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PEACH DAY IN BERLIN

Thousands braved the hot and humid conditions and headed to Berlin last Saturday for the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum's annual Peach Festival.

Vote count about to begin

Pines homeowners can witness count on large screen at club or watch tally through link on Zoom

(Aug. 8, 2024) Sometime later today or tonight, assuming everything goes correctly, members of the Ocean Pines Association should know how the voting went in this summer's contest between five candidates for two seats on the board of directors.

Ballot counting is scheduled to begin at noon at the Golf Club, where homeowners may watch the vote tally proceed on a large screen set up in the clubhouse meeting room.

In addition, Elections Committee Chairperson Steve Ransdell said the count can be viewed online via Zoom. The web address for remote view-

ing appears at the end of this story.

Five Ocean Pines residents — two incumbents and three challengers — are vying for the seats made vacant by the expiration of the terms of incumbents Jeff Heavner and Rick Farr.

They are seeking reelection to the board, while their challengers are Jerry Murphy, Amy Peck and Sherrie Clifford.

The election results will be validated at the OPA annual meeting, set for 9 a.m., this Saturday, Aug. 10, in the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Homeowners who wish to watch the vote counting remotely may visit us06web.zoom.us/j/84189686833?pwd=EaX-1qzpskixBF5rbhVo7vbfilwwPhl.1.

The committee will announce the results of the election in a news release.

Museum will be examined for hauntings

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 8, 2024) A team of paranormal investigators have selected the Berlin Mermaid Museum as a space of interest for potential spooky ongoing.

The group's mission is to unveil any phantom apparitions lurking in the halls of the historic structure.

The Mermaid Museum has operated on Jefferson Road. See PARANORMAL Page 4



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Berlin planning 3rd historic sign recreation on Main St.

Grant-funded effort set for former location of opera house in downtown area

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 8, 2024) The recreation of yet another historic advertising mural is planned for downtown Berlin.

After restoring two “ghost murals” from the 1950s on the sides of the Pitts Street building Pitts Street Treasures earlier this year, local artist Olga Deshields now has her sights set on the J.E. Parker building’s “Berlin Opera House Moving Picture Shows” painted display. The effort, funded by an \$8,000 grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, is to remain connected and pay homage to the town’s past.

“We are so excited to see these iconic Berlin murals from the 1950s come back to life,” reads a spring Facebook post from the Town of Berlin Main Street Arts and Entertainment District.

Roughly two years ago, Berlin Historic District Commission member John Holloway suggested that the town restore faded promotional murals to enhance the area’s ancient charm. He was inspired after seeing the old painted advertisement for the G.M.

Dryden General Merchandise store re-touched in Snow Hill.

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells asked residents and business owners on social media to share any old photos they may have of the designated buildings before the murals faded to facilitate the initiative.

“Restoring the faded ‘ghost mural’ advertisement is crucial as it revives a piece of our town’s history and preserves the story of our community for generations to come,” Wells said in April.

Deshields started that month with the American Sales Co. ad on the sides of a Pitts Street building with the help of reference photos from 1959.

Now, the Parker building mural is set to be restored, elevating the historic character of downtown Berlin even further.

“We are looking forward to working with the Berlin Historic District Commission, and a special thank you goes to John Holloway for the suggestion and vintage photo,” a Facebook post from the Town of Berlin’s Main Street & Arts and Entertainment District’s page reads.

There is no timetable at this point as to when the restoration will begin.



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Paranormal investigators look into museum

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person Street in downtown Berlin since March 2021. The facility is committed to highlighting the myth of the sea creature, with oddities ranging from Mexican votive paintings showcasing mermaids to Japanese fishermen's "spirit charms" and costume tails.

Smithsonian Magazine reported in August 2021 that the space on the second floor of the historic building displays "mermaid scales" discovered on the Isle of Wight and walls dedicated to tracking sightings of the mythical fish from the first century C.E. to 2017.

Now, the Pasadena, Maryland-based Dead of Night Paranormal Investigators have their ghostly equipment pointed at the museum to capture any otherworldly visitors. This time, the focus is not on mermaids but on spine-chilling spirits.

Mermaid Museum owner Alyssa Maloof said that she was contacted by investigator Olen Prince on May 3. Prince, who was on a trip to Berlin with his wife, was captivated by the museum. He reached out to the business to schedule a time for him and his team to evaluate any mysterious, unearthly activity.

The mermaid expert said that employees of the oddity exhibit have reported their own paranormal

occurrences. A curator captured an unexplainable moving cabinet door on video; another noted sets of footprints where there had been none the night before at closing time.

The strange experiences may be connected to the ancient history of the property. According to Maloof, the museum's structure is an old Odd Fellows building. The

Odd Fellows is an international fraternal order founded in England in the 1600s and formally brought to the United States, beginning in Baltimore in 1819. The fraternal order is also committed to elevating the values of love, friendship, truth, faith, hope, and charity and promoting harmony among people and nations through universal brotherhood and sisterhood.

Prince said that his interest in the building came from the symbol above the door, a traditional marking of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. As he specializes in historic structures, his curiosity was piqued.

The investigator's entrance into the paranormal business in 2012 was based on his historical intrigue and desire to help people.

"You can't always call the police or the fire department," he noted. "Psychiatric doctors will think it's something else. You have to have someone



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The interior of the Mermaid Museum is pictured in Berlin. The museum is at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets.

else you can call."

The Dead of Night team, founded by Prince, includes investigators Tammy Leishear, Jimmy Leishear, Jay Leishear, Allison Blankenship, medium Jennifer Garrett, tech specialist Brandon Garrett, electronic voice phenomenon specialist Heather Prince, and a pastor to perform house blessings. Also integral to the organization is licensed counselor Tracy Harris because, according to Prince, "not everything is paranormal, and

sometimes it is just grief."

Still, the group often encounters unexplainable situations. The founder detailed a home investigation in Lynchburg, Virginia, describing it as "demonic."

A family originally owned the house in the 1940s and 1950s, where a girl died after being pushed down the stairs. The structure was sold in the 1980s, and the new resident's son's girlfriend passed after coincidentally tumbling on the steps.

The Dead of Night team investigated the space. During the evaluation, Prince said that while the pastor was performing a blessing, the back door opened, revealing an ominous figure staring at the group. The researcher believes that the family is currently trying to sell the home.

"It's not always the house," he said. "You could have a whole new condominium building, but still paranormal activity. It's about the history of the space."

The spooky organization is always looking for new members and even teaches classes. The medium explains the psychic aspect of paranormal work while the investigators discuss the different types of hauntings and the importance of looking for a logical explanation first. The team also has lessons on the equipment they use.

Prince said that Dead of Night employs an array of devices during its investigations, including electromagnetic field meters, an SBox Ghost Scanner for radio frequency sweeping, and digital recorders.

Anyone interested in joining the paranormal group can visit its Facebook page or contact Prince at ojprince83@icloud.com.

The haunting exploration at the Mermaid Museum is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, Aug. 10. Any audio or video secured by the ghost hunters will be shared with the exhibit's operators.

"I hope they find a happy ghost who loves its home and mermaids," Maloof said.



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Various livestock viewing opportunities and shows are planned through the three-day Worcester County Fair beginning Friday in Snow Hill.

County-run fair to bring new activities, games, live music

Organizers announce 50 local vendors, food trucks, fish tank and beer garden

By Bethany Hooper
Associate Editor

(Aug. 8, 2024) There will be some of the same agricultural exhibits, petting zoos, carnival games and more at this weekend's Worcester County Fair, but there will be a load of new activities and vibes for attendees to enjoy.

From Aug. 9-11, community members are invited to take part in the annual Worcester County Fair. Now spearheaded by the Worcester County Recreation and Parks Department, this year's event will feature a new location and more activities, as well as an abundance of live music, food and drinks.

"It is going to be a great time for family and friends to go and enjoy everything Worcester County has to offer here," said Lauren Ahlers, marketing coordinator for Worcester County Recreation and Parks.

Earlier this year, it was announced that Worcester County Recreation and Parks would take charge of hosting the 2024 county fair. Recreation and Parks Deputy Director Jacob Stephens noted that officials, seeing the success of other events the department put on, had asked for assistance in revitalizing the event.

"The county saw a slight decline in the Worcester County Fair over the last several years, and they knew that the recreation and parks department held fairly large special events ...," he explained. "They wanted us to bring new ideas."

The result, officials say, is a new and improved Worcester County Fair. Ending a years-long run at Byrd Park in Snow Hill, this year's event will relocate to John Walter Smith Park, home of Worcester County Recreation and Parks programming. The fair kicks off Friday, Aug. 9

with a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. Featured events include livestock shows, a cake auction and a performance from the Jimmy Charles Band, which will take the stage at 6 p.m. and play until 8 p.m.

"This is a free concert to the public," Ahlers said.

The festivities continue on Saturday, Aug. 10, beginning at 10 a.m. Featured events include a Wheels that Heal Car Show, a pipeline eating contest, a cornhole tournament, 4H Fashion Revue and various livestock shows, as well as a petting zoo (noon-6 p.m.) and demonstrations.

The fair will conclude on Sunday, Aug. 11, with a Jeep show, a local band showcase including The Homeschool Dropouts at 11:30 a.m. and Folk Villains at 1:30, livestock shows and an awards presentation beginning at 2:30 p.m. For the livestock events, a horse show will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; livestock viewing from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; and livestock costume contest at 11 a.m.

Ahlers noted that 4-H displays, as well as a kids zone complete with inflatables, carnival games and a first bite fish tank, will also be offered throughout the weekend. The fair will also host a school supply drive to benefit Worcester County G.O.L.D.

