Scholarship semifinalist

(Sept. 21, 2023) Worcester Preparatory School senior Izzy Huber has been named a 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalist.

According to a news release, she is one of 16,000 students selected out of 1.3 million juniors who entered the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program last year by taking the 2022 preliminary SAT. The nationwide pool of semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

As a semifinalist, Huber has an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring. Of the 16,000 semifinalists, about 95 percent are expected to attain finalist standing.

In February, Huber will be notified of the designation, and about half of the finalists will win scholarships. Merit scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

The release said the nonprofit National Merit Scholarship Corporation operates without government assistance, and was established in 1955 to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Scholarships are underwritten by the corporation and by roughly 340 business organizations and higher education institutions that share the organization's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

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(Above) Dylan Rounds is having fun climbing on a front end loader at Big Truck Day. (Right) Kalina Scholl gets a feel for one of the trucks at the event.

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Worcester Prep dedicates pollinator garden

Former English teacher Kathleen Otway recognized for founding local club

(Sept. 21, 2023) Worcester Preparatory School staff and families recently held a ceremony where they dedicated a newly built pollinator garden to former Worcester Prep English teacher Kathleen Otway.

According to a news release, in the fall of 2022, a parent approached Head of Lower School Sara Timmons about a TV program on endangered Monarch butterflies that had captured the interest of his son, a lower school student. They inquired whether Worcester Prep had any programs that could be used to assist Monarchs or other local pollinators.

Inspired by the student's enthusiasm, and with the support of the administration and a donation from the local Kaufman family, the Worcester Prep community moved to turn interest into actuality.

In the early spring, student volunteers began designing and constructing the Worcester Prep Pollinator Garden. In May, as part of the school's Earth Day festivities, lower school students planted a variety of native plants designed to attract butterflies and other local pollinators to



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Pictured, from left, during a dedication ceremony for a new Worcester Prep pollinator garden are John and Maureen Greco; Jim, Michael, Morgan and Devin Otway; and current Worcester Prep teachers Linda Bragg, Liz Nally and Amanda Netting.

the new space.

During that time, the release said a member of the Worcester Prep community, former English teacher Kathleen Otway, passed away.

While at WPS, Otway founded the

Upper School Garden Club, so staff decided to dedicate the new garden in her memory. Through a donation from the Greco family, benches and bird baths were added to complete the space.

On Sept. 9, a dedication ceremony was held for the new Worcester Prep Pollinator Garden with members of the Otway, Greco, and Kaufman families, as well as current and former staff and alumni in attendance.

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Worcester Prep Head of Lower School Sara Timmons smiles with the Kaufman family, Cullen (grade 2), Evan (grade 5) and their parents, Scot and Laura Kaufman, during the Worcester Prep Pollinator Garden dedication ceremony.

Assateague Island public beach clean up on Sept. 23

(Sept. 21, 2023) To celebrate National Public Lands Day this month, Assateague Island officials are partnering with an array of other organizations to host a public beach cleanup.

According to a news release, the cleanup is a collaborative effort between the Assateague island National Seashore, Assateague Coastal Trust, Assateague State Park, and Assateague OSV Count and is set from 8 a.m. to noon this Saturday, Sept. 23. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.

Check-in is at the North Ocean Beach Parking Lot at Assateague, and from 8- 10 a.m. staff will shuttle interested volunteers to the northern portion of the island.

Other volunteers will clean up around the campgrounds, trails, picnic areas and parking lots.

Trash bags will be provided, but

volunteers are asked to bring work gloves, sunscreen, insect repellent and water, and wear hats and closed-toed shoes.

Volunteers with private four-wheel drive vehicles with OSV permits are also invited to help cleanup the overland vehicle zone. The release said the check in will be coordinated by the Assateague OSV Count at the OSV entrance. For registration information, contact Assateague OSV Count.

For more information, contact friendsofasp@gmail.com.

Volunteers who have questions or, and those who intend to bring a large group to participate in the cleanup, are asked to contact Markus Williams (Maryland) at markus_williams@nps.gov or at 410-629-6077 or Gretchen Knapp (Virginia) at gretchen_knapp@nps.gov or at 410-629-6084.



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(Sept. 21, 2023) Members of the Sunsations group recently donated \$52,000 to the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation in memory of Nisim Farchi and Seymour Krasner.

The money will be used to help fund ongoing operating and capital needs of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System, including the John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional

Cancer Care Center.

The Sunsations group started in 1983 with the first store in Ocean City. They have since expanded to over 45 retail stores with locations in Maine, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Florida.

"Atlantic General Hospital and Health System cannot achieve our mission of improving the quality of life for residents in the communities we serve without loyal donors like the Sibony family and the Sunsations group," Don Owrey, Atlantic General Hospital President and CEO, said in a

news release. "This contribution will assist Atlantic General greatly in support of our ongoing operations and also in contributing towards the technological and practice updates that are needed to provide the most up to date, advanced and high quality health care to area residents."

Sunsations proprietor Avi Sibony said the group recognizes the importance of having a cancer care facility in Worcester County.

