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Stephen Decatur High School celebrated the outstanding scholastic, college and professional basketball career of Andre Foreman last Saturday. After starring as a Seahawk in high school, Foreman became the all-time leading scorer in Division III history while at Salisbury University, averaging 27 points and 12 rebounds a game and twice being named an All-American. After college, he had an 18-year professional career playing overseas. Pictured, from left, are Principal Tom Sites, Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor, Foreman, former Decatur coach Ty Mills and current Decatur Coach BJ Johnson.

Hospice says data breached

Security technicians secure information after incident in July, precautions taken

By Charlene Sharpe
Associate Editor

(Feb. 1, 2024) Coastal Hospice is notifying affected individuals following a 2023 data security incident.

Late last month, Coastal Hospice began notifying affected individuals regarding a network disruption that occurred in July 2023.

"This disruption did not impact our ability to provide care to our patients and families," said Alejandra Lazcano, director of communications at Coastal Hospice. "Our IT team, along with security experts, acted quickly and our information was able to be secured. Coastal Hospice is not aware of the misuse of any potentially affected information. Nonetheless, as a precautionary measure, we recommend our community to remain vigilant and review account statements and credit reports closely."

'Coastal Hospice has enhanced its network security and has reported the incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.'

According to an announcement on the Coastal Hospice website, a network disruption July 24 resulted in an immediate investigation. That investigation, which was conducted by cybersecurity experts, revealed that certain files may have been acquired without authorization. In late November, certain individuals' person and/or protected health information was "identified as being contained within the potentially affected data."

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Jenkins Point project outlined

Restoration of peninsula would result in protection against storms, rising tides

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Feb. 1, 2024) The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) hosted a meeting on Monday in Ocean Pines to discuss the Jenkins Point restoration project and answer questions from residents.

Jenkins Point, south of the Route 90 bridge in the Isle of Wight Bay, is a series of islands kayak-distance

from Ocean Pines. The land was once an unbroken peninsula before 60 years of erosion caused what is now the fragmented pieces off the residential community.

The point currently acts as a storm and wave energy barrier for the nearby marina and developments.

However, based on rising sea level predictions and inundation, what is left of the once-whole landmass will eventually be lost as well. According to MCBP Executive Director Kevin Smith, the goal is to repair the plot so it continues to act as protection to infrastructure such as the Yacht Club,

the Osprey Point condominium community, and other neighborhood amenities.

The hope is that the restoration project will also safeguard and attract wildlife. Smith emphasizes the potential of habitat creation for horseshoe crabs, terrapins, and shorebirds. As a result, natural materials and marsh grasses will make up the bulk of the construction supplies.

Jenkins Point has been on MCBP's radar for a few years. The environmental group applied for funding from the Maryland Department of

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Lions Club wants to provide AEDs inside all Berlin parks

By Charlene Sharpe
Associate Editor

(Feb. 1, 2024) A machine to help save the lives of people undergoing cardiac arrest could soon be available in Berlin parks.

The Berlin Lions Club has expressed interest in providing \$6,000 toward the purchase of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for Henry and Stephen Decatur parks. Town staff have asked the club to put the offer in writing while they review updated pricing on the machines.

"We saw you have a need for AED units," said Rick Holland of the Berlin Lions Club. "That's right up our alley. We would certainly like to help."

Holland met with the Berlin Parks Commission last week to talk about the Berlin Lions Club's desire to assist in the purchase of AEDs. He said historically, the club had worked on supporting eyewear and vision needs among students and community members. He said there had been less of a demand for that lately, however. The club also sold its ballfields property to the county.

"We are for the first time in history flush and we are looking to do some stuff," Holland said. "We've banked the principal but we're looking to give away the interest."

Town staff said that in fiscal year 2024, the estimated cost to purchase AEDs for three town parks was \$10,000. Holland said the club was prepared to donate \$6,000 as long as there was a photo opportunity for the

club and the AEDs were accompanied by signage that stated they'd been purchased with the help of the Berlin Lions Club. He said the club supported funding AEDs for Henry Park and Stephen Decatur Park.

He added that while the club wanted to help purchase the AEDs, the club would not be responsible if they were stolen or misused. He added that the club was open to the idea of funding new batteries for the devices once the batteries needed to be replaced.

Patricia Dufendach, a member of the parks commission, praised the club's interest and said she'd love for the town to share a video regarding how to use the AEDs once they were installed.

"Thank you so much for thinking of the town," she said.

Holland said the Berlin Lions Club also now sponsored a Boy Scout troop. He said the troop could help with park projects, particularly things like bat boxes, birdhouses or trail maintenance.

"We're interested in helping you guys out," he said.

Town staff said they would look for updated pricing on the AEDs. In the meantime, they asked Holland to have the club submit something in writing detailing the donation they were willing to provide to the municipality.

"We'll revisit it in March once we get an idea what we're looking at," said Kate Daub, the town's special projects administrator.

New contact person for tree removal now in Ocean Pines

(Feb. 1, 2024) Ocean Pines residents who want trees removed from their properties must now contact to a different department to submit applications.

Starting today, Feb. 1, all tree removal application requests will be processed by Michelle Lane-Ross, the administrative assistant for the general manager's office. Applications will no longer be accepted at the Public Works Building.

To download an application for tree removal, visit oceanpines.org/documents/10184/104157/application+for+tree+removal+2024.pdf?t=1706044673287.

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Efforts continue to build community center

By Charlene Sharpe
Associate Editor

(Feb. 1, 2024) Efforts to bring a community center to Flower Street remain underway, according to municipal officials.

Mayor Zack Tyndall said the Berlin Community Center Advisory Committee has been meeting regularly to plan for a new facility. Since the parcels that are meant to be home to the center were consolidated last fall, the committee is expected to provide the public with an update on their efforts this month.

“We’ve been working hard and we’re ready to talk to the public and bring everybody up to speed and advance the

community center project,” Tyndall said.

For years, the town has been working toward building a new community center on Flower Street to replace the aging multi-purpose building. An advisory committee made up of community members started meeting last February to talk about plans and needs going forward. And in October, the town council voted unanimously to approve the transfer of two parcels of property from the Berlin Community Improvement Association (BCIA) to the Town of Berlin. The parcels, currently home to Head Start and the multi-purpose building, were added to the property al-

ready owned by the town that is slated for a community center.

Tyndall said the committee has been hard at work.