"We will also have a beer garden and food trucks along with 50 local vendors," she said.

For more information on the Worcester County Fair, or to view the fair schedule, visit worcestercounty-fair.org, or check out the Worcester County Fair Facebook page.

The fair is just one of several area events to be showcased as part of Worcester County Agriculture Week, held Aug. 3-11. The week began with the Blessing of the Combines and culminates with the Great Pocomoke Fair and the Worcester County Fair.

"We're trying to bring it all together with Agriculture Week," Stephens said.

Lawn concert connected to former Woodstock-like event

Berlin Airlift festival was proposed near high school in '70s but never happened

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 8, 2024) The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum will welcome the Berlin Airlift Band on its lawn Sunday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their "grooviest" gear to win a prize.

The event is free, and music listeners may bring a chair or blanket to relax and enjoy the tunes.

Museum President Melissa Reid said beer and wine will be for sale. The wine will be donated by Cheers.

The band is comprised of local musicians. According to Reid, the name Berlin Airlift was born from a concert almost held in the town in the 1970s. The late Hale Harrison of the Harrison Group Resort Hotels and Restaurants had connections with promoters who wanted to bring a festival like Woodstock to the area. The series of concerts was to be called "Berlin Airlift."

The museum president said the Harrison family owned the land around Stephen Decatur High School at the time and some parcels still today. The idea was that the event would take place in the space and attract popular 1970s rock bands.

The festival organizers were getting permits and discussing logistics with the local government when politicians started to push against the musical venture. Reid said that residents at the time were worried it would be too similar to Woodstock and bury Worcester County with car traffic and rowdy tourists.

Reid's father was a lawyer during the proposed concert conversations. "He was attending meetings about what a concert on that level could have done in terms of overwhelming resources," she said.

While the massive festival never took off, the Berlin Airlift band pays homage to that period in the town's history.

Residents are encouraged to enjoy the musical stylings on the facility's lawn on August 11. Reid said that proceeds from beverage sales will go toward "telling stories of the museum."

The concert is the second to last Sunday concert hosted by the Taylor House this summer. On September 8, Berlin and Worcester County citizens can close the season with an 80s-style party with music from the band Full Circle. Attendees are encouraged to dress on the theme for the retro occasion.

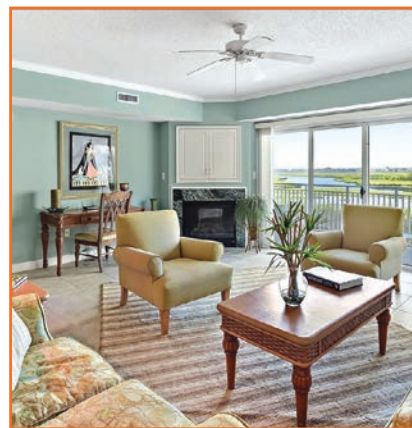
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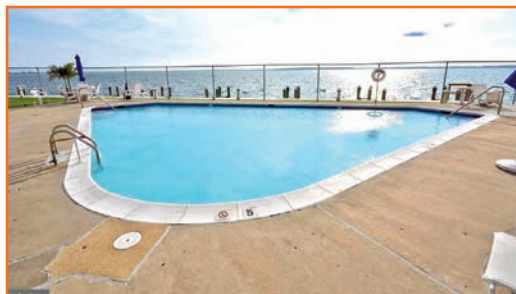


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The issue showcases fall and winter 2024 programs, classes and other events of Ocean Pines' Recreation and Parks, Aquatics, and Racquet Sports amenities. There is also information on offerings from the Golf Club, Farmer's and Artisans Market, and Ocean Pines food and beverage operations.

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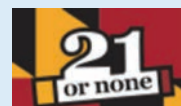
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A potential location and design for a skate park at Heron Park is pictured. The exact location on the property will be determined by the Mayor and Council in the future. The design of the park will be handled through resident input over time.

Berlin's skate park efforts now in final design process

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 8, 2024) We Heart Berlin, a nonprofit dedicated to enhancing recreational opportunities in town, is awaiting the final skate park design from contractor Spohn Ranch.

The cornerstone of We Heart Berlin's formation, spearheaded by founder Tony Weeg, is to promote sustainable activities for the health and enjoyment of town residents. The group's primary focus currently is to advocate for the construction of a skate park.

The Los Angeles-based skate park design company Spohn Ranch was hired in 2022 to create a concept plan and scope out potential locations for the recreational space. The town council officially voted in 2023 to select Heron Park as the future construction spot.

According to Weeg, the nonprofit met with the vendor in April to discuss potential designs and offer suggestions. At the end of last month, nonprofit representatives were told that a final plan would be completed in approximately two weeks.

"I am holding my breath, waiting for the final design to arrive in my mailbox," Weeg said.

Once the outline is completed and delivered, the Berlin nonprofit will fundraise for the \$7,500 required to obtain construction documents.

"We haven't begun fundraising for the \$7,500 yet," Weeg said. "When we get the design, we can show people what the park will look like. When it's not on paper, it doesn't exist."

Once the required documents are obtained, the primary focus will be securing the \$1.2 million needed to construct the project. Weeg plans to rely on local philanthropists and foundations for the bulk of the money.

"I do not plan on hosting a street campaign or anything like that," he said. "The kids have been waiting

long enough. If we rely on \$500 here and \$300 there, it'll never happen. We need some major partners to step up."

The nonprofit officials are hopeful that by offering incentives through naming rights, generous, wealthy groups and individuals will pull out their wallets.

Berlin does have a code that specifies regulations for the titling of constructions. Weeg said that if someone were to donate around \$650,000 or 55% of the funds needed, organizers intend to give them the right to label the park, meaning they may slap their name or a loved one's name on the structure.

The park advocates have also thought about giving dibs on the title of individual pieces for intermediate donations of roughly \$10,000.

The skate park is expected to be 14,000 to 16,000 square feet and adjacent to the space planned for Berlin's new public works facility. Proponents expect to see a bowl, a street plaza with quarter pipes, and a pump track, which helps skaters learn to transition without losing momentum.


Weeg maintained that the skate park would be free forever.

"We won't make a dollar...that is a major tenet of this project," he said. "This will help economically disadvantaged children. They will get exposure to a sport that can take them to the moon. When you take people who are not normally near something and put them near it, they tend to excel."

Weeg is hopeful that the park will create a strong community.

"Locally, we have 60-year-old skaters and 4-year-old skaters," he said. "It will be an intergenerational park that brings about an amazing culture ... It can permeate across economic backgrounds and ages."

Officials hope to break ground on the initiative in 2025. However, Weeg notes that 2026 is more likely.



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Berlin scores state grants for improvements

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 8, 2024) Berlin, a designated Maryland Main Street and an arts and entertainment district, received grants for town enhancement and development from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community and the Maryland State Arts Council.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community provided the Town of Berlin with \$25,000 through its Main Street Improvement Program. The grant is organized through Main Street Maryland, an initiative that was launched in 1998 to strengthen the economic possibilities of the state's traditional neighborhoods. Berlin was eligible for the funds as a designated Main Street Maryland community.

Maryland's Housing and Community Department outlines the potential activities for recipients to use the financial support. According to its website, the money may be applied to staffing and consultant services, operating expenses, market and business recruitment strategies, street furniture, and other improvement projects.

"The projects for which funds are being requested should support the goals and outcomes of the applicant's annual work plan and contribute to the transformation strategy of the

community," the housing and community department's online page reads. It is specified that activities being financed by the grant are to be completed in one year.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said the aid will be used in Berlin for downtown beautification efforts, events, and marketing.

The town also received \$17,454 from the Maryland State Arts Council. Berlin was eligible for the funds per its status as an Arts and Entertainment District.

Maryland's Arts and Entertainment Districts are towns throughout the state committed to cultivating arts organizations, fostering an area's creative spirit, enabling artists of all disciplines to live and work, and promoting tourism.

"The goal of the Arts and Entertainment Districts program is to develop and support diverse artistic and cultural centers in communities across Maryland that preserve a sense of place, provide unique local experiences, attract tourism, and spur economic revitalization and neighborhood pride," the Maryland State Arts Council website says.

The department provides financial aid to these towns to support activities, initiatives, and projects that en-



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The more than \$40,000 in grants Berlin recently received, "provide the necessary resources needed to keep Berlin growing," Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said.

hance and develop an artistic culture.

Wells said the funds from the entertainment program will be used for stages for downtown events, arts endeavors, and marketing.

The economic and community development director added that these grants, which the town was notified they had received earlier this month,

are applied to every year in May. Berlin must maintain their status as a Maryland Main Street community and as an arts and entertainment district to remain eligible for the money.

"The grants add to the charm of our town, making it a great place to live, work, and play," Wells said. "... they provide the necessary resources needed to keep Berlin growing."

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Company provides broadband status update to county

By Bethany Hooper
Associate Editor

(Aug. 8, 2024) Talkie representatives say efforts are ongoing to expand internet access in Worcester County.

On Tuesday, Andrew and Andre DeMattia of Talkie Communications, one of the internet service providers operating in Worcester County, presented the county commissioners with an update on broadband. The representatives said the company recently completed work in the Whaleyville area and that new customers will be added along the Route 12 corridor in the coming days.

"We have over 400 subscribers that are active in the county right now with about 250 miles worth of fiber optics deployed as it stands right now," Andrew DeMattia said.

In his update this week, Andrew DeMattia told commissioners that Talkie was completing broadband work funded through an ARPA grant it had received. Andre DeMattia added that the company was also laying fiber optic in areas not covered by grant funding.