"Not only did we lose our mother, Celia, to cancer after extensive travel back and forth from a distant cancer

center, but several friends and family members have dealt with various cancer diagnoses and treatment," he said in the release. "We are happy to do our part in contributing towards the comprehensive cancer care in our community."

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GARDEN CLUB VISIT
 Worcester County Garden Club members pose on the green roof atop the Salisbury University Guerrieri Academic Commons building during a recent visit to the campus.
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APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Bob Wolfing, left, poses with John Hanberry, Jose Alvarez, and Ron Wildgust as they display appreciation certificates from the club. Hanberry and Wildgust have set up and taken down equipment for many Kiwanis events, such as Concerts in the Park, and Alvarez has picked up food from local contributors and delivered it to Diakonia every week.



KIWANIS SPEAKER
 Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City Past President Tim Lund, Coastal Hospice Community Relations and Development Manager and Caregiver Academy Moderator Lauren Blair and Director of Spiritual, Bereavement and Supportive Services Alvin Harmon pose during the group's Sept. 6 meeting. Blair and Harmon spoke to attendees about Coastal Hospice.
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WOR-WIC SPONSORSHIP

Wor-Wic Community College recently received a sponsorship from Eastern Shore Undercover for the college's 5K Hero Run, set Saturday, Oct. 7. Pictured, from left, during the presentation of the sponsorship are Stefanie K. Rider, executive director of the Wor-Wic Foundation and director of development; Development Specialist Heather Trader; John C. Moses, director of criminal justice; Earl Campbell, of Delmar; and his daughter, Karli Campbell, a Wor-Wic student.



BAGPIPE SERENADE
 Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City member Mike Castoro serenades his fellow Kiwanians while playing a set of Scottish bagpipes during the group's Sept. 13 meeting. Castoro is a member of the Ocean City Pipes and Drums group, which performs at various local events, including this year's 911 remembrance celebrations in Ocean City.
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ESTUARIES WEEK

Maryland Coastal Bays Program provided a free boat trip to celebrate National Estuaries Week and teach people about the important role estuaries play in local communities and wildlife.

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Daylen Taylor shows Liz Wist a fish that he caught in a seine during the boat trip.



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(Left) Liz Wist shows Lucas Early a whelk shell. (Right) Erin Keeley shows a horseshoe crab to folks on the boat trip. The purpose of the trip was to teach people about the important role estuaries play to our local communities and wildlife.



Capt. John Lewis of Assateague Adventures casts a net out into the water on Assateague to see what type of marine wildlife he can catch. This day, he caught a small barracuda and a number of menhaden.

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MONARCHS

Verena Chase of Assateague Trust's Coastal Kids program teaches children about the migratory route of monarch butterflies at EverMoore Park in Berlin last Sunday. Later they helped paint flowers and butterflies on tables in the park. The EverMoore Park was established this year and hosts planting boxes with native plants to attract butterflies, pollinators and people.

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Opinion

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Farr must appreciate irony of his selection

Were it not such a ridiculous situation to begin with, one might appreciate the irony of Ocean Pines Association Director Rick Farr ascending to the presidency two years after his court fight to be recognized as a legitimate candidate was just getting underway.

Even though Farr had been the top vote-getter in that summer's election, an anonymous phone call to one of the directors contended that Farr was not a property owner, according to association rules, because his residence was legally owned by his family's trust.

Thus, the 1,629 votes he received did not count, according to the board majority, leading Farr to sue the board that August. After months of legal wrangling, and the board majority's attempt to conduct a new election without Farr on the ballot, Circuit Court Judge Sidney Campen ruled in Farr's favor.

He also opined on how absurd the whole situation was, going so far as to suggest the possibility of self-dealing and unconscionable conduct on the part of Farr's opponents on the board.

Given all that, Farr must find the current board's unanimous support of his presidency particularly satisfying, not that he has given any indication of his feelings on that score.

Instead, in his interview with this paper this week, he says he wants to establish a collaborative decision-making style in which all board members are heard, and has set what appears to be a pragmatic agenda for the board to follow: addressing golf course irrigation, the need for a new fire house, and continuing the course set by his immediate predecessor.

One might excuse a little bit of a chip on his shoulder after spending \$35,000 in legal fees to become a board member, but there's been no evidence that even a hint of one exists.

It appears that he just wants to get to work, and, backed up by a board that had no part in the legal drama of two years ago, a reasonable board with reasonable leadership that takes on reasonable projects is what residents should expect.

OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION REPORT

Bi-annual property owner survey out

Residents' opinions factored into next fiscal-year budget

The Ocean Pines Strategic Planning Committee have announced plans to re-release a bi-annual property owner survey in early October.

Committee Chairperson Bernie McGorry said he hopes this new survey will build on the success of the prior poll, which captured more than 1,800 responses.

"We had a tremendous response to our last survey in 2021," he said. "While overall the feedback was very positive, the results helped significantly to increase focus on safety, infrastructure and community appearance, while maintaining solid financial performance."

McGorry said the goal of the new survey is to measure property owner sentiment in comparison to the 2021 survey. The results will also be used to educate the Ocean

Pines Association about areas of focus for the next fiscal-year budget.

Just like the previous property owner survey, this iteration will be accessible in both online and hard copy formats to accommodate all community members.