“We’ve met several times. We’re working with BCIA and Shore Up for an event to brief the public as far as what our next steps will be,” he said.

He said the committee has drafted a guiding document to move the process forward but that community feedback was still needed. Because public input is already being sought for the town’s strategic plan and its comprehensive plan, Tyndall said the committee would likely wait a bit before seeking community feedback on plans for the center.

Fundraising for the new facility has already started, however, with the sale of town flags. Tyndall said flags would be for sale for \$30 each.

“The \$30 will cover the cost of the flag and the remaining proceeds will be used toward the development of a community center on Flower Street,” Tyndall said. “The flags will be delivered to residents around the week of March 13 with a note asking everyone to fly the flag on March 30 for Berlin’s 156th birthday.”

Tyndall said anyone interested in ordering a flag could call the mayor’s office at 410-641-3858 or email mayorzack@berlinmd.gov.

Berlin Chamber financial ed series underway

By Charlene Sharpe
Associate Editor

(Feb. 1, 2024) A new educational series hosted by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce is meant to improve financial literacy among local merchants and business owners.

The Berlin Chamber of Commerce Financial Literacy Educational Series kicked off today, Feb. 1, and runs through the end of March. The weekly series of presentations is open

to anyone in the Berlin business community.

“The basics here aren’t just for those already in business,” said Ryan Nellans, executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. “We want to help provide for and empower our future entrepreneurs.”

The series will consist of eight informative presentations scheduled for Thursday mornings, Nellans said. The first session was held Feb. 1 while

the last is set for March 28. Each session starts at 8 a.m. and will be followed by a question-and-answer session. The presentations are being held at the Berlin Welcome Center. Topics include range from basic bookkeeping to social media marketing.

The series kicked off this week with a talk on financial literacy basics presented by Bank of America. Next week, a basic bookkeeping presenta-

tion will be made by the Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Future presentations focus on understanding financial statements, presented by the SBDC, as well as cyber liability and insurance, presented by Bradley Atlantic, among others.

A full schedule is available on the Berlin Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

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“There are a lot of ways to start a business, but not all of them come with a comprehensive business education,” Nellans said. “The chamber recognizes that, and is rededicating itself to the local business community by helping to fill in some of those gaps and bolster the resilience of our local economy.”

He’s hopeful the array of businesses in Berlin will benefit from the new series, which, to encourage participation, is open to everyone in the Berlin business community, regardless of the size of their business.

“Worcester County has the highest number of small businesses per capita in the state of Maryland,” Nellans said. “The freedom that so many of our neighbors enjoy in being able to chart their own course is an immensely valuable part of the Eastern Shore’s history and culture. We want to help preserve that.”

Attendance is free for the weekly presentations, and a complimentary breakfast will be provided to all attendees. Nellans said the Berlin Chamber was committed to supporting the local business ecosystem and believes that enhanced financial literacy is a crucial step toward sustained growth and prosperity.

Diakonia officials explore options

Nonprofit’s expansion plan in limbo following county’s denial of sewer capacity

By Charlene Sharpe
Associate Editor

(Feb. 1, 2024) The future of Diakonia’s long-planned expansion is in jeopardy following a recent decision by county officials.

Supporters of Diakonia are exploring options in the wake of the Worcester County Commissioners’ decision not to approve Diakonia’s plan to acquire sewer capacity from the Town of Ocean City. The nonprofit, which has provided emergency housing, food assistance and other resources to those in need in the Ocean City area since the 1970s, needs the capacity to expand services with a new facility on Route 611.

“It’s unfortunate to see things come to this,” Del. Wayne Hartman said last week. “Diakonia is such a great asset to the Town of Ocean City and Worcester County.”

The commissioners voted 4-3 on Jan. 16 to not support Diakonia’s agreement with Ocean City, which would have provided the nonprofit with the necessary wastewater treatment capacity needed to build the new facility. Commissioners Joe

Mitrecic, Diana Purnell and Ted Elder supported the request but the majority of the board did not.

The commissioners opposed to the request said the issue was larger than Diakonia. They said there were other entities that had been waiting for EDUs (Equivalent Dwelling Unit, a measure of wastewater treatment capacity) and that a level playing field was needed. Commissioner Chip Bertino said it was also an issue of control.

“One of the realities is people who have their businesses or reside within county limits should not have to go to Ocean City or anybody else to determine what they can and can’t do with their land,” Bertino said last week. “The only guardians of the county’s interests within our jurisdiction are the seven of us.”

While they didn’t approve the Diakonia request, the commissioners did vote unanimously for staff to start discussions with Ocean City officials regarding the possibility of the town granting the county sewer capacity since the Mystic Harbour service area is at maximum capacity.

“In essence, Worcester County is holding Diakonia and the Town of Ocean City hostage for additional capacity, which isn’t Diakonia or Ocean City’s problem,” Hartman said.

Reid Tingle, chair of Diakonia’s board, thanked Ocean City leaders as well as Mitrecic, Purnell and Elder for their support.

“It is unfortunate that the ‘Gang of Four’ decided to play politics with people’s lives and wellbeing instead of doing what is in the best interest of the citizens and communities they were elected to represent,” he said.

Tingle indicated he was disappointed but not surprised by the majority’s vote, particularly since Diakonia representatives met with a couple of them earlier this month.

“We did finally meet with the selected commissioners and were clearly told they would not allow the proposal to go through,” he said. “Various reasons were presented, starting with it is not fair for us to just go to the top of the list. We asked who was on the list and were quickly told there is no list. Then we were told another project could create a larger tax base that would bring more revenue into the county than our project. Finally, it came out that they wanted control, and did not want Ocean City to have any say in what they could or could not develop in what they perceive as their area.”

He said their recommended solution to the sewer capacity issue was

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Supporters pursuing state, federal funding for project

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for Diakonia to sell the Route 611 property and build somewhere else. Tingle said Diakonia supporters were hoping to find another option.

“We are currently looking into and pursuing options at the state and federal level that would allow us to move forward without the support of the Gang of Four,” he said. “If there are no options on the state or federal level, barring a white knight coming forward and offering some sewer capacity, the project cannot move forward at this time.”

Hartman said he’d reached out to the Maryland Department of the Environment and the attorney general’s office to see if there was anything that could be done.

“I think we really need to have this project move forward,” he said.

Even if there is a way for the project to move forward, the nonprofit can’t pursue fundraising opportunities with the future of the project in question.