"So off of Route 12 we're doing some extra stuff that wasn't part of any of the ARPA grants," he explained, "like Paw Paw Street."

From there, officials say the company will move into Girdletree. Additional connections are also being made in the Stockton area.

When asked how many homes Talkie had the ability to connect, Andrew DeMattia said it was roughly 1,000. He added that the company was reaching out to potential customers every week.

"We're still calling people maybe once a week in the Whaleyville area," he said. "The problem is they signed up two, three years ago and now when we call them they don't remember they signed up ... But what we do is we generally call maybe twice a month and then we send a email about twice a month, so as not to overwhelm them."

Andre DeMattia added that Talkie was also in the process of expanding its services to include cellphones and TV. He said TV will soon advance to a testing phase for existing customers.

"We're working with Roscoe [Leslie, county attorney] now to get a franchise agreement with Worcester County, so the lawyers are going back and forth," Andrew DeMattia added. "We'll eventually need to go back to you for approval."

After further discussion, Commissioner Chip Bertino thanked Talkie representatives for the update.

"I think you have the appreciation of this county for what you're doing, and we thank you very much," he said.

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Residential projects moving forward with utility transfers

By **Bethany Hooper**
Associate Editor

(Aug. 8, 2024) The developers of two new housing projects turned over water and wastewater infrastructure to the county for operation this week.

As part of their consent agenda Tuesday, the Worcester County Commissioners voted to accept turnover documents for water and sewer facilities constructed at two development projects – the Refuge at Windmill Creek near Ocean Pines and Salt Life Park in West Ocean City.

Public Works Director Dallas Baker said the infrastructure will now be incorporated into the county's various water and wastewater systems for operation.

"These are just community turnover documents," he told the commissioners this week. "These are tying into existing wastewater plants."

County staff on Tuesday presented the commissioners with the paperwork related to two residential developments in northern Worcester County. The first project, the Refuge at Windmill Creek, will consist of 90 single-family homes, constructed at the former Pine Shore Golf property on Beauchamp Road near Ocean Pines. The community's water and

sewer infrastructure, which services 44 established lots, will be incorporated into the Ocean Pines Service Area water system and River Run Service Area wastewater system for operation by the county.

The second project, Salt Life Park, consists of 34 mobile home sites located off Old Bridge Road in West Ocean City. The community's water and sewer utilities will be incorporated into the county's Mystic Harbour Service Area water system and Ocean City Service Area wastewater system.

While staff recommended the acceptance of the communities' utilities this week, Commissioner Joe Mitrelic questioned the process of accepting wastewater utilities.

"These wastewater plants, they're going to be alright," he asked, "and not like some of our other wastewater plants that we've taken over?"

Baker clarified that the county was not taking over anyone's wastewater plant but was simply incorporating the water and sewer utilities into the county's existing systems. With no further discussion, the commissioners voted to approve the consent agenda, which included the acceptance of the turnover documents.




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New rural director hears county's concerns

By **Bethany Hooper**
Associate Editor

(Aug. 8, 2024) Local officials this week tasked Maryland's new rural economic strategy director with communicating Worcester County's concerns regarding wind and solar initiatives and the impacts they could have on agriculture and tourism.

On Tuesday, former Republican delegate Carl Anderton came before the Worcester County Commissioners in his new role as the director of rural economic strategy for the state of Maryland. Appointed by Democratic Gov. Wes Moore's administration to advise on economic growth opportunities in rural communities, Anderton said he will be working with local governments to voice concerns and share ideas.

"The governor wants to know what's going on in these areas of the state," he told the commissioners. "He wants a centralized focus solely on the rural parts of the state to find out what the state is doing well, what we can do better, and how the state can get out of the way. So my goal was to take ideas from you ... and take those to the governor and see what we can do to help economies thrive in all parts of the state."

Commissioner Chip Bertino kicked off Tuesday's discussion by

welcoming Anderton in his new capacity. He said he believed that rural counties like Worcester were often overlooked and questioned how Anderton would advocate for local communities.

"My impression is that the rural counties are often ignored by the state and by the governor and by the legislature. The needs that we have, the concerns that we have, often fall on deaf ears when it comes to solar, when it certainly comes to windmills off the coast," he said. "What is your expectation for success in articulating the needs and concerns of the rural counties, and that you'll find a receptive ear, not just one that listens but one that actually acts?"

Anderton said it was something they would find out together. However, he said his years as a state delegate, working across party lines to support his constituents, would serve him well in his new role.

"The governor wants a direct line of communication – I guess through me – and so we're going to do that,"

he replied. "We're going to take ideas up there, concerns about offshore wind, solar, whatever the concerns are."

For his part, Commissioner Joe Mitrecic said he was concerned about the cost of doing business. He said he had read where Maryland was second to California in terms of business climate.

"I mean how can we continue to try to increase economic development and have businesses come to Maryland when it costs them the second most in the country?" he asked.

Anderton said it was a valid point and one that he would share with the governor.

"The goal is whatever ideas you have, let's take them to the governor," he said. "We have that conduit now, to take those ideas and see what will be acted upon."

Commissioner Ted Elder, however, said he was most concerned about state control over large-scale solar projects, as well as the proposed offshore wind project.

"Our number one industry is agri-

culture and our number two is tourism," he said, "and we're the only county in the state that's being attacked – by the state – on both of those fronts."

In recent years, commissioners have expressed concerns regarding solar projects being developed on prime agricultural lands. Currently, county code permits utility scale solar systems in several zoning districts, so long as the lot exceeds 50 acres. However, the Maryland Public Service Commission has the ultimate authority on projects more than two megawatts.

"The state, anything over two megawatts, is taking total control of it as far as zoning, all the regulations," he said, and we're receiving basically nothing in return for that."

Elder said he wanted to see the county have some control on where large-scale solar projects were placed. He added that the county received no tax benefit when agricultural land was converted to solar farms.

"We get the headaches and the worries from it, but we get no benefit as a county government," he said.

Anderton said he would continue to work with county leaders. He said he would also attend meetings for the Maryland Association of Counties.

'So my goal was to take ideas from you ... and take those to the governor and see what we can do to help economies thrive in all parts of the state.'

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County hearing set for solar project on farm in Snow Hill

(Aug. 8, 2024) Local residents and other interested members of the public are invited to comment on a proposal by Chaberton Solar Snow, LLC to construct a 4.0 MW solar facility in Worcester County at a hearing this month.

The hearing is set for 6:30 p.m., Aug. 19, before Chief Public Utility Law Judge Chuck McLean at Snow Hill Branch (Snow Hill Meeting Room) of the Worcester County Public Library, 307 N. Washington Street in Snow Hill. The first public comment hearing in the case was held April 30.

In September 2023, Chaberton Solar Snow applied to the Maryland Public Service Commission for what is known as a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), which grants an applicant the authority to construct an energy generating station or high-voltage transmission line in Maryland.

According to the application, the solar facility, intended as part of the state's community solar program, would be built on 29 acres of a 104-acre property at 6217 Timmons Road in Snow Hill.

The hearing will also have a virtual option, barring any technical difficulties, for those unable to attend in person. To participate virtually, sign up in advance to speak by sending an email with a reference to Case No. 9714 to psc.pulj@gmail.com by noon, Aug. 16. Participants will receive an email with the link to join the virtual platform.

For those who want to watch the hearing, visit the Public Utility Law Judge Division's YouTube channel (MD PSC PULJs): bit.ly/2X6wLiP

The hearing will include a presentation by the developer, followed by brief statements from the Power Plant Research Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Office of People's Counsel, and the Commission's Technical Staff. There will then be an opportunity for members of the

public to comment on the proposed project.

Along with the hearing, written comments can be sent (by Aug. 23) electronically through the commission's online portal at psc.state.md.us/make-a-public-comment/, or by mail. Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: Jamie Bergin, Chief Clerk, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Md. 21202. So that they are noted in the proper case file, all comments should reference Case No. 9714.

Along with the online docket, the application is available for public review at the Worcester County Department of Development Review and Permitting at 1 W. Market St. in Snow Hill.

Local legislators recognized by two Md. organizations

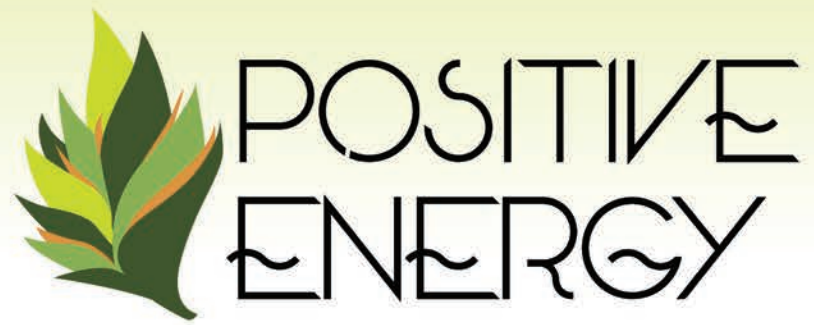
(Aug. 8, 2024) The Maryland coastal area's two representatives in the Maryland General Assembly have been singled out for their backing of two separate causes, one for supporting veterans and the other for maintaining a solid pro-business stance.

In its annual "Roll Call" report on pro-business voting in the legislature last year, Maryland Free (The Maryland Free Enterprise Foundation) recognized Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C) of Ocean City for casting pro-business votes 100% of the time in the House.

The organization's research into where members with at least four years of service stood when business-related measures came before them showed Hartman tied with two other House Republicans for the highest scoring totals.