To ensure candid and unbiased responses, all individual submissions will be kept anonymous and confidential.

The full survey results will be shared with the community during an upcoming town hall meeting.

"Please stay tuned for further details on the survey, which will be unveiled over the next few weeks," McGorry said. "Your input is instrumental in shaping the future of Ocean Pines, and we encourage all property owners to participate actively in this important community initiative."

Developmental center open house

Worcester Co. facility celebrates 50 years helping individuals

(Sept. 21, 2023) On Sept. 4, 1973, the Worcester County Developmental center opened its doors and began operations providing services to six individuals with an intellectual disability.

According to a news release, on Saturday, Sept. 23, WCDC is holding an open house to celebrate 50 years of providing outstanding service and support to clients.

As with many other agencies like the development center, the agency was started by parents, educators and concerned citizens who saw there were few opportunities for employment or socialization for their adult children when they left the school system.

Many people, as well as the Worcester County Commissioners and the Worcester County school district, were involved in forming the agency. In January of 1973, Jeanette Congdon, Mabel

Pruitt and Rose Canny filed the articles of incorporation, which were approved by the state and recorded on Aug. 1 of that year.

On Jan. 5, 1973, the organizational meeting of the board of directors was held in the extension building in Snow Hill to elect officers, adopt by-laws and conduct other items of business.

The original board was comprised of Congdon, Pruitt and Canny, as well as Leroy Hall, William Fritz, M.D., Thomas Jones, M.D. and the Rev. Ivon Downing.

The center has gone through many changes over the years, including a real trial by fire when the original building burned down, and the agency spent a number of years in temporary housing—thanks to Royal Plus—in Snow Hill while the new facility, built on the same spot on Newark Road, was constructed.

Anyone who was there in the early years, or who has knowledge of those years, will be encouraged to share their memories. WCDC has

gone through many changes over the years, and the release said officials believe it will be enlightening for attendees to compare where we are with where we were.

A highlight of the day will be the dedication of the center's campus in memory of Betty Wilde, and the Center for the Arts in memory of Ethel and Phyllis Cherrix.

Wilde was a long-time benefactress to WCDC. Cherrix was a major force in starting the center so that her daughter Phyllis, who had Down Syndrome, would have a place to interact with others and be engaged in the community.

During the event, attendees will learn more about the history of the development center, tour the building and interact with clients.

A buffet will be served and music to dine and dance to will be provided by a DJ.

For more information, contact Stephanie James, WCDC's executive director, at 410-632-2382, ext 117 or email james@wcdcservices.org.

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Co. library hosting Creative Aging with Care programs

(Sept. 21, 2023) The Worcester County Library is hosting Creative Aging with Care, a series of programs in the fall and winter, to provide resources for older adults and caregivers.

The programs promote creative expression and social engagement for older adults, helping them remain involved in their communities.

“Creative Aging with Care provides an opportunity for older adults and caregivers to come together in an artistic way,” Adult Services Coordinator Elena Coelho said in a news release. “The Library is offering two comedic performances by retired

nurse Lon Kieffer, an acrylic paint pour, memoir writing, and a book-making program.”

Informational events will include estate planning, a documentary for caregivers, and a presentation by motivational speaker Dustin Pari.

The project was funded in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Maryland State Library Agency.

For more information about Creative Aging with Care programs, contact Elena Coelho at 443-783-6164 or ecoelho@worcesterialibrary.org. Information is also available at worcesterialibrary.org under Events.

Worcester County to host scrap tire drop-off on Oct. 7

(Sept. 21, 2023) The Worcester County Commissioners and Public Works Recycling Division, in conjunction with the Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Environmental Services, will host Citizens Scrap Tire Drop-Off Day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7.

The event will take place at the Central Landfill in Newark.

Worcester County residents are encouraged to get rid of their old, scrap, passenger and light truck tires free of charge, with a limit of 10 tires per household. Photo ID is required at drop off.

Only non-commercial truck and car tires will be accepted. No agricultural tires will be accepted, and no businesses, commercial haulers of tires, or generators of scrap tires will be permitted to participate in the drop-off.

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Selbyville man sentenced to 20 years in Wor. Co. robbery

(Sept. 21, 2023) On Sept. 8, Antonio Walters was sentenced to serve 20 years in prison for robbing a Worcester County convenience store over the winter.

According to a news release, Walters, 48, of Selbyville, was arrested on Feb. 20 after he was identified as the individual who robbed a convenience store in Showell on Feb. 11. He pleaded guilty to the charge on July 11.



A. Walters

Reports to the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrick stated that troopers were dispatched to the store and spoke to the clerk, who told them that a Black male had entered the store, pointed a handgun at her and demanded money from the cash register and safe. The suspect reportedly stole about \$1,000 in cash from

the register and store safe while holding the clerk at gunpoint.

Investigators from the Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division took over the investigation, retrieved surveillance video from the store, and requested the public's assistance in identifying still photos of the suspect. They also obtained additional video surveillance from other locations showing the suspect vehicle's path of travel shortly after the robbery.