“The wait on EDUs creates problems in that we are trying to prepare for building without the ability to begin raising those funds,” said Ken Argot, executive director of Diakonia. “When we received the initial nod of concept, we began to prepare for funding certain aspects of the project, however with continued delays and uncertainty of the project with no concrete date in the future, we are left in ‘no man’s land’ when it comes to our requests for public funding. We don’t want to misinform the public when we don’t yet have official approval. But there is also a real concern in approaching donors for current operation projects, without overburdening them with an addi-

tional ask for building capital should the 611 project be approved quicker.”

Argot said the lack of affordable housing was the primary cause of homelessness in America. He said if there weren’t enough homes out there for people to purchase, those who can afford to purchase have to settle on rentals, which are then no longer available to people who aren’t able to buy their own homes. Argot said that many times, people aren’t able to move out of shelters like Diakonia because affordable rentals are rare. He said that was why Diakonia’s project on Route 611 was so important.

“The reason that so many of our homeless are out in the streets, in front of stores, or camping out in wooded areas, is because there is literally no place to go,” Argot said.

If Diakonia can build a new facility on its Route 611 land, it can not only house more people but would be able to have a larger food pantry and more office space. Currently, even when donors have food for Diakonia, the nonprofit doesn’t have adequate storage to be able to accept it. Veterans, when working with case managers to get services, don’t have private space to meet. Furthermore, the ability of Diakonia’s thrift store to generate income for the nonprofit is limited by space.

“Our thrift store raises about 10 percent of our annual income, with the potential to do more,” Argot said. “However, our limited space means less room for bulk-in kind donations, and the need to rent additional space when we try to store seasonal donations for the next year. Often, we can’t even take in-kind donations because we have no warehouse space.”

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Craft club soliciting former members, vendors for events

Organization will celebrate 50th anniversary in April

(Feb. 1, 2024) The Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines is seeking former members and vendors to participate in several upcoming events.

On April 18, members will celebrate the club's 50th anniversary at the community center and are asking former members to join in the festivities. For more information, contact club treasurer Jane Wolnik at j.wolnik63@gmail.com or call 410-208-4225.

The annual August Craft Fair is also set for Aug. 3, both inside the Ocean Pines Community Center and outdoors at White Horse Park. For information on becoming a vendor, contact Kelly Davis at shoafpr@gmail.com or call 609-351-

2125.

The Pine'er Craft Club always welcomes new members. For an information packet, email Sherry Waskey at sherwaskey@gmail.com, or attend regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month in the community center.

The Artisan Gift Shop sells and showcases locally handcrafted items made by club members. The shop is open on weekends year-round and features gifts, seasonal items, and home décor favorites. For artisans who would like to be featured in the shop, email opcraftclub@aol.com for more information.

For more information about Pine'er Craft Club events, visit oceanpines.org/web/pages/artisan-gift-shop or search Ocean Pines Pine'er Craft Club on Facebook.

Letters sent to possible victims

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Coastal Hospice issued letters Jan. 22 to people potentially affected.

"Coastal Hospice has enhanced its network security and has reported the incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in an effort to hold the perpetrators accountable," the Coastal Hospice notice reads.

Information that may have been involved in the incident includes social security number, date of birth, medical diagnosis information, health insurance policy number, physician information, medical condition and patient account number.

Those with questions about the incident are invited to reach out to a call center established to address concerns. Representatives are available 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday

through Friday, and can be reached at 1-888-541-0492.

The nonprofit also advises anyone who may be impacted to review their debit and credit card statements regularly for any unusual activity. Individuals can also consider putting a fraud alert on their credit report. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within the reports and requests that the creditor contact the individual prior to establishing any accounts in the individual's name.

"Coastal Hospice takes the privacy and security of all data and systems very seriously and safeguarding and maintaining the confidentiality of our patient and employee information remains our utmost priority," the letter read.



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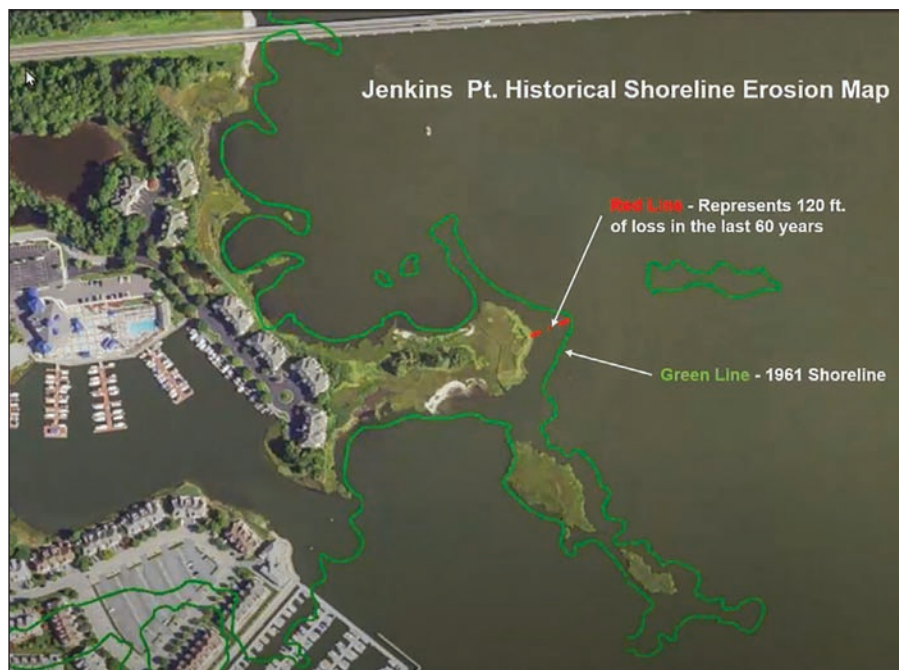
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The Maryland Coastal Bays Program hosted a meeting to discuss the Jenkins Point restoration project, which will repair the eroding islands off the shore of Ocean Pines. The image outlines the decades-long decline of the landmass.

Advocates for project optimistic

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Natural Resources (DNR) to kickstart the rebuild in 2020.

While they were initially unsuccessful, the Ocean Pines Board of Directors voted to provide a \$10,000 cost share as part of the reapplication process, and in 2022 Maryland DNR awarded MCBP a grant.