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Bishopville pavilion cleanup expected soon

By Stewart Dobson
Editor

(Aug. 8, 2024) The remains of the Bishopville Park pavilion that was flattened during a “microburst” in late May will remain where they are until county government officials and the county’s insurer establish what it will cost to remove and rebuild the structure.

“Human Resources has been handling the insurance claim through LGIT (Local Government Insurance Trust), which has hired a building consultant to do an evaluation of the shelter,” county Public Information Officer Kim Moses said last week.

“HR is still waiting to hear back from them. Recreation and Parks has received a quote through a cooperative contract to clean up and rebuild. Once they hear back from LGIT, they will begin the cleanup and rebuild using the existing slab,” she said.

The pavilion was destroyed in a May 24 microburst, which the National Weather Service describes as a narrow but violent downdraft of wind (like a tornado in reverse) that can occur during thunderstorms.

As the weather service explains it, microbursts form when updrafts of warm air in those towering cumulonimbus thunderheads are so strong (50 mph and up) that they suspend



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The remains of the Bishopville Park pavilion that was flattened during a “microburst” in late May are pictured on Aug. 5.

water droplets and hail in the storm cell’s upper reaches.

Ultimately, these droplets cool, thereby weakening the updraft until it can no longer hold all the water and this column of cool air and moisture rushes to the ground in one mighty, but narrowly focused, whoosh.

The wind speeds in these down-

drafts have been clocked at 100 mph and higher, according to the weather service, but because they’re so confined and occur and disappear so quickly — generally 5 minutes or less — they don’t always show up on the weather radar. It is also why they can go undetected by weather instruments located a short distance away.

The May 24 thunderstorm storm also generated a microburst in midtown Ocean City, where the wind destroyed parts of the roof on a condominium building but left adjacent properties unscathed.

Moses said county Parks Superintendent Jacob Stephens expects to hear from LGIT by the end of this week.

Carozza and Hartman recognized

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“I am grateful to again be recognized for being tied as the Maryland General Assembly’s top pro-business

legislator,” Hartman said. “My voting record comes from my own personal experiences as a small business owner; I fully understand the challenges of overburdensome government regulations. This score is a result of my commitment to establishing a healthy business climate in State of Maryland. In Annapolis, I will continue to vote in a manner that is pro-business, supportive of job growth, and directed toward creating a positive economic outlook for the state.”

Also recognized for having a 99% score were delegates Christopher Adams of District 37B next door to Worcester and Matt Morgan of St. Mary’s County.

Maryland Free, which was founded in 1983 as Maryland Business for Responsive Government, advocates for employers and business owners and endorses minimum of government involvement in business

affairs.

Senator Mary Beth Carozza’s honors came from the Maryland American Legion, which named the Ocean City resident “Outstanding Maryland Legislator for the Legislative Year 2024.”

The award was presented to Carozza (R-38) on July 17 during the Legion’s annual conference in Ocean city.

In addition to serving on the General Assembly’s Maryland Veterans Caucus, Carozza co-sponsored multiple bills aimed at improving the lives of Maryland’s veterans.

“I deeply respect and admire the members of the American Legion for living their charter not only during their military service but continuing to serve our country right here in our home communities,” Carozza said. “I am honored to stand with and support the American Legion as they continue to mentor generations into responsible citizens.”

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MDE supporting wetlands permit for WOC harbor pier

By **Bethany Hooper**
Associate Editor

(Aug. 8, 2024) US Wind's application to construct a pier and bulkhead for an operations and maintenance facility in West Ocean City will advance to the Maryland Board of Public Works with a favorable recommendation.

Last Monday, hours after the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management announced the release of its final environmental impact study for US Wind's proposed offshore wind project, the Maryland Department of the Environment reported it would forward a favorable recommendation to issue the company a wetlands permit for the construction of a pier and bulkhead on Harbor Road in West Ocean City. US Wind's wetlands permit application will now be considered by the Maryland Board of Public Works.

"The Department has decided to send a favorable report recommending the authorization of the proposed activities to the Maryland Board of Public Works (BPW)," Maryland Department of the Environment's R. Miles Simmons said in a statement. "Please be aware that this report is only a recommendation to BPW for

the issuance of a Wetland License. The BPW will make the final State decision to issue or deny the Applicant's Wetlands License."

As part of its plans to construct an operations and maintenance facility in West Ocean City, US Wind last year submitted an application with the Maryland Department of the Environment to construct a concrete pier and replacement bulkhead from its project location at 12929 and 12933 Harbor Road. The proposed facility will serve as the primary location for planning and coordinating wind turbine and offshore substation operations for US Wind's offshore wind projects, to be located off the coast of Ocean City.

According to company officials, the facility will feature an onshore office, marine coordination center and warehouse space, as well as quayside and berthing areas for its crew transfer vessels. To moor its vessels at the proposed site, US Wind has planned upgrades to the existing pier structure.

In a March 25 public hearing on US Wind's application, attendees learned the company had reduced the length of the pier from the original

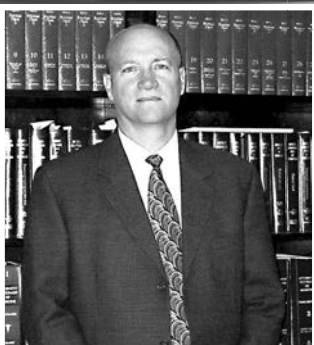
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County chamber planning classic car show

Ocean Downs Casino lawn to host annual fundraising event on Saturday, Aug. 31

By **Tara Fischer**
Staff Writer

(Aug. 8, 2024) Vintage and spruced-up vehicle enthusiasts will be able to show off their hot rods at the annual Classic Car and Jeep Show, hosted by the Worcester County Chamber of Commerce in Ocean Pines, on Saturday, Aug. 31.

The event is slated for the Ocean Downs Casino lawn from 9 a.m. to noon. Classics, antiques, hot rods, Jeeps, and modern cars will be parked for owners to show off their hard work and coinsure to browse.

“The car owners ... get a lot out of

meeting the other car owners and checking out what they’ve accomplished with their vehicle,” WCCC President Kerrie Bunting said. It is a family-friendly occasion for the public to check out cool cars. The true value is simply bringing the community together.”

The event is free for individuals who want to come and look around. Those interested in registering their vehicle for the show can sign up online on the chamber’s website for \$15 or pay \$20 in cash the day of.

Bunting maintained that registration would not close. The event attracted around 120 classic car holders last year, and organizers hope to see similar participation this time around.

The event is a fundraiser for the chamber. The money collected from

the show will cover the organization’s operating costs, help promote the group’s partner businesses, such as Fager’s Island, The Pine’eer Craft Club, A Bagel And..., and the Berlin Little League, among others, and connect these companies with educational and networking opportunities.

“It’s a fundraiser, but we want the region to know we are a community resource,” Bunting said. “Events are a way for us to engage the public and have them see we are not only here for businesses but also for them just as much.”

In addition to the cars, Radio Ocean City’s BK and Chrissy will be providing music for attendees to enjoy.

Bunting said that organizers will spend the morning of the show categorizing the cars. Most owners wait

until the day off to register, as their participation is weather-dependent. Judges will use the three-hour event to scope each vehicle to determine their favorites and trophies have been secured for the winners.

Bunting noted that in addition to hosting events, the chamber has assembled a business directory for the public to locate trusted county service providers and is committed to aiding local companies and nonprofits with self-promotion.

The Classic Car and Jeep Show is open to the public. Owners are encouraged to participate and may register beforehand online or on the morning of. In-person registration is \$20, and only cash will be accepted.

“We encourage all to enjoy the morning with us,” Bunting said.

State board set to hear request

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625 feet to 174 feet, as well as the replacement bulkhead from the original 435 feet to 381 feet. Since that time, however, the company has submitted four revisions to its application. The recommendation being sent to the Board of Public Works increases the scope of work.

“After reviewing the proposed activities, the Department determined that the applicant, US Wind Inc., is within its riparian rights to construct a 353 foot long by 30 foot wide concrete pier with associated timber fenders, all with a maximum of 30 feet channelward of the mean high water line; and construct 383 linear feet of replacement steel bulkhead within a maximum of 18 inches channelward of the mean high water line,” Simmons wrote. “The Department has determined that the proposed pier and bulkhead are consistent with State law and regulations and are a reasonable exercise of riparian rights to allow for

reasonable access to State waters and protect the shoreline from erosion.”

In its report to the Board of Public Works, the Maryland Department of the Environment states the agency had received oral testimony from 43 individuals at the March public hearing, with 40 in opposition to the project and three in favor. The agency also received 202 emails and seven letters, with 119 in opposition, 81 in support and three neutral. The department reports 37 of the 119 correspondences in opposition were specific to the wetlands application.

Simmons said those interested in submitting comments to the Board of Public Works can contact Wetlands Administrator Bill Morgante at 410-260-7791 or email bill.morgante@maryland.gov. A copy of the signed report and recommendation can be found at <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/US-Wind-Inc.aspx>.

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Season's last storytelling session planned

Museum board member to lead interactive lesson for children about airplanes

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 8, 2024) On Thursday, Aug. 15, children of Berlin and the surrounding areas will learn about planes and aviation at the Calvin B. Taylor House's final summer Storytelling on the Lawn.

This season's last storytelling day is set for 10 a.m. on Aug. 15 and will feature tales about airplanes. Kids aged two to nine, and their families are welcome to attend.

Taylor House President Melissa Reid said the event is run by museum board member Ali Giska, a literacy coach at Buckingham Elementary School. The educator will read a story and then facilitate an interactive game or project tied to the book's lessons.

On Aug. 15, the young learners will design and fly paper airplanes.

"Ali is very attuned to children's literature," Reid said. "She engages with the kids on an impressive level."