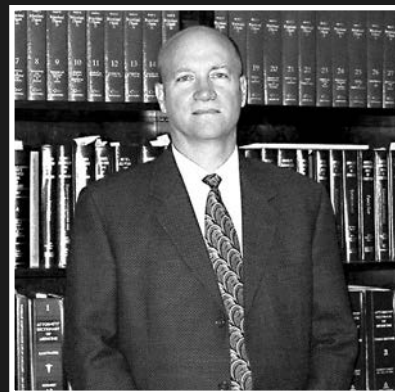
Over the course of the days following the incident, the release said numerous tips were received identifying Walters as the suspect. Investigators presented a photo array to the store clerk who positively identified Walters as the person who had robbed her.

On Feb. 20, state police troopers found Walters at a residence on Germantown Road and arrested him.

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Berlin resident Virginia Mayo Holland, of Berlin, dances and celebrates with Maryland Lottery 50th Anniversary Cash Bash Host Derek Gwaltney of Atlas Experiences after winning a \$100,000 prize at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium on Sept. 8.

Berlin woman wins \$100K in Maryland Lottery Cash Bash

(Sept. 21, 2023) A Berlin woman boogied her way to the finish of the Maryland Lottery's 50th Anniversary Cash Bash Event last Friday, nabbing a \$100,000 prize before an audience of spectators at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium.

The winner, 63-year-old Virginia Mayo Holland, was one of 10 finalists who had been randomly selected from more than 3.3 million entries in the Maryland Lottery's 50th Anniversary Cash Bash second-chance promotion.

A centerpiece of the Maryland Lottery's 50th Anniversary Celebration, the cash bash promotion ran from February to August and featured a series of five drawings. In each drawing, two finalists were selected to take part in the cash bash event for a chance to win a prize of up to \$5 million.

Mayo Holland and the other nine finalists entered the contest by registering \$50 worth of any lottery prod-

ucts through My Lottery Rewards, the Maryland Lottery's player loyalty program.

In Friday's event, Holland advanced to the last of three rounds by selecting a series of numbers from a large video board. With each selection, the finalists had a chance to win a cash prize or advance for a chance to win larger prizes.

Although the results were random, Holland's number selection had a purpose.

"I was choosing numbers that were meaningful for me, my husband's age, my number of children," she said in a news release.

When one of those meaningful selections carried her to the final round, she punctuated the lucky moment with a dance and a little twirl.

"That's my lucky dance — something I've always done when luck comes my way," Holland said with a smile.

The lucky finalist would dance again — this time after revealing several matching prize amounts in the final round and winning \$100,000.

"I'm just so grateful," she said in the release. "With this prize money I can do things that will improve life for both me and my husband."

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Coast Guard Auxiliary to host virtual safe boating course

(Sept. 21, 2023) The next Maryland Safe Boating Course will be held virtually next month to allow people from all over to attend.

The course is set from 6-9 p.m., Oct.10-12, and can be accessed on-line.

The Virtual course is taught by the same US Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors as the in-person class. All the required material is covered in the interactive course with plenty of time for questions.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972, to possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Cer-

tificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland. Those attending the class, and passing the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate, which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

A fee of \$20 covers the cost of the course and materials.

Checks should be made payable to USGCAUX 12-05 and mailed to: USCGAUX 12-05, PO Box 1682, Berlin, MD 21811

PayPal payments are also accepted.

For more information or to register, contact: Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807 or email CGAUXOC@Gmail.com.



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A boat drives along the surface of the bay.

Bikers Without Borders food drive in Ocean Pines Sept. 30

(Sept. 21, 2023) Bikers Without Borders Foundation's annual food drive is coming up at the end of the month.

From 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 30, at the Food Lion in Ocean Pines, organization members will be collecting canned goods, nonperishable food items, toiletries, and monetary donations for local food banks.

Food banks that will receive donations this fall from the drive include Chincoteague Island Food Closet in Chincoteague; Shepherd's Office in Georgetown, Delaware; and Sunrise Church in Berlin.

Items needed include ready-to-eat and microwave-ready meals, single-serve cereals, shelf stable milk, breakfast and granola bars, fruit cups, juice boxes, individual snack packs, cases of bottled water, and microwave rice cups. Personal hygiene items, such as infant formula and diapers are needed as well.

Monetary donations will be used to buy more food items to ensure well-rounded donations are provided to each organization, as well as provide gift cards for ongoing support through the holiday season.

Beginning at 12:30 pm, members of the Bikers Without Borders Foundation will begin escorted rides to the recipients to make the deliveries.

Bikers Without Borders Foundation is comprised of men and women that believe that giving back to the community is a civic duty. Members are motorcycle riders and non-riders

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Man, what a busy week we have ahead of us. Our own kids are off to school and dreading every second of it. In fact, we continued the Suplee tradition and had our “179 Days Left” ice cream cake that we have had on the first day of school for the past 14 years. Mind you, it’s not the same cake but you get the idea.

For me, school starts anew with returning and fresh students, and I get to hopefully share some of my seemingly unlimited and useless wisdom with them. With some special events coming up this weekend, next weekend and the one thus following, suffice it to say that I may be nigh worn out by the time October gets here.