At a meeting last May, Smith said \$62,000 would be used for the design and permitting phase. The total price tag of the venture is expected to land around \$10 million. MCBP has begun the proposal process to acquire construction funds and has an application pending with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Advocates for Jenkins Point are optimistic about the endeavor. "This is not rocket science; it's super far-fetched. You don't see it everywhere. It's unique," Chris Becraft of

Underwood and Associates, an ecosystem restoration company assisting with the project, said. "We're starting to see larger landscape projects like this. It's constructable, fundable, and permissible."

To combat the erosion, Becraft explained the foundation of the design it to create a stable bay with hardened, unmovable headland points off Route 90 and on the furthest tip of Jenkins that is roughly 160 feet offshore. Additionally, officials hope to build the land up to elevation four, meaning residents could walk on their flip-flops after a storm and stay dry. The highest area is currently at elevation two.

"However, if at 75% funded everyone locks their doors and says that's it, we still plan to move forward," Becraft said. "We'll build to elevation three. That's a lot of dump trucks of sand that don't have to come in. It'll get the price down, and maybe we can plan for elevation four."

The bulk of the build will occur via land access and will take 45 days. Officials maintained that the project would do little for flooding and the primary purpose is infrastructure protection from wave energy and habitat restoration. According to Smith, construction is expected to begin in Dec. 2025, pending funding and the roughly 18-month permitting process.

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Atlantic General Hospital celebrated the grand opening of the Gudelsky Family Medical Center, the new outpatient hub for the Berlin and Ocean City area. Pictured is the Jan 25 ribbon cutting ceremony at the facility off Route 589.

AGH's Gudelsky Family Medical Center open

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Feb. 1, 2024) Healthcare just got even more accessible in Worcester County, as Atlantic General Hospital and Health System unveiled a much

needed and brand-new facility to serve the Ocean Pines community at lower costs.

AGH celebrated the grand opening of the Gudelsky Family Medical Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony on

Jan. 25. The new site is off Racetrack Road in Ocean Pines. The nearly 50,000-square-foot building will act as a center for diabetes management, endocrinology, primary care, pediatrics, gastroenterology, and offer walk-in lab and X-ray services.

"The center creates a point of access for residents of Ocean Pines and beyond, providing a one-stop shop for adult and adolescent patients needing care," AGH CEO and President Donald Owrey said.

The healthcare facility has an additional AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacy planned for a spring opening. According to Owrey, the hospital location is recognized year after year as a premiere regional pharmacy, and the AGH board and providers are excited to expand the excellent service to the Ocean Pines community.

The idea for the center was conceived before the pandemic. Despite the impact COVID-19 continues to have on national, regional, and local healthcare, the commitment to the project never wavered, the president said.

The medical center has already attracted new providers, including a pediatrician and a gastroenterology doctor. Officials are hopeful the facility will entice even more medical professionals to help bolster healthcare in

Worcester County. "The Gudelsky's donation, which made the center possible, is the largest single private donation to the Atlantic General Hospital that we have ever received," Board of Trustees Chair

Charlotte Cathell said. The family contributed \$4 million. John Jack Burbage was another donor recognized at the ceremony.

"Ocean City has grown so much over the last few years, and we've been very fortunate to be part of this close-knit community," Rolfe Gudelsky said, who attended the event with his wife, Iona, and their two children. "They take care of each other. This medical center will enable AGH to continue to grow and meet the community's needs. My family and I are excited to be involved and proud of the project. We are looking forward to its future."

Also at the ceremony were local elected officials, AGH medical staff, additional donors, chambers of commerce, and community members.

According to the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation Chair Steve Green, construction for the site began in Sept. 2021. "Donations to Atlantic General Hospital stay right here. They stay in our community," he said. "We are truly improving healthcare, which we should all be very proud of."

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Snapshots



LIONS SERVICE
 Lions District Governor Kathy Crockett recently visited the Ocean City Lions Club and presented recognition pins for years of service. JD Quillin was honored for being an Ocean City Lion for 62 years. Pictured, from left, are Dorothy Beran, Joe Beran, Crockett, OC Lions President Greg Cathell, Past District Governor Norm Cathell, Quillin, Joe Myles, Past President Mike Hooper and Greg Bergan.
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ANDRUS AWARD

Carla Duls, Maryland Retired School Personnel Association president, presents the AARP Andrus Award for Community Service to Allen Brown, a Wicomico Retired School Personnel Association member. The AARP Andrus Award is the organization's most prestigious volunteer tribute recognizing outstanding individuals age 50-plus who are sharing their experience, talents and skills to enrich the lives of others.



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NEW KIWANIAN

From left, Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Bob Wolfing, new member Jack McLaughlin and his sponsor, Kiwanian Jim Ulman, pose for a photo after McLaughlin's induction at a recent meeting. McLaughlin is from Western Pennsylvanian and a veteran who taught in Baltimore for over 40 years.



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APPRECIATION AWARDS

From left, Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City members Mike Castoro, Jim Ulman, Jackie Dubin, Tom Southwell and Mary Page pose with appreciation awards they recently received for noteworthy contributions to the club.



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MOSAIC SNAKE

Berlin Intermediate student Kiley Mikulski poses with a mosaic piece she made at the school's after school art club. Taught by art teacher Joanne Guilfoil, the club is an outreach program of the Art League of Ocean City.

Longtime Taylor Bank pres. retiring, exec. VP stepping in

(Feb. 1, 2024) After nearly three decades of service, Calvin B. Taylor Bank President and Chief Executive Officer Raymond M. Thompson will retire at the end of this year.



R. Thompson

According to a news release, Thompson will officially step down from his position at the end of 27 years with the bank on Dec. 31. Thompson served 22 years as president and 18 as CEO.



M. Dean Lewis

The release said members of the board of directors have chosen M. Dean Lewis, the bank's current executive vice president and chief finance officer, to succeed Thompson on Jan. 1.

"We thank President Thompson for his 27 years of outstanding service to the stockholders, employees and customers of Taylor Bank, and we congratulate Mr. Lewis on becoming the 8th President and Chief Executive Officer of Taylor Bank in its 134 year history," Board of Directors Chair Thomas K. Coates said in the release.

"We look forward to a successful leadership transition during 2024."

Lewis came to Taylor Bank with 10 years of accounting experience, the majority of which was spent with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP in Baltimore, where he served as tax director. His background includes experience in accounting, tax compliance and planning, financial statement audits, banking, SEC reporting, and internal controls.