The storytelling experience has "exploded in popularity this summer," the museum president noted. The Aug. 15 function will mark the third one this season, following an educational day in June and July. Those events featured readings about trees, where afterward, the children collected leaves from the lawn and bears, featuring a mock hunt.

"The house's lawn is such a beautiful place," Reid said. "Getting young people involved in museums early is a great way to teach them local history."

Keeping the stories of the town and the Taylor House alive are integral missions of the facility's operators. Functions like Storytelling on the Lawn are one way the organizers pass down regional knowledge.

According to the museum's website, the structure was built in 1832 for Isaac Covington and his family. It housed Robert J. Henry in the early 19th century, who was vital in bringing the railroads to Berlin.

The building's namesake, Calvin B. Taylor, an educator, lawyer, and founder of Berlin's Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company, moved into the home in the 1890s. The dwelling escaped demolition in 1981.

Now, it houses relics of Berlin's past. The second-floor gallery, for example, features the life of the enslaved Berlin local Isaiah Fassett, who was released and served in the Civil War. His manumission papers are even displayed.

Visitors can browse exhibits on desegregation in Worcester County, the area's African American history, and local trailblazers and individuals who have had a profound impact on the town.

Storytelling on the Lawn is free, but donations to the museum to uphold its purpose are welcome. While the upcoming event marks the final outdoor educational morning, organizers expect an inside story day sometime during Christmas.

Reid urged all Berlin and Worcester County residents to consistently check the Taylor House website for upcoming events.

'Getting young people involved in museums early is a great way to teach them local history.'

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NEW COURT CELEBRATED

The Worcester County Commissioners, joined by Worcester County Public Schools representatives and Worcester County Recreation and Parks staff, are pictured celebrating the completion of the new basketball courts and park at Pocomoke Middle School at a recent ribbon cutting ceremony. The facility is made up of a basketball court and mini pitch that can be used as two basketball courts, or one court and one soccer pitch. The park is recommended for children and adults and is open to the public outside of school hours and when organized programming is not taking place.



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BLESSING OF THE COMBINES

Downtown Snow Hill celebrated its annual Blessing of the Combines last Saturday with a variety of activities and vendors, but the highlight was once again the parade celebrating local farmers. Along with combines, the parade included the Snow Hill ROTC Color Guard, antique tractors, lawn mowers club, the Delmarva Watermelon Queen and more.



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PEACH FESTIVAL CHILDREN'S GAMES

A large amount of vendors were set up throughout the grounds of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum's Peach Festival last Saturday, including an area designed for youth activities.



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LIVE MUSIC AT PEACH FESTIVAL

The George and Pat Bilenki Duo entertained the thousands of people who came to the lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum for the annual Peach Festival last Saturday.

Shepherd's Crook begins August food drive

(Aug. 8, 2024) Shepherd's Crook Food Pantry recently announced the start of its third annual "August is Shepherd's Crook Month" food drive that will take place for the entire month.

This year's drive aims to collect essential items and raise money to support people in need throughout the community. Residents and businesses are invited to help make the event a success.

Shepherd's Crook is currently serving almost 2,000 people per month and must buy food from local grocery stores. The annual food drive is a crucial initiative that helps ensure the pantry's shelves are stocked and that critical support can be provided to people experiencing food insecurity. Each week, organizers request

items that are always in high demand. To help, the following non-perishable food items are requested during the listed dates.

Week One (Aug. 1-11) — Evaporated milk; Maruchan yakisoba chicken and Maruchan yakisoba beef varieties (please no spicy flavors)

Week Two (Aug. 12-18) — Canned beans: black and light red kidney; canned fruit: pineapple chunks, peach slices, mixed fruit cocktail; canned whole kernel corn.

Week Three (Aug. 19-25) — Toilet paper; Amour beef stew

Week Four (Aug. 26-31) — Hormel Compleats: salisbury steak with sliced potatoes, meatloaf with gravy and

mashed potatoes, roast beef, chicken breast with gravy and mashed potatoes, rice and chicken, turkey and stuffing

For anyone who wants to help through the year, donations of unexpired non-perishable food items can be dropped off between 10 a.m. and noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the pantry location at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church on Third Street.

Businesses, schools, and community groups are also encouraged to host their own food drives and contribute the collected items to Shepherd's Crook.

Financial contributions can be made as well. The money allows organizers to buy perishable items. Donations can be

made online through the or by contacting Shepherd's Crook directly. Extra volunteers are also needed for cooking and serving meals four days a week.

To participate, or for more information on how to support the feeding ministry, visit the organization's website at stpaulsbythesea.org/shepherds-crook, or contact Jody Farley at (410) 289-3453 or jfarley@stpaulsbythesea.org.

Shepherd's Crook Food Pantry is a ministry of St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church on Third Street in Ocean City. For 25 years, the church and the food pantry volunteers have been dedicated to alleviating food insecurity and providing assistance to individuals and families in need.

Johnny Cash program at OP library Aug. 15

(Aug. 8, 2024) Sometimes rebellious, sometimes religious, Johnny Cash sang about sorrow, redemption, and old-fashioned hell-raising with a bass-baritone voice that resonates to this day. Frank DeLuco and Harry Burkett will discuss the turbulent life and extraordinary career of the "Man in Black" at the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Library at 2 p.m., Aug. 15.

Cash overcame an impoverished childhood in Arkansas, picking cotton,

enduring a very strict father, and coping with the accidental death of his older brother.



Johnny Cash

After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he earned his big break at Sun Records in Memphis. Then Cash's career rolled down the track with hits such as "Hey, Porter," "Orange Blossom Special," "I Walk the Line," and "Ring of

Fire."

His insistence on recording a live album, against the desires of Columbia executives, resulted in Live at Folsom Prison and his best-known single, "Folsom Prison Blues."

Amphetamine and alcohol abuse derailed his career and nearly ended his life by the late-1960s. His marriage to duet partner June Carter Cash and his oft-tested devotion to Christianity helped him gain control of his life. Despite some

relapses, Cash secured many TV roles in the 1970s and '80s, and made a musical comeback with The Highwaymen, along with Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, and Kris Kristofferson.

While Cash was plagued by diabetes and neurological problems toward the end of his life, he continued making music and lived long enough to be acknowledged by a new generation.

Cash died Sept. 12, 2003, at age 71, four months after his wife, June.



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Opinion

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New OP board should follow current path

Even if the winners of this year's Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election are unknown at this writing — a few hours before the ballot counting begins — it's safe to assume that the association will continue to follow its current path.

There's no reason not to, considering that the only possible trouble on the horizon would be a quest to find trouble where none exists. Besides, the OPA has been enjoying a good run under General Manager John Viola, whose presence at the operational helm will continue courtesy of the four-year contract extension the board approved in July.

That's the big favor the current board did for the incoming directors, whoever they may be. Any new member would find it difficult to impossible to argue successfully for a major change in how things are done, when it appears that association members have been and continue to be generally satisfied with the results.

The only indicator of dissatisfaction would be a massive voter turnout in the current contest, and that seems unlikely given the relatively quiet nature of the spring/summer campaign.

Obviously, that's speculation, since the turnout percentage won't be known until the Election Committee wraps up its ballot tally at the end of the day.

Even so, the quiet and calm approach to OPA business of the past couple of years has been so much more effective than it was during the board's caterwauling bad old days that a return to the latter would seem to be out of the question.

Association members will have to wait and see, of course, as anything can happen in local (or state and national) politics. In the meantime, we congratulate the winners, whoever they may be, while encouraging them to stick to the program that seems to have been working just fine.

Letter

Volunteers donated 800 hours to event

Editor,

To the Ocean Pines community and surrounding area:

The Annual Ocean Pines Library Book Sale was held July 23 through July 29 and was a huge success with approximately \$14,000.00 in sales that will be used for programs, events, children's programs and other needs that the Ocean Pines Library supplies the public daily.

Those who attend this event know that it takes large numbers of volunteers and many hours to make this

event happen. This year there were over 126 volunteers who gave over 800 hours doing set-up, tear-down, cashiering, counting, organizing, greeting and doing the many tasks required to make this event run smoothly. It has also created many friendships, camaraderie, togetherness and above all, the love of the library and its operations.

The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library would like to thank all of those who volunteered their time, the library staff, the OP Police Department, the Ocean Pines Department of Public Works, the *OC Today-Dispatch*, *The*

Courier, the *Bayside Gazette*, ABC Printing, Copy Central and to all the patrons who attended the book sale with their kindness and contributions of donations throughout the year.

The FOPL is looking for a person or people to chair the book sale for the future. Anyone interested can contact Jim Meckley at the Ocean Pines Library.

Thank you again to the community and neighbors for all you do to make the Ocean Pines Library the flagship of public libraries.

Jim Meckley and Eileen Leonhart, book sale co-chairs

Frederick Douglass mural completed

(Aug. 8, 2024) The Beach to Bay Heritage Area is hosting a ceremony and ribbon cutting for the newest mural in downtown Salisbury.

The painted piece, depicting Frederick Douglass and the Wicomico County Courthouse, is at 513 West Main St. on a Perdue Farms building. Beach to Bay officials are planning the ceremony and celebration for the near future.

As part of a larger grant-funded project, the Beach to Bay Heritage Area has been focusing on African American Heritage on the lower shore. Staff member Andre Nieto Jaime researched various themes and created a survey for the community to engage in and become part of the process. The Frederick Douglass theme resonated with many.