But that’s all in a day’s work, or more to the point a month’s work. I’m excited to get back in the classroom and dig into the new offerings in our program.

Of course, with this change in weather (as evidenced by my feet perched on the warming bonfire bricks) comes the influx and flat out invasion of pumpkin-flavored everything. As much as I try to stay up with trends in our industry, I am having a hard time with this one. Of course saying this I’ll somehow wrangle a few pumpkin articles this fall, but that is the way of it, as Dickens would chime.

No, I hit the proverbial wall when I saw a company advertising its pumpkin spice protein shake. Come on, my good people. Have we really sunk so far as to inundate health food with even more artificial flavors? Maybe I’m wrong. Maybe there is something endearing to this whole pumpkin thing. But, it was just August a week ago. How can we make the switch so quickly from boardwalks, orange crushes and sunburns to cinnamon sticks in our hot toddies?

In my fervor to avoid anything and everything pumpkin, I dug through the freezer to see what I could muster up for dinner. It wasn’t long before I ran across some langostino that a seafood-broker friend of mine gave me a month or so ago. I love langostino, and if you’ve never had them think shrimp-size and lobster-taste.

While the argument may still be out about the difference between shrimp and prawn, make no mistake that langostino will hold your heart hostage once you’ve tried it in shrimp’s stead. When you are peeling them, they will feel like shrimp and they will perform, understandably, as a combination of shrimp and lobster.

When I say that, I mean that they will cook much more quickly than lobster as they are shrimp-sized, albeit very large shrimp. But, when they are done they have the sweet and delicious lobster flavor, and there is something quite magical about that.

In my younger years – we’re talking the early ‘80s – I was dubbed “The Executioner” at my second job at Key West Shipping Company, an interesting restaurant that prided itself on its



unadulterated use of smokers and fireboxes. It was a great place.

Apparently, killing lobsters is a life-changing event for some people, and as I could do it at 16 I was called upon whenever we needed to split one in half for a grilled lobster entrée. Now mind you, I did not enjoy doing it; I merely understood that it had to be done. Ergo, I chopped the little bastards in half, working as diligently and swiftly as possible so as to minimize their suffering.

And when they were split, they were doused with butter, salt and pepper and thrown on the grill. When done, they were topped with a homemade Amatriciana and sent on their way.

And with langostino, you have all of the benefits of lobster with the ease of cooking shrimp. To top it off, you’re not going to find fresh langostino, so you don’t have to worry about “the sacrifice,” as we called it.

This recipe is for a simple, tart langostino, but flavor it at will. But whatever you do, please refrain from the pumpkin for at least another four weeks.

Sautéed Langostino

enough for four people
20 Langostino
4 ounces Unsalted butter
1 Tbsp. EV Olive oil
1 Medium shallot, finely minced

4 cloves freshly minced garlic
1/2 cup Dry white wine
Salt & Pepper, to taste
Fresh parsley, minced

1. Peel langostino, removing any membrane and butterflying if you so desire. Keep chilled while you prepare the rest of the mise en place

2. When ready, fire up a good pan that will distribute heat well

3. Add butter and the oil and cook until butter is just beginning to brown

4. Add langostino and sauté until they are just barely cooked through. They will continue as you finalize the dish

5. Remove with a spoon, leaving the butter, oil and fond, or as I like to call it, “goo”

6. Add shallots and cook for about a minute

7. Add garlic, ensuring that you do not scorch it. Once that happens, scratch the sauce and start all over again. Garlic gets way too bitter when burnt

8. Deglaze with white wine and cook down until you have a viscous sauce that will coat the langostino

9. Speaking of that, these goes great with a wild rice blend, country green beans, roasted Brussels sprouts, roasted fingerling Yukon’s or any other sides that you can imagine

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., Sept. 21

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free service for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfig, 410-641-9726.

STORY TIME: 'ALMA...'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with this wonderful story all about Alma. Stick around after for a fun craft. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington 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. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Come to the library and bring your boards. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. The workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research, followed by a Q&A. Bring laptops, tablets or papers containing family information. Registration requested: 410-208-4014.

INCLUSIVE MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 11 a.m. An interactive session using rhymes, song, puppets, music and more to stimulate the learning process of babies and toddlers. Parents can receive tips from a child service provider. 410-641-0650

MUSIC LEGENDS SERIES: THE BAND

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. View a 1978 film, directed by Martin Scorsese, of The Band's "farewell concert appearance" at San Francisco's Winterland Ballroom. Headliners include Bob Dylan and Neil Young. 410-208-4014

TONING DOWN

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30 p.m. Body sculpting, using light weights (optional) while adding cardio moves infused with upbeat music to create a calorie torching strength training fitness party. Registration required: 410-641-0650.