After joining Taylor Bank, Lewis was appointed the chief financial officer of the bank and treasurer of the company, Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares, Inc., in May 2013. He was elected to the board of directors in May 2014 and promoted to vice president in 2015, senior vice president in 2021, and executive vice president last year.

Lewis is a Berlin native and graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 1998. He attended the University of Maryland, where he received a bachelor of science degree in accounting in May 2002. He earned a masters degree in taxation from American University in August 2008 and returned to the Eastern Shore in October 2010. He currently lives in Berlin with his wife and three children.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Large flames burn through a pole barn early Tuesday morning at 9724 Stephen Decatur Highway in West Ocean City. The structure, which housed a recreational vehicle, was a total loss.

Pole barn destroyed in fire Tuesday in West Ocean City

(Feb. 2, 2024) The Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office investigated a commercial structure fire early Tuesday morning in West Ocean City.

According to a news release from the fire marshal's office, just after 5 a.m., members of the Ocean City Fire

Department were called structure fire at 9724 Stephen Decatur Hwy. Upon arrival, crews observed flames and smoke coming from a pole barn at the rear of the property. The building housed a recreational vehicle.

The release said firefighters See CREWS Page 15

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Obituary

Three injured in chemical incident

CHARLES F. EDER
Ocean Pines

Charles F. Eder, 79, known locally as "Captain Chuck" of Ocean Pines, passed away peacefully on Jan. 11, 2024, at Coastal Hospice of Ocean Pines.



Charles Eder

Capt. Chuck was born on Oct. 17, 1944, to Charles John Eder and Myrna (Machen) Eder in Baltimore.

After serving three years in the US Army, Capt. Chuck was an assembler at General Motors in Baltimore for 30 years.

After he retired, he fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming a licensed Charter Boat Captain in Ocean City. He loved being on the water and made many dear friends in those special years. He loved the wildlife, sea life, and beautiful scenery living near the ocean. He brought the neighborhood together by hosting his legendary Friday night Hot Dog Happy Hours, he will be so missed!

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Myrna Eder; and brothers William (KIA Vietnam), David, and Jeffrey. Tragically, he was also preceded in death by their son, Michael F. Eder, on Feb. 5, 2021.

Capt. Chuck is survived by his wife, Martha Sue (Franklin) Eder, whom he married on Dec. 23, 1961; his daughter-in-law Kim Sims Eder; two step-granddaughters, Elizabeth Sims and Patricia Sims; two great-grandchildren, Grant and Owen; and his furry companion "Mikey."

Loved ones are planning a celebration of life. Check easternshorecreation.com obituaries for updates.

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(Feb. 1, 2024) Three people were taken to TidalHealth for treatment last Thursday afternoon after exposure to a toxic substance at a chemical facility in Pocomoke City.

According to a news release from the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office, emergency responders were called out just after noon, Jan. 25, to RICCA Chemical Company at 1841 Broad Street in Pocomoke for report of a chemical emergency.

The Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company and the Pocomoke City EMS Departments were dispatched first, followed by the Worcester County Special Hazards Team.

Upon arrival, the release said Pocomoke City firefighters confirmed there was one priority patient, an employee of the chemical company, who had been exposed to iodine monochloride. They also learned there were two other people exposed, a second employee and a first responder who came in contact with the first patient during treatment.

The release said iodine monochloride

Crews spent two hours on scene

Continued from Page 13 quickly put out the flames and remained on location for about two hours performing overhaul operations. The barn and recreational vehicle inside of it were reportedly a complete loss, but no other surrounding businesses or structures reported any damage.

Deputies from the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office responded to the scene and conducted a thorough examination. The release said the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Anyone with information about the fire is asked to contact the fire marshal's office at 410-632-5666, or the Maryland Arson Hotline at 800-492-7529. Callers can remain anonymous.



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Emergency responders, some in protective hazmat suits, responding Thursday afternoon to a chemical emergency at RICCA Chemical Company in Pocomoke City.

ride "to some extent reacts with water to produce an acidic gas." All of the people exposed at the scene reported respiratory irritation and were decontaminated at the scene before they were taken to TidalHealth hospital in Salisbury for further evaluation and treatment.

Hazmat team members entered the facility in fully encapsulated chemical resistant suits to document and render the scene safe before cleanup operations could commence,

according to the release.

The situation was brought under control and turned back over to RICCA Chemical Company staff at 3:45 p.m.

Members of the Stockton, Snow Hill, Girdletree, Oak Hall and Greenbackville fire and EMS companies also responded to the scene, along with hazardous materials technicians from the Ocean City Fire Marshal's Office and Worcester County Department of Emergency Services.



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Opinion

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Data breaches rising, so take extra caution

The internet is not your friend. No matter how much we depend on it for communication, shopping, research, data transfers and other seemingly benign uses, it remains a soulless network of wires, signals, servers and switches that is capable of improving our lives or ruining them.

It is both a front door to the world beyond and a backdoor to people's private and theoretically secret personal information. It is a conduit that permits the flow of information without regard to the senders' veracity or intent.

That's why the breach of Coastal Hospice's data last summer, as disturbing as it is considering the facility's clientele, is not that surprising. This sort of thing is happening with increasing frequency.

According to the Identity Theft Resource Center's 2023 Data Breach Report issued last month, the number of publicly reported data compromises last year rose by 78 percent, to 3,205 instances, affecting more than 353 million people.

Sitting at or near the top of the list of targets are health-care providers and services, which are hard-pressed to keep up with criminals for whom hacking and other nefarious pursuits are their full-time occupations.

Consequently, the security breach at Coastal Hospice, just like the hijacking of Atlantic General Hospital's computer system last year, is not the result of lax security on its part. Like the thousands of other victims that experienced data break-ins last year, hospice officials can only address the threats they are aware of, not the ones that are still under development by the criminal element.

Apparently, the Coastal Hospice data breach did not inflict a great amount of damage, but the individuals notified of the incident should follow its advice: check credit card accounts and other information for signs of tampering, and contact the hospice call center with any questions.

These days, exercising extra caution is a good practice to follow, especially since there's no way of knowing who might be cruising on the information highway.

Invasive species workshop in March

Forum set to target English ivy growing in popular Berlin park

By Charlene Sharpe
Associate Editor

(Feb. 1, 2024) An invasive species workshop will target English ivy growing in Stephen Decatur Park.