On Feb. 24, 1880, Frederick Douglass gave a lecture based on his 1859 "Self-Made Men" speech. The speech was given at the newly built Wicomico County Courthouse. Tickets were sold for 50 cents each, with the proceeds benefiting the John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, today known as the Chipman Cultural Center. The money raised was used



PHOTO COURTESY BEACH TO BAY HERITAGE AREA

A newly completed mural depicting Frederick Douglass and the Wicomico County Courthouse is pictured on the Perdue Farms building on Main Street in downtown Salisbury.

for the restoration of the church, which was originally built in 1838, and to add a second story.

Mural artist Brandon Bell and his team from We Are Limitless Studios created the design and produced the mural.

"We met Brandon at the meetings of the Salisbury Arts Alliance during the public art master planning and he certainly has a great track record," Lisa Challenger, Executive Director of

the Beach to Bay Heritage Area, said in a news release. "His ability to capture the concept and create this design is really remarkable."

Challenger also thanked Perdue Farms for allowing organization members use the company's building as a canvas.

Two more murals are in the works in Crisfield and Ocean City. For more information on the Beach to Bay Heritage Area, visit beaches-bayswaterways.org

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Obituary

HORACIO VACCAREZZA

Ocean Pines
 Horacio Vaccarezza, 88, of Ocean Pines, passed away peacefully and adored by his beloved family on Aug. 2, 2024.

He was the devoted husband and life-long partner of Margot; loving and unbelievable father of Claudia Gausepohl (Greg) and Diego Vaccarezza (Karin); and 'Tata' to four grandchildren, Nick and Alexis Gausepohl, and Jake and Daniel Vaccarezza. He also leaves behind a trail of people that he impacted through his generosity, sense of humor, and spirit.

Horacio was born in Montevideo, Uruguay, to his late parents Ricardo and Esther Vaccarezza. Stories from his younger days are too numerous to tell but they all reflect great and lifelong friendships, a love of nature and animals, and an energy and love of life.

He immigrated to the United States in 1974 with his wife and two young children and worked tirelessly to provide a great life for his family. He loved soccer, having played as a young man and then dedicating himself to coaching and being a lifelong fan of his beloved Charruas from Uruguay.

Horacio moved to Ocean Pines in 2001 where he continued to make friends, always ready to lend a hand and undoubtedly find a solution hidden somewhere in his garage.

Visitation begins at noon, followed by a celebration of life at 1 p.m., on Aug. 14, at the Community Church of Ocean Pines.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Worcester County Humane Society.

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17th golf tourney deemed success

(Aug. 8, 2024) Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore, Inc. held its 17th Annual Eastern Shore Golf Classic on June 17 at the River Marsh Golf Club in the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa & Marina.

Major sponsors included Presenting Sponsor Delmarva Power, the Hole in One Sponsor Pohanka of Salisbury, and drink sponsor Pepsi. Co-chairs for the event were John Petito of Delmarva Power and Terry Smith and Jimmy Sweet of the Delmarva Shorebirds.

Forty-seven golfers teed off to raise money for mentoring, enrichment and resources for youth and their families. Upon registration, each golfer received an engraved bottle of Woodford Reserve whiskey from West-O Bottle Shop thanking them for their contributions to the charity tournament. Golfers played 18 holes and enjoyed breakfast prepared by the Hyatt Regency's catering staff, as well as a post-event reception in their Eagle's Nest dining area.

Immediately following the tournament, organization representatives presented golfer awards to the tournament winners, including Shattered Glass (first place gross), Eastern Shore Smile Solutions (first place net), Avery Hall (second place gross) and the Delmarva Shorebirds (sec-



PHOTO COURTESY BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE EASTERN SHORE

The members of team Shattered Glass, the first place gross winners of the Big Brother Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore's 17th Annual Eastern Shore Golf Classic earlier this summer, are pictured receiving prizes from tournament co-chair John Petito.

ond place net). They also presented the prize for the 50/50 raffle where the winner donated the money back to the agency and the winners of the silent auction.

Big Brother Big Sisters also announced its next big event, Santa's Open Charity Golf Tournament, scheduled for Dec. 4th, at the Ocean City Golf Course. There are a variety of options for sponsors to support the

nonprofit, while promoting their companies on the Eastern Shore, including various levels of team registration, sponsoring tees with company logos and in-kind donations.

Big Brother Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore offers a variety of programs tailored to the needs of the children and the availability of volunteers. For more information, visit shorebiglightle.org.

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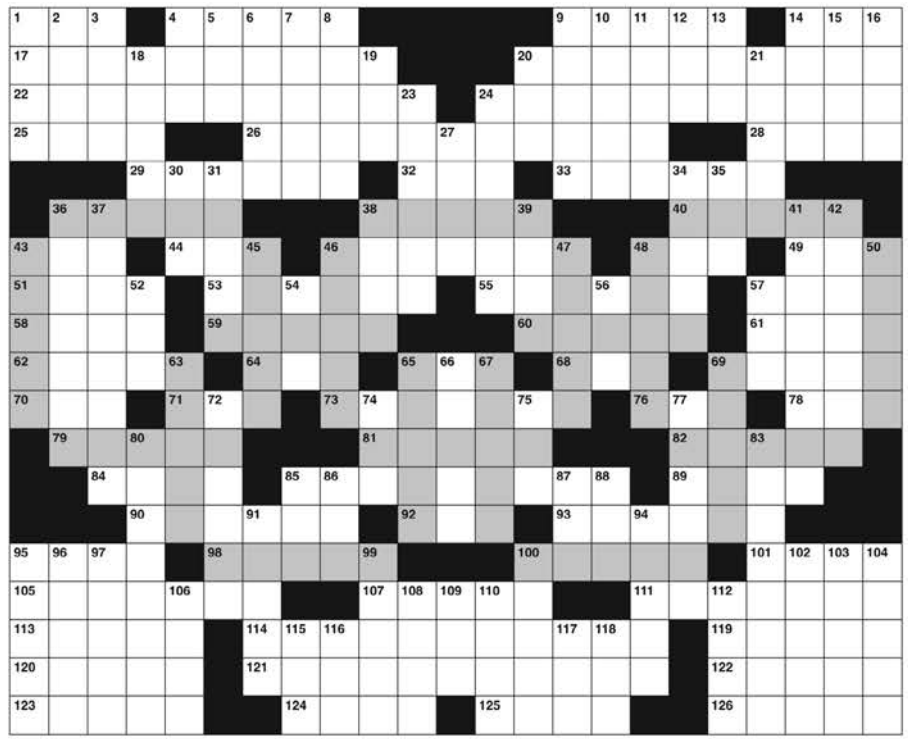
Puzzles

THE BIG FIVE-0

BY PAOLO PASCO / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

Paolo Pasco, of Brooklyn, is the games editor for LinkedIn. He is the current national crossword champion after winning the 2024 American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. In that competition, he solved a Sunday-size crossword in just under six minutes. Today's puzzle came together on a cross-country flight during which all his electronic devices were close to dead. He took out a blank sheet of paper and started sketching, resulting in the theme here.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Word following "push-up" that anagrams to a word following "pull-up"
 - 4 Become subject to
 - 9 Israeli desert
 - 14 Substance in a bagel-making "bath"
 - 17 Wedding role ... or a description of 114-Across?
 - 20 Artist's diagram ... or one of five for 114-Across?
 - 22 Multipiece furniture purchases
 - 24 \$\$\$
 - 25 "Hold up!"
 - 26 Get hooked?
 - 28 ___ Rizal, national hero of the Philippines
 - 29 Cornhole attempts
 - 32 Compete like Sha'Carri Richardson
 - 33 Snapple competitor
 - 36 Detailed plan of action
 - 38 Malevolent sorcery
 - 40 Restaurant chain with an avian mascot
 - 43 Lamb's lament
 - 44 M.D. spaces
 - 46 One way to throw a baseball
 - 48 Aptly named writers' association
 - 49 "Uno ___!"
 - 51 Resting places
 - 53 Just scratches the surface?
 - 55 Teletubby with a repetitive name
 - 57 Very "now"
 - 58 Musical composition like the Gauri in Sikh tradition
 - 59 Obsolescent book
 - 60 Brand in the frozen-food section
 - 61 Dance related to the Tongan tau'olunga
 - 62 Worst of the worst
 - 64 Reason to award two gold medals
 - 65 Cheers, for one
 - 68 Letters after Lucasfilm
 - 69 Aid in seafloor mapping
 - 70 Understood
 - 71 Balance-beam gripper
 - 73 Round up at the start?
 - 76 "There it is!"
 - 78 Prereq for a Ph.D. program, maybe
 - 79 Signature hit for Linda Ronstadt
 - 81 Supreme pizza topping
 - 82 "Danger! Danger!"
 - 84 Number for a letter?
 - 85 Power sources for some electric cars
 - 89 "Goodness me!"
 - 90 Spice up, say
 - 92 "___ out!"
 - 93 Concerning egg cells
 - 95 Bother, with "at"
 - 98 Results of some fouls in soccer
 - 100 What has a lot of room to grow?
 - 101 Playbill listing
 - 105 Character appearing twice in "Dumb and Dumber"?
 - 107 Broadway passage
 - 111 Move up
 - 113 Chain that offers obedience-training classes
 - 114 This puzzle's subject
 - 119 Fried rice add-in
 - 120 "Drink," so to speak
 - 121 They "wait for no man," in a saying
 - 122 ___ law (P = IV)
 - 123 Certain coastal fliers
 - 124 "Uhh ... no thanks"
 - 125 Scottish word in a holiday song
 - 126 Shade of gray
- DOWN**
- 1 Penciled-in feature, perhaps
 - 2 Poet Dove
 - 3 Prefix with war or hero
 - 4 Pioneer in computer chess
 - 5 Largest labor union in the U.S., in brief
 - 6 Sloping surfaces
 - 7 Alpha ___ Majoris (star in the Big Dipper)
 - 8 Smacks (of)
 - 9 "Oppenheimer" director
 - 10 Carl's wife in Pixar's "Up"
 - 11 Sources of cashmere
 - 12 Make a big splash in diving, say
 - 13 Bugs, e.g.
 - 14 Brick that doesn't require mortar
 - 15 Hankerings
 - 16 Failing that
 - 18 Crime boss John
 - 19 Way shortened?
 - 20 What corn holders are inserted into
 - 21 Muslim head covering
 - 23 Prized violins, for short
 - 24 One of the stages of grief
 - 27 Ultra-famous
 - 30 Inside lane on a track
 - 31 Ailment whose name becomes an actress when its vowel is doubled
 - 34 Indulge (oneself)
 - 35 Forever and ever
 - 36 Like some Mideast nationalism
 - 37 Cattle-driving dispute
 - 38 Architect ___ van der Rohe
 - 39 Rock climber's handhold
 - 41 What "Meow!" might mean
 - 42 Manicurist's creation
 - 43 They fly somewhere over the rainbow
 - 45 Democratic stronghold
 - 46 Ostracized family member
 - 47 Extorts from, in a way
 - 48 Raccoonlike mammal of China
 - 50 Phenomenon allegorized in "The Crucible"
 - 52 Droop
 - 54 Movie f/x
 - 56 It's not long.
 - 57 ___ Oyu, sixth-highest peak in the world
 - 63 National park since 1872
 - 65 Milquetoast
 - 66 Character who's told "We're all mad here"
 - 67 Creedence Clearwater Revival song named after a place "where cool water flows"
 - 69 Dip made from tomatillos
 - 72 Beat at an audition, maybe
 - 74 Sushi eggs
 - 75 Spice Girl Chisholm, casually
 - 77 Acclaimed
 - 80 Political slogan of the 2000s
 - 83 Channel that gets audio only?
 - 85 Baking
 - 86 Connection at Frankfurt Airport?
 - 87 Restroom in a pub
 - 88 "Law & Order" spinoff, for short
 - 91 Wooden shoe
 - 94 Linguist's concern
 - 95 Part of a woman's anatomy named for Dr. Ernst Gräfenberg
 - 96 Jane Eyre, to the villainous Mrs. Reed
 - 97 Change, as one's clothes
 - 99 "The ___ true for ..."
 - 100 Not at all light
 - 102 Soul singer Baker
 - 103 Adam of TV's "Severance"
 - 104 Like the atmosphere after an awkward joke
 - 106 Negative Nancy words?
 - 108 Hoppy choices at happy hour
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HARD - 26