MOBILE MENTOR

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Providing one-on-one assistance for those who want to make the most of their tablet or mobile device. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ROMANCE BOOK CLUB: 'ACROSS A FIELD OF STARLIGHT' BY BLUE DELLIQUANTI

The Buzzed Word, 11805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 6 p.m. Join the Ocean City Library with The Buzzed Word for an evening of Queer Romance and Wine. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET

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

Fri., Sept. 22

MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Join in for a fun morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring your own tile set. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SURVIVAL SPANISH: SOS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Join the group as they learn about Spanish vocabulary that would be useful in an emergency situation. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

2023 PLEIN AIR EVENT EXHIBIT AND SALE

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5-7 p.m. Featuring the works of 36 artist competing in the Worcester County Arts Council's 2023 Plain Air Event. The exhibit will be on display until Oct. 31. curator@worcestercountyartsCouncil.org.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL HOBBIT DAY

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 6 p.m. Celebrate the birthday of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins. Movie, craft and light refreshments. Registration necessary: 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org

Sat., Sept. 23

OC ADVENTUREFEST SPORTSMAN & OUTDOOR SHOW

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Featuring Outdoor Sports and Gun Show vendors, Delmarva Dock dogs, seminars and attractions. Schedules: <https://www.showmastersgunshows.com/oc-adventurefest-sportsman-outdoors-show-.html>.

DON MCLEAN WITH SPECIAL GUEST DAVE BRAY USA

Ocean City Performing Arts Center - Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$39, \$59, \$75, \$95 and \$125. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/6150725/don-mclean-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

2023 HEACOOK AND HILIARD MEMORIAL RUN

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Charity Poker Run to raise money for the Maryland Chapter of the Concerns of the Police Survivors in memory of Officers Peacock and Hilliard. Sign up 10-11 a.m. Cost is \$20. www.hogsheroes-foundation.com, 240-832-5148

FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 8-11 a.m. Free clinic for those ages 13 years and older. No appointment required. Drive-thru. Donations help offset the cost of future flu clinics. www.agh.care/flu

TINKER TIME: STEM KITS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in anytime. Use the library's supplies and your imagination to explore STEM concepts with the self-guided kits. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CRAFTY SATURDAY: CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. A fun day of making crafts to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Be prepared for a mess. All ages welcome. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

2023 PLEIN AIR EVENT EXHIBIT AND SALE

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Featuring the works of 36 artist competing in the Worcester County Arts Council's 2023 Plain Air Event. The exhibit will be on display until Oct. 31. curator@worcestercountyartsCouncil.org

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Travel the globe through books and crafts while learning about different countries and cultures. For ages 6-10 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CREATING MEMORY BOOKS, PT. 1

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 11 a.m. Compile precious moments into a special keep-

sake in this two-part crafting program. This is a great project parent-child to work on together. Registration necessary: 410-957-0878.

TURF BY THE SURF STEAK COOKOFF

Ocean Downs Casino, 10218 Racetrack Road, Berlin, noon to 8:30 p.m. Steak cookout competition, live music and a cornhole tournament. Cash prizes. Must be at least 21 years of age to enter the casino. marissa.poliks@oceandowns.com, www.oceandowns.com

SENSATIONAL SKIN

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Investigate herbs that help support skin health. Attendees receive a custom-blended infused skin care oil to take home. Registration required: 410-208-4014. www.worcesterlibrary.org

WORCESTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Worcester County Developmental Center, 8545 Newark Road, Newark, 3 p.m. Dedication and ceremony followed by dinner, drinks and dancing. Business casual attire. 410-632-2382

BALLET ON THE BEACH DANCE FESTIVAL

Assateague State Park, 6915 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Per-performance activities begin at 4 p.m. Also environmental talks, a dance class, art activities and Q&A. Free event. Cost for parking is \$5 per vehicle. Rain date is Sept. 24. balletonthebeach.org

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., Sept. 24

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OCTOBERFEST IN THE PINES

White Horse Park, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 1-6 p.m. Authentic Bavarian dance and music performers, food, beverages, games and crafts. <https://business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/2023-oktoberfest-in-the-pines-14916>