On Saturday, March 2, Berlin resident Lara Mulvaney will host an invasive species workshop and guide attendees through hands-on cleanup action. She wants to remove English ivy from Stephen Decatur Park to protect local trees.

"I love trees," Mulvaney said. "I moved here from Anne Arundel County where I helped start a weed warriors program. I have a little bit of background that I hope to be able to offer to the town."

Mulvaney met with the Berlin Parks Commission last week to share her plans for a workshop in the park focusing on invasive species. She said she'd helped with a similar program in Anne Arundel County and since moving to Berlin wanted to

share her expertise here. She walks every day in Stephen Decatur Park and noticed the prevalence of invasive species there.

"I thought about proposing a workshop where people can learn to remove for instance English ivy and I have some information I can pass out on the methods," Mulvaney said.

She said she planned to host the first event March 2 at the park. She will talk about how to identify English ivy and how to remove it.

"I think the idea would be to train/ show people for 30 minutes and then break into teams to go around to trees and see what we could do," she said.

Mulvaney said if she gets a good response, volunteers could start meeting at town parks regularly to remove invasive species.

"Perhaps the information can carry on to what they can do on their own property," Mulvaney said.

Kate Patton, another Berlin resident, said Lower Shore Land Trust had resources to share with the

public regarding invasive species. She added that another Berlin resident worked on invasive species education for the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Town staff said information on the workshop should also be shared with the Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee.

"I think there's going to be a lot of interest," Berlin Parks Commission member Patricia Dufendach said.

Cody Chesser, the town's public works superintendent, said volunteers should be encouraged to bring tools if they had them but that his department could also supply some.

"I'll do whatever I can," he said.

Information on the March 2 event is on the town's website at berlinmd.gov/invasive-species-workshop-cleanup/. Volunteers, who will be required to complete a hold harmless agreement before participating, can pre-register online. Any questions can be emailed to Lara_mulvaney@yahoo.com.

Habitat's ReStore relocating to OP

Donation facility will move to Manklin Station this month

(Feb. 1, 2024) The Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County's ReStore is relocating to a new and more accessible location in Ocean Pines' Manklin Station.

According to a news release, the move marks a significant step for the organization as it grows and expands.

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore provides affordable housing solutions for families in need by offering donated new and gently used home improvement items, furniture, appliances, and building materials at a fraction of the retail price. The money raised supports habitat for

humanity operations.

The release said the new location in Manklin Station at 11307 Manklin Creek Road near the south gate of Ocean Pines provides greater visibility and convenience for shoppers, donors and volunteers. The space will be 2,000 square feet bigger, and officials expect the move to enhance the overall shopping experience and facilitate increased community engagement with the ReStore.

The location will begin operations on March 1, which coincides with the ReStore's grand opening, which will feature discounts, light refreshments, and a ribbon cutting. Shoppers can expect a diverse selection of quality home goods, furniture, appliances, and more, all at affordable prices.

The store will operate 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. It will be closed Sunday and Monday.

The current ReStore at 9026 Worcester Highway in Berlin will close on Feb. 17. The final day for donation drop-offs at the existing location will be Feb. 10. Donations will be accepted at the new Manklin Station location beginning Feb. 27. Donations to the ReStore must be approved and scheduled by emailing pictures to donations@habitatworcester.org to ensure that the potential donation aligns with ReStore requirements.

For more information about the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and the grand opening event, visit habitatworcester.org.

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Regional criminal justice academy announces grads

(Feb. 1, 2024) Twenty-four law enforcement officers from Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's counties recently graduated in the 91st entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College.

Graduation exercises, which were held in the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, featured a commencement address by Carsten Wendlandt, a part-time instructor in the criminal justice department.

John C. Moses, the director of criminal justice at Wor-Wic, Donald Rollyson Jr., the assistant director of the academy, and Rob Dell'Erba, the academy coordinator, presided at the ceremony. Awards of certification and excellence were presented by agency representatives.

Deborah Casey, the president of Wor-Wic, presented the First Responders Team Challenge Cup to the Ocean City Police Department. Aaron Grauel of the Caroline County Sheriff's Department was the class speaker.

Graduates from Worcester County



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester County law enforcement officers who graduated in the 91st entrance-level law enforcement class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College pose together for a photo. In the front row, from left, are Cara-Marie Chiocca, Dylan Gipe, Joshua Glaub and April Knudson of the Ocean City Police Department. In the back row, from left, are Jared Thompson of the Ocean Pines Police Department, Timothy Passarello of the Ocean City Police Department, Lawrence Bonneville of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and Jacob McElfish of the Ocean City Police Department.

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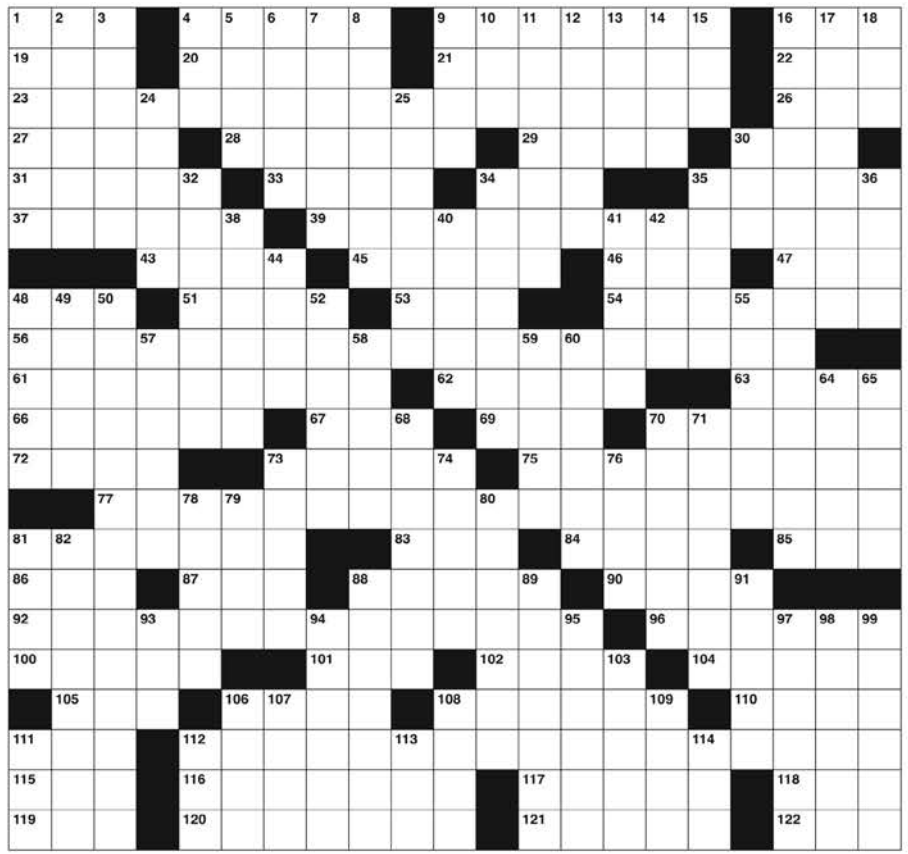
Puzzles