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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ATM	SHIED	CAR	SITE		
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SPLAT	GAS	MAL	GRAD		
TOEPADS	SLIPPERY	SLOPE			
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BALSA	ITRY	AND	SLAT		
MORDOR	LOGICAL	FALLACY			
ROTUND	ERENOW	UNEATEN			
SKYPE	RIDGES	NAIVETE			

Calendar

Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

Thurs., Aug. 8

51ST ANNUAL WHITE MARLIN OPEN

Harbour Island, 412 14th St., Ocean City. World's largest and richest billfishing tournament with projected payout to exceed more than \$10 million. Free to view weigh-ins held daily from 4-9:15 p.m. <https://whitemarlinopen.com>

MARLIN FEST

Ocean City Inlet Jetty, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Free event featuring live-streaming of the White Marlin Open weigh-ins, live music by "Colossal Fossil Sauce" (12-4 p.m.), food & drink, vendors and WMO merchandise. <https://marlinfest.com>, 302-519-3176

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHT

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Enjoy a free concert and sunset views over the Isle of Wight Bay. Featuring "Tranzfusion" (classic rock). <http://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/>

RUNAWAY BRIDE GUIDED TOUR

Berlin Maryland Welcome Center, 14 S. Main St., 4-5 p.m. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary with a guided tour of filming locations in Berlin. Reservations: 410-629-1716. A \$5 donation collected. <https://berlinmainstreet.com/Runaway-Bride-Walking-Tour.pdf>

CONCERT IN THE PARK

White Horse Park Pavilion, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7-9 p.m. Featuring "Breath of Fresh Air." Free family-friendly entertainment. Bring chairs and blankets. BYOB permitted, concessions for sale. Held Thursdays through Aug. 22. 410-641-7052

REPTILE WORLD

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Michael Shwedick will be introducing the fascinating world of reptiles. He will include a beautiful variety of reptiles from all over the world. For all ages. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WATERCOLORS FOR KIDS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Learn about creating watercolor paintings with salt and create your own work of art. For ages 6-11 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME: HOW TO CATCH A MERMAID

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Find out how to catch a mermaid. Songs, stories and crafts. 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. A variety of activities and toys. Play and socialize with other families. For ages 2-5 years. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OC CHESS CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy a relaxing game of chess every Thursday at the library. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Michael Shwedick will be introducing the fascinating world of reptiles. He will include a beautiful variety of reptiles from all over the world. For all ages. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

TRIVIA: DISNEY MOVIES

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Test your Disney movie knowledge. For all ages. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

LEGO MASTERS CHALLENGE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Join in for a LEGO challenge event. All materials provided. For ages 6-12 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BEACH SINGLE 55 PLUS MEET AND GREET

Thursdays - Nick's Kitchen + Bar, 14410 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, 4-6 p.m. 215-385-4993, BeachSingles.org

Fri., Aug. 9

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BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes and finger plays. For ages 0-2 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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 our own tile set. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STEAM SOCIAL

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

ARTISTIC ARENA: MYTHICAL CREATURES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Create your own mythical creature using Air Clay. All materials provided. For ages 6-11 years and 12-18 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SEWING SEEDS OF LOVE

Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, 1-3 p.m. Summer sewing workshop for ages 8 years and older. The group will be working on beginner pillowcases. Cost is \$20. Register: Debbie, 443-430-4948.

MUSIC INSPIRED ART

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Close your eyes, listen to a selection of music, then choose from a variety of supplies to draw what you imagined. Registration required: 410-957-0878. www.worcesterlibrary.org

VOLUNTEER'S BBQ

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. You're invited to come out for great food and a fun time as we celebrate YOU, our wonderful volunteers! 410-524-9433

'GRACEWAY' IN CONCERT

St. Matthews By the Sea UMC, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, 7 p.m. Featuring "Graceway."

KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Fridays - Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway, behind St. Luke's Church. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Light snacks available before bingo and at intermission. 410-524-7994

Sat., Aug. 10

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. A Youth Events slide show will be presented, as well as updates on club charter trips, regulations and all things fishing. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

FIBER CRAFTS IN THE GARDEN

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill

Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10 a.m. Bring any fiber craft you are working on for camaraderie and refreshments in the beautiful garden. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CRAFTY SATURDAY: SNACK ATTACK

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Come celebrate all your favorite summer time treats: watermelon, cookies and root beer floats. For all ages. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories and cool props from Assateague Island National Seashore. A different adventure each week. For all ages. 410-641-0650

FREE KIDS CRAFT

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring the kids and do something creative with them and for them. Projects change each week. No reservations needed. Free and open to all. www.artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433

GRAVITY PAINTING

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 1 p.m. This activity combines science and art to demonstrate the force of gravity in a STEAM-filled project that promotes creative thinking. For all ages. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

POWELLVILLE ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP AND FRIED CHICKEN FEAST

Powellville Volunteer Fire Company, 5085 Powellville Road, Pittsville, 6-9 p.m. Tickets \$35. Come enjoy all you can eat shrimp and chicken while supporting a local fire department! 410-835-8181

FILM NIGHT - OC FILM CHALLENGE

502 94th St., Ocean City, 8-10 p.m. Join us under the stars to watch the next generation of film stars! 410-524-9433

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

Sun., Aug. 11

BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S MUSIC FOR MARYLAND CONCERT

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 3-5 p.m. Tickets \$10. Featuring modern masterpieces and beloved classics. Tickets are available at "pay-what-you-wish"

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pricing, with a suggested donation of \$10 per ticket. Reservations: www.bso-music.org/music-for-maryland.

SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Live music by "Kittyback" (classic country rock), kid-friendly entertainment, ice cream and fireworks. <https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/sundaes-in-the-park/>

SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 6 p.m. Featuring "Berlin Airlift." www.taylorhousemuseum.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8-11:30 a.m. Breakfast includes two kinds of eggs, sausage, bacon, scrapple, creamed chipped beef and biscuits, pancakes, juice and coffee. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for youth 8 years and younger.

CRABCAKE SANDWICH FUNDRAISER

St. Paul's by-the Sea Episcopal Church, 302 Baltimore Ave., noon to 7 p.m. Crabcake sandwich with chips for \$12. Carry-out only. Uncooked crabcakes also available. Walk in through the Third Street entrance or drive-thru pick-up in alley. Pre-order: 410-289-3453 by Aug. 9.

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET

Sundays through October - Pitts Street, Commerce Street and Main Street, Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Featuring more than 50 farmers, bakers, growers, brewers, food cultivators, distillers, creators and artists. Also free kids art projects, petting zoo, face painting and live music. <https://berlinmainstreet.com/farmersmarket/>

BERLIN FLEA MARKET

Sundays - Uptown Emporium Parking Lot, 13 S. Main St., Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendor opportunities available. Julie, 410-726-9012; Bill, 410-629-9656

SEWING FOR A CAUSE

Sundays - Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., Berlin, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Learn how to sew while making a difference. 410-641-0234

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

Mon., Aug. 12

OC BEACH DANCE PARTY WITH FIREWORKS

Caroline St. Stage, 2 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Beachside dance party featuring "DJ Rupe." Free fireworks show starts at 9 p.m. All ages

welcome.