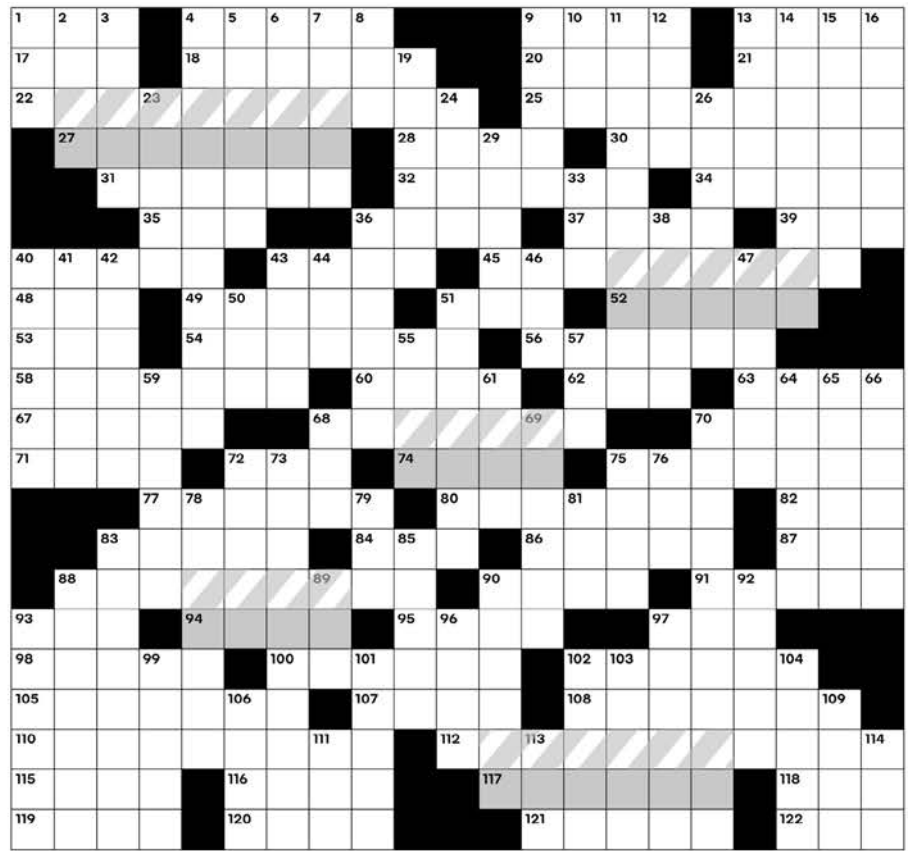
Puzzles

DETOURS AHEAD

BY ADAM WAGNER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Adam Wagner, of Oakland, Calif., is a creative lead at Patreon, a monetization platform for content creators. This is his 16th crossword for The Times (and fifth Sunday). Adam is part of a large community of Bay Area puzzlemakers. He speculates that the overlap between tech and crossword construction might be the reason for the concentration. Or maybe it's just something in the water? — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Chat chuckle
 - 4 Less than one's best, in sports lingo
 - 9 Stadium, venue with a cushioned acrylic surface that is the largest of its type in the world
 - 13 Wholesale
 - 17 Inits. associated with accessibility
 - 18 Submitted after the deadline
 - 20 Some ring finishes, for short
 - 21 research, source of "dirt" on a political rival
 - 22 Dickens clerk DETOUR: Theatrical success
 - 25 Formidable-but-awesome behavior
 - 27 DETOUR No. 1
 - 28 It comes out on top
 - 30 Family name in folk music
 - 31 Parts of some choral arrangements?
 - 32 Boosler who was the first woman to have an hourlong comedy special on cable TV
 - 34 Big name in health care
 - 35 What a sleepy head might do
 - 36 Stagger
 - 37 Dentist's command
 - 39 "That sucks"
 - 40 Composer Strauss, the brother of Johann
- DOWN**
- 1 Titration station
 - 2 Something typically found in a barnyard
 - 3 Lead-in to delivery
 - 4 Hunt-and-peck types?
 - 5 Chewed (on)
- 43 "Glass Onion" director Johnson
 - 45 Homeland Security-concerns DETOUR: Computer-port inserts
 - 48 Cry stressed on its second syllable
 - 49 Purpose
 - 51 Bygone auto inits.
 - 52 DETOUR No. 2
 - 53 Present-day auto inits.
 - 54 Pharaoh who founded Egypt's 19th dynasty
 - 56 "Get out!"
 - 58 Things settled over drinks
 - 60 Shakespearean verb
 - 62 A head
 - 63 Mums' mums
 - 67 cloth (sandpaper alternative)
 - 68 They're laid in Australia DETOUR: They feel your pain
 - 70 Gas whose name comes from the Greek word for "foreigner"
 - 71 Common first word for an infant
 - 72 Taxpayer's ID
 - 74 DETOUR No. 3
 - 75 Lose one's balance?
 - 77 Hebrew greeting
 - 80 "It's a thumbs down from me"
 - 82 "O patria ____" (Verdi aria)
 - 83 Metropolis with a Little Havana neighborhood
 - 84 Major ref.
 - 86 Mineral used in glass production
 - 87 Texted shrug
 - 88 Photographer's setting DETOUR: Come in handy
 - 90 Grps. that liaise with superintendents
 - 91 Fermented drink from Russia
 - 93 Embargo
 - 94 DETOUR No. 4
 - 95 Bird embodied by the Egyptian god Thoth
 - 97 Cells are covered in it, in brief
 - 98 Studio Ghibli genre
 - 100 Trickster
 - 102 What some emails, checks and balls do
 - 105 Wholesale
 - 107 Jane who says, "I need not sell my soul to buy bliss"
 - 108 Golden
 - 110 Classic game of bluffing
 - 112 Feature of some sweatpants DETOUR: Well-known musical group with a place name
 - 115 Then
 - 116 Puts together
 - 117 DETOUR No. 5
 - 118 Brown, for one
 - 119 N.A.A.C.P. and A.C.L.U., for two
 - 120 Component of a beekeeper's suit
 - 121 Stuffs with bacon fat, say
 - 122 Caustic cleaner
 - 6 Meeting spot for a union
 - 7 Company that owns Bloomingdale's
 - 8 Neighbor of Djibouti: Abbr.
 - 9 In check
 - 10 Reggae forerunner
 - 11 Jumble
 - 12 Early victim of identity theft?
 - 13 Israel's Dayan
 - 14 Photographer's setting
 - 15 Suddenly appears, with "up"
 - 16 "And, uh, that's what happened"
 - 19 "Come On ____" (1982 hit)
 - 23 Michael who was knighted in 2000
 - 24 Related thing
 - 26 Substitute
 - 29 Face
 - 33 Noggin
 - 36 Containing graphic content, say
 - 38 Diamond imperfection?
 - 40 Vaccinated, to Brits
 - 41 "Wowza!"
 - 42 Seethed
 - 43 Parts of drinking or reading glasses
 - 44 Access points
 - 46 Express some intense emotion
 - 47 Goal that sends a game into overtime
 - 50 Bit of cereal
 - 51 CVS competitor
 - 55 Make more powerful, with "up"
 - 57 Series segments, informally
 - 59 Five-time winner of the Copa do Mundo
 - 61 "Love It or List It" ainer
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 - 65 Restriction on some wedding invites
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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.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Calendar