FUNNY BUSINESS BY JOHN WESTWIG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

John Westwig is a software engineer in Seattle. This is his ninth crossword for The Times. His first one appeared in 2015, when he was 17. John says, "I think I got into constructing because, when I was done solving a puzzle, I would look at the answer grid and wonder how someone could possibly have created such a thing!" Note the long answers at 16- and 50-Down, each crossing three theme entries. Very elegant. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Begin to flower
 - 4 In conflict
 - 9 Basketball-stats category
 - 16 Neckwear provided at some restaurants
 - 19 Pikes Peak people
 - 20 One-dish meal
 - 21 "You're playing with fire!"
 - 22 Game-night cry
 - 23 "First, I founded an aerospace start-up, but I never ..."
 - 26 Messy room
 - 27 Make the first bet
 - 28 Go back over
 - 29 Proverbial hard workers
 - 30 Bourne's employer in "The Bourne Identity," in brief
 - 31 Popular indoor tree
 - 33 Total revolution?
 - 34 Ardennes ascent
 - 35 Singer's asset
 - 37 Daughter of Muhammad
 - 39 "When that fell through, I tried my hand at fishmongering, but we ..."
 - 43 Sensitivity
 - 45 Common resolutions
 - 46 Squat, so to speak
- DOWN**
- 1 "Leave me alone!"
 - 2 Heaven on earth
 - 3 Pick up on
- 47 Pop singer with noted bangs (and bangers!)
 - 48 Go back down
 - 51 J.M. Barrie, for one
 - 53 What Ralph Freudian analysis of "Lord of the Flies"
 - 54 Betrays
 - 56 "Next, I pivoted into breakfast restaurants, but competitors ..."
 - 61 Passages
 - 62 Medal-earning mettle
 - 63 Purchase printout: Abbr.
 - 66 New Year's Day
 - 67 Place of prayer
 - 69 Sat ____ (GPS system)
 - 70 Behind
 - 72 Library section
 - 73 Broski
 - 75 There are 768 of these in a gallon
 - 77 "When I tried candlemaking, all my workers ..."
 - 81 Section of the nosebleed seats
 - 83 Poetic preposition
 - 84 Lead-in to zone
 - 85 Some music collectibles, for short
 - 86 Whiz
 - 87 Counterpart of science, they say
 - 88 Freight, e.g.
 - 90 Uncles, in Uruguay
 - 92 "I decided to try operating an airport, but just before launch we ..."
 - 96 Goes first
 - 100 Wrote, as a bad check
 - 101 Moose's mating season
 - 102 Universal donor's designation, informally
 - 104 Betray one's standards
 - 105 Bridge component
 - 106 "We'll see"
 - 108 Backdrop
 - 110 Exclamation before an ill-advised action, maybe
 - 111 Creature that swallows its prey whole
 - 112 "Finally, I decided to buy a grocery store on an intersection, but a rival had ..."
 - 115 "Wise" one
 - 116 "Enjoyed" some humble pie
 - 117 Bolting Bolt
 - 118 Union contract?
 - 119 Counterpart of "thx"
 - 120 Corrupting influence
 - 121 Full ____
 - 122 Over time period?
 - 4 State lines?
 - 5 Hammer wielder of myth
 - 6 The missus
 - 7 ____ Butts, inventor of Scrabble
 - 8 CVS competitor
 - 9 Thunderstruck
 - 10 Slump
 - 11 Big name in jeans
 - 12 Quintessential
 - 13 Turn (off)
 - 14 Spam holders
 - 15 Health-class subj.
 - 16 Sloan or Wharton
 - 17 Opposite of relief, in printmaking
 - 18 ____ wonder
 - 24 Traditional makers of anoraks
 - 25 Like kale vis-à-vis lettuce
 - 30 Call of a raven
 - 32 Break, as a window
 - 34 Aid in getting a leg up?
 - 35 Knot again!
 - 36 Pizzazz
 - 38 Bow (to)
 - 40 Desert bordering Sinai
 - 41 Regarding
 - 42 Harry Potter's mother
 - 44 Hubbub
 - 48 Disney theme park
 - 49 Yankees manager Aaron
 - 50 Absolute minimum required
 - 52 Listlessness
 - 55 Soul
 - 57 Portmanteau pastry
 - 58 1972 Bill Withers hit whose title sounds like a command
 - 59 "Allegory of the cave" philosopher
 - 60 1956 Elvis hit whose title sounds like a command
 - 64 Centerfold, say
 - 65 Bits of troubleshooting
 - 68 Football receiver
 - 70 Yiddish word meaning "woe"
 - 71 Eradicates starting from the bottom
 - 73 Follow closely
 - 74 Zac of "Baywatch"
 - 76 Share a side
 - 78 Identity theft, for one
 - 79 Snow-day project
 - 80 The 380-foot-tall Hyperion, for one
 - 81 Bit of carefree fun
 - 82 Trendy treat of Brazilian origin
 - 88 Swiss cheese
 - 89 Man cave, maybe
 - 91 Bacchanalian beast
 - 93 Ref. work that began as a Philological Society project
 - 94 Swiss "cheese"
 - 95 "Whatcha gonna do about it?"
 - 97 Cub or colt
 - 98 "Holy ____!"
 - 99 Perfect in every way
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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

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

VORTEXES DISCIPLINE
INAILEDIT PINOTNOIR
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SUNK STORE REMAIN FOO
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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., Feb. 1

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. Appointments required: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

STORY TIME 'STACK THE CATS'

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME: 'IF YOU GIVE A MOOSE A MUFFIN'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Join in for another classic by Laura Numeroff. For ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Looking for a quiet place to meet new friends and play some chess? Bring your boards and join the game. All are welcome. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BOOK DISCUSSION: 'THE WATER DANCER' BY TA-NEHISI COATES

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the Pocomoke Library circulation desk. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ZUMBA

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5-6 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

VIRTUAL POETRY READING

Free virtual poetry reading by Jaswinder Bolina, 7-8 p.m. www.worwic.edu under "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.