<https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/oc-beach-dance-party>

MONDAY MORNING MOVIE AND MUNCHIES

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Featuring "Raya and the Lost Dragon." Munchies provided. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME: PETE THE CAT

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Songs, games and crafts. For ages 0-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

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

TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB: 'THE ART THIEF: A TRUE CRIME STORY OF LOVE, CRIME, AND A DANGEROUS OBSESSION'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Join in for an afternoon of true crime. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME AT THE FARM

Chesapeake Bay Farms, 4111 Whitesburg Road, Pocomoke City, 2 p.m. Visit the Chesapeake Bay Farms for a special story time. Stick around to feed some of the animals. For ages 2-5 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3-6 p.m. Need help finding your roots? Come by the second Monday of each month and the local history librarian can help navigate the library's print and online sources. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

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

BRIDGE

Mondays - Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st Street, Ocean City, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Reserve a spot: Tish, 410-804-3971. www.Worcoa.org/oceancity

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ladies who love to sing invited. Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol, 302-242-

7062.

OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

Mondays - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. No dues or fees. 410-459-9100

Tues., Aug. 13

RUNAWAY BRIDE GUIDED TOUR

Berlin Maryland Welcome Center, 14 S. Main St., 4-5 p.m. Celebrating the 25th Anniversary with a guided tour of filming locations in Berlin. Reservations: 410-629-1716. A \$5 donation collected. <https://berlinmainstreet.com/Runaway-Bride-Walking-Tour.pdf>

STORY TIME: 'COLORS'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fingerplays. For ages 2-5 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SCALES & TALES

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Informative and entertaining program uses live birds of prey and reptiles to promote stewardship of wildlife and other natural resources. For ages 6-11 years. 410-632-3495, 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

STORY TIME WITH MERMAID TASHA

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Mermaid Tasha will read her book and lead an eco-friendly mermaid craft. For ages 6-11 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MURDER MYSTERY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3 p.m. A body has turned up inside a popular ride at a seaside amusement park. Come to play carnival games and help investigate. For ages 12-17 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 3:15-4 p.m. Providing discussions and support, along with education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765, kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEAFOOD NIGHT

Knights of Columbus (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 5-6:30 p.m. Menu for all ages including steamed crabs and steamed

shrimp. Crabs must be pre-ordered by calling 410-524-7994 Monday or Tuesday morning.

BOOK CLUB: 'THE KITCHEN HOUSE' BY KATHLEEN GRISSOM

Tides & Vine, 106 W. Green St., Snow Hill, 5:30 p.m. Join Snow Hill Library and Tides & Vine for an evening of books and wine. Stop by the library to pick up your book anytime. Must be at least 21 years old. 410-632-3495

SONG CELEBRATION

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6 p.m. Share songs with other players and writers in an encouraging space. Originals encouraged. Listeners welcome. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BEACH HEROES-OC

Tuesdays - Volunteer beach clean-up group meets from 9-10 a.m., year-round. Trash bags, grippers and gloves provided. Check the Facebook page "Beach Heroes-OC" for weekly meeting locations. All are welcome.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. 410-289-4725

OC KNITTING CLUB

Tuesdays - Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m.

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

Tuesdays - Experienced dancers and others interested in watching or learning more are welcome, 7-9:30 p.m. No partner required. Info: TangobytheBeach.com.

ZUMBA TONING TUESDAYS

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

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND WELLNESS GROUP

Tuesdays - Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway, 2-2:45 p.m. Use the weight loss program/app/plan of your choice. Free and open to everyone. 410-641-4882, www.htcanglican.org/activities.

Wed., Aug. 14

MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City,

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8:30 p.m. Featuring "Luca." Enjoy free movies on the beach every Wednesday through the summer. Movie lineup: <https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/>.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Ocean Pines Yacht Club Pool, 1 Mumfords Landing Road, 6-8 p.m. Featuring swimming, DJ, games and prizes. Cost is \$3 for swim members; \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-resident. No cost if not swimming. Food available. Wednesdays through Aug. 21. 410-641-7052

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Online Zoom call on the first and second Wednesday of each month. For non-surgical patients. Atlantic General Bariatric Center, 410-641-9568

PLAY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join in for imaginative play and social interaction. For ages 0-5 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SCALES & TALES

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Informative and entertaining program uses live birds of prey and reptiles to promote stewardship of wildlife and other natural resources. For ages 6-11 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BOOK CLUB: 'RUN ROSE RUN' BY DOLLY PARTON AND JAMES PATTERSON

Snow Hill 50plus Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 11 a.m. Stop by the library or the 50plus Center to pick up a book anytime, then meet for a great discussion. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ARTISTS PAINT OC: A PLEIN AIR EVENT

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 1-7 p.m. For five days, 50 artists compete for the top prizes of cash and prestige as they spread out across the area to paint famous vistas. 410-524-9433

ADVENTURES IN ART HEISTS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Art Historian Mallory Mortillaro talks about the underworld of stolen art as the group examine some of history's greatest art heists. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ADULT CRAFTERNOON: POM POM ANIMALS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Turn some yarn into a new friend. Limit 30. First come first served. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

UPCYCLED BOOK PURSE

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Registration required: 410-957-0878.

www.worcesterlibrary.org

TABLE TOP ROLE PLAYING GAME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5 p.m. Play selected role playing games for adults and teens. Registration required: 410-632-3495. Limit 10. www.worcesterlibrary.org

PAINT & SIP

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$27 and includes wine and crackers. Register: 410-641-7052.

KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays through Aug. 26 - Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 8 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Third Wednesday meetings are offsite and information can be found on www.kiwanisofpoc.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., during August. Choose a mystery adventure from the display to read. Fill out the brief form inside and return it to the library to be entered into the drawing for a prize. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CREATIVE KIDS CORNER

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, during August. Come grab an art kit to create at the library or take it with you. Most supplies included. For ages 0-5 years and 6-11 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STREAM STATION

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., during August. Kids up to 11 years can visit the STEAM Station to take part in crafts and activities exploring science, technology, reading, engineering, art and math. Take a craft kit home too. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

TEEN STREAM STATION

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., during August. Each hands-on activity will focus on art, math, science, engineering or technology. Create jewelry using binary code, construct a flying glider, design your own city out of recycled material and more. For ages 11 years and older. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

PIRATE ADVENTURE MURAL

Pocomoke library, 301 Market Street, Pocomoke City, from June 17 through August 24. Every week will feature a different craft to add to your pirate ship mural. For ages 6-11 years and 12-18 years. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Part-time Ocean Pines resident Mary K. Tilghman, seated, signs a copy of her latest novel, "Step into the Sunlight," at the Greyhound indie bookstore in Berlin.

Ocean Pines author hosting book signings for new novel

(Aug. 8, 2024) Part-time Ocean Pines resident and author Mary K. Tilghman recently launched her new romance, "Step into the Sunlight," set in Ocean City, at the Greyhound indie bookstore in Berlin, and will be hosting more upcoming book signings.

The next signing will be held from 6-7:30 p.m., Aug. 11, at the Bethany Beach Books in Bethany Beach. After that, Tilghman will participate in a multi-author signing with romantic suspense authors Nonna Henry, a Berlin resident, and Kristie Wolf on Sept. 14 at Caprichos Books in Ocean Pines.

"Step into the Sunlight" is a story about family legacies, the need to be recognized for one's talents, and the triumph of love, all set against the summer backdrop of the Ocean City Boardwalk.

Tilghman, a journalist and travel writer in Maryland for 40 years, is a part-time resident of Ocean Pines. Her works include a half-dozen Frommer's guides, as well as historical novels and love stories, all with ties to Maryland, Delaware and Virginia.

For more information, visit maryktilghmanwrites.com.

Nomination period open for CFES annual service awards

(Aug. 8, 2024) The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore annually celebrates local philanthropic service through its annual awards. Winners are announced each year at the Community Foundation Annual Meeting, which will be held Nov. 1.

The awards are considered among the most prestigious philanthropic service honors in the Lower Shore region. Recipients must first be nominated for an award and then selected by a committee of community volunteers. The Foundation is accepting nominations now until Aug. 31, for the Richard A. Henson Award for Nonprofit Excellence, the Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award, and the Mary Gladys Jones Volunteer of the Year Award.

To nominate an individual or organization for one of the awards, visit CFES.org/awards and complete the application.

The awards are as follows:

Mary Gladys Jones Volunteer of the Year Award — Recognizes an in-

dividual who has made outstanding, sustained and unselfish contributions to community service. The Foundation will grant \$1,000 to the Volunteer of the Year Award winner's charity of choice.

Richard A. Henson Award for Nonprofit Excellence — Presented annually to a qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Somerset, Wicomico, or Worcester counties which has implemented a program or project that has made an outstanding contribution to the well-being of residents of the Lower Eastern Shore. The Foundation will grant a \$5,000 donation to the recipient.

Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award — Recognizes an individual who has made outstanding, sustained, and unselfish contributions to community enrichment and whose vital ideas and personal sacrifices exemplify the philanthropic spirit of our community. The Foundation grants \$2,500 to the Morris Award winner's charity of choice.

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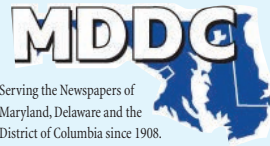
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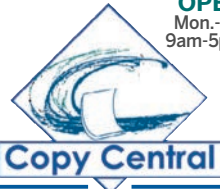
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