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FREE CONCERT

Calvin B. Taylor House, lawn, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 6 p.m. The Berlin Airlift will have an encore performance on the lawn. Beer and wine for purchase. Bring a chair.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays through Sept. 24 - Commerce, Pitts and Main streets, Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More than 35 farmers, food cultivators, bakers, distillers, seafood, meat, eggs and more. TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com

Mon., Sept. 25

STORY TIME: 'DOWN ON THE FARM'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories, books and movement all about life on the farm. For ages 2-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

THE FUNNY THING ABOUT CAREGIVERS

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 11 a.m. Defender of Caregivers Lon Kieffer brings his humor and education to this stand up comedy performance about aging and caregiving. 443-783-6164

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30-11:59 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness may boost health and psychological well-being. This group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SUPER POWERED STEM: LAVA LAMPS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:30 p.m. Discover how a lava lamp works. Fun and messy science experiment. For ages 6 years and older. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

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

SAFE BOATING COURSE

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 5:30-8 p.m. Held Sept. 25, 26, 27 and 28. Cost is \$25; middle/high school students age 18 and younger admitted free. This class satisfies safe boating requirements nationwide. Register: ocpsabc@gmail.com. 443-604-5851

WINE & CHEESE OPEN HOUSE FOR THE DELMARVA CHORUS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235

Ocean Parkway, 6-8 p.m. The Delmarva Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, is planning a Wine & Cheese Open House / Guest Night to celebrate our 20th anniversary. 484-949-5515, Mary, 410-208-4009, www.delmarvachorus.org.

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., Sept. 26

STORY TIME: FEELINGS

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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

WATERCOLOR BASICS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Artist Jan Coulbourne teaches this class about creating a piece of watercolor art. Registration required: 410-524-1818. www.worcesterlibrary.org

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Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Use a spray technique to create negative space paintings. Be prepared to get messy. For ages 6-12 years. 410-957-0878, 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 loca-

tions. All are welcome.

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

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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

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Wed., Sept. 27

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Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-noon. Ask an attorney about wills, deeds, power of attorney, advanced medical directives and other elder law issues. You must qualify financially for this free service. Register: 410-690-8128.

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TILE ART

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Color subway tiles, spray with alcohol and let the creativity flow. Registration required: 410-641-0650. www.worcesterlibrary.org

ORIGINALS ONLY LIVE MUSIC

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 6-8 p.m. Featuring original acts by local up-and-coming musicians. No drinking/drugs. No cover but a \$5 donation is suggested.

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KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednesday meetings are offsite and will be updated monthly on the website and Facebook. Guests are welcome. www.kiwanisofopoc.org

ONGOING EVENTS

WORCESTER COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL EXHIBIT

Berlin library's second floor Art Gallery, 220 N. Main St., through Sept. 21. Featuring "Shore Sampling" by Beth Cooper and "Under the Sea" by Carol Gentes. www.worcestercountyartsCouncil.org, 410-641-0650

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Local artist Patrick Henry presents photographs, artifacts and memories from the local Phillips Canning Factory. On display at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sept 30. Also available by appointment. germantownschool@gmail.com, 443-235-9803, 410-641-0638

SEPTEMBER FEATURED ARTISTS

Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, Sept. 1-30. Enjoy the artwork of the two featured artists, Geo McElroy and Ellie Scott and the artwork by 30 local artists and Gallery members. All available for sale. www.worcestercountyartsCouncil.org, 410-641-0809

KIWANIS 2024 "LOTTERY RAFFLE" TICKETS ON SALE

Every Saturday at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20. A tickets is good for all 365 days of 2024 drawings of the Maryland evening "Pick 3" drawing. There are 17 Special Dates that pay up to \$250. See www.kiwanisofopoc.org.

'SAVE OUR STORIES'

The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum is asking community members to send in their accounts as to how COVID-19 has impacted them. The submissions can be a specific experience, direct answers to the prompt questions, or a combination. No story is too long or too short. To submit, visit www.ocmuseum.org. Info: Christine@ocmuseum.org.

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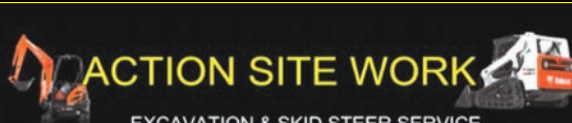
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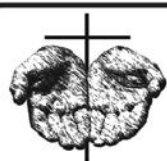
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