Fri., Feb. 2

DELMARVA WOOL & FIBER EXPO

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Ocean City's Festival of Fibers. Quilting, spinning, knitting,

weaving, dying and more. Classes available on the website: www.woolandfiber.com. Admission cost is \$5. 443-435-2926, schild2@verizon.net

WORCESTER COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

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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

BLACK AMERICAN INVENTORS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Learn about the inventions of Black Americans including the gas mask, light bulb filament, the Super-Soaker water gun and many others. For ages 6-12 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

Center for the Arts - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and see the new exhibits by a variety of local artists. Free event. All are welcome. artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433, megan@artleagueofoceancity.org

Sat., Feb. 3

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HEART HEALTH FAIR

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9 a.m.-noon. Free carotid artery screenings,

cholesterol screening (12-hour fast required), blood pressure screenings, healthy diet information with a registered dietitian and heart healthy education. 410-641-9268

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free tax preparation assistance service. AARP membership is not required. Appointment required: 443-373-2667.

SATURDAY WRITERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop-ins welcome. 410-641-0650

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36540 Mount Pleasant Road, Willards, 11 a.m. Vegetables, beverage and dessert included with dine-in. Carryout platters available. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children and free to those 5 years and younger. 410-835-8340

SATURDAY PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Pop into the children's area to play with toys and meet other families. For ages birth-5 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

IT'S NOT A BURDEN: 'THE HUMOR AND HEARTACHE OF RAISING ELDERLY PARENTS'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. The documentary provides an intimate look, presented with humor and heart, at the relationships between aging parents and the adult children who care for them." 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, 5-8 p.m. Featuring music, games and food. Cost is \$2 for non-swimmers, \$4 for swim members, \$6 for residents and \$8 for nonresidents. 410-641-5255

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m. to noon. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Sun., Feb. 4

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ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. Menu includes eggs, bacon, potatoes, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes, fruit, orange juice, coffee and tea. Cost is \$12 for adults and free to those 3 years and younger. officealpost166@gmail.com

THE FOUR PHANTOMS LIVE IN CONCERT

Ocean City Performing Arts Center - Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. An extravagant celebration of the iconic music of Broadway and more. Tickets: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/53478269/the-four-phantoms-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>.

Mon., Feb. 5

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free tax preparation assistance service. AARP membership is not required. Appointment required: 443-373-2667.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Focus will be on "Hell Screen" by Ryunosuke Akutagawa. Reading from Book 5 of the Great Conversations Anthology. 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

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STEVE GREEN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BARRACKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The new 30,000-square-foot Maryland State Police Berlin barracks facility continues to take shape along Route 50. The project includes the phased demolition of the existing barracks while the one-story new facility moves forward. The new building will feature large, multipurpose classroom space with capacity for 36 individuals featuring private bunk spaces, processing and detainment spaces for adults and juveniles, a fitness room, and expanded office and workrooms. The new facility will also feature a garage building with vehicle maintenance area and a dedicated communications workshop and equipment area. The job site is pictured above on Tuesday morning.

Calendar

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promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157.

THE MANY HUES OF POWER

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 p.m. Local poet and artist Assize "The Rebirth" will share abstract paintings, photos and writing that express the misunderstood and underrepresented facets of black power. 410-632-3495

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., Feb. 6

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free tax preparation assistance service. AARP membership is not required. Appointment required: 443-373-2667.

STORY TIME: VALENTINE'S DAY

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, games and crafts. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME: 'STORIES BY ROSEMARY WELLS'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger plays. 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. Do you love to knit or crochet? Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MASTER GARDENERS PLANT CLINIC

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Master Gardener Ginny Rosenkranz talks about all things plants. Bring questions and feel free to show your plants as well. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BABY TIME

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

OCEAN CITY'S HENRY HOTEL

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. The Beach to Bay Heritage Area will talk about this historic Black Hotel and the famous entertainers who stayed there. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Held virtually on Feb. 6, 7 and 8, 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$20 for all three evenings. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

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.

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

Tuesdays - Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 5:30 p.m. Zumba with optional light weights. zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com

Wed., Feb. 7

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Takes place the first and second Wednesday of each month. For non-surgical patients. Contact The Atlantic General Bariatric Center for information, 410-641-9568.

GRACE PARKER BREAKFAST

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7-11 a.m. Menu includes eggs to order, pancakes (regular and buckwheat), bacon, sausage, grits, hash brown potatoes, biscuits, coffee and tea. Donations are \$12.

PUZZLE SWAP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1-5 p.m. Bring your gently used puzzles and leave with new-to-you puzzles. Don't have a puzzle

to trade, that's ok too. All puzzles must be complete in their original box. 410-641-0650

ROMANTIC COMEDY TRIVIA

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Get ready for some laughs and challenging trivia. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

GRANDPARENT'S CLASS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. This interactive class, led by a registered nurse, reviews current guidance, including Infant Safe Sleep, Car Safety Basics and Infant Nutrition. Pre-register by calling 410-632-1100, Ext. 1126.

THE FUNNY THING ABOUT CAREGIVERS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Comedian and health care professional Lon Kieffer will talk about the caregiver experience through comedy and conversation. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 5-6 p.m. The group provides discussion and education on the topic of diabetes. Darlene Jameson, 410-208-9761, djameson@atlanticgeneral.org

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

ZUMBA WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays - Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 10 a.m. Dance background not required. zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com

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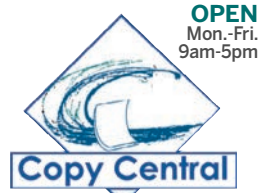
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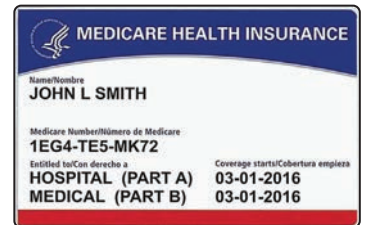


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