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OPA election certified for Farr, Heavner

Voters send incumbents back to board of directors for another three years

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 15, 2024) Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors election results revealed incumbents Rick Farr and Jeff Heavner successfully defended their seats and will serve three-year terms.

Farr, who acts as the body's president, pulled 1,933 votes. Heavner secured 1,898. Challengers Amy Peck, obtaining 1,270, Sherrie Clifford, who garnered 936, and Jerry Murphy, procuring 293, fell short of capturing enough ballots to earn a position on the seven-person governing body.

"Serving the Ocean Pines community is a deeply rewarding experience that has brought me a sense of joy, fulfillment, and purpose," Farr said. "... Simply lending a helping hand when needed is my contribution that makes a real difference and leaves a lasting impact on those I serve in our community."

Farr, whose initial term began in August 2021, was appointed president around a year ago. He said he would remain as the group's leader until the election of officers in September. The board will then decide who fills the executive positions.

Heavner was first elected to the
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FISHING 101

Throughout last weekend's Worcester County Fair in Snow Hill, the fishing tank was a popular attraction for young attendees learning the hobby.

Town gets \$100k for community center

Community development grant will help cover cost of preliminary work

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 15, 2024) The Town of Berlin's push to build a new community center on Flower Street received \$100,000 from the state to help with preliminary

project expenses.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announced the grant to Berlin along with more than \$8 million other distributions through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for fiscal year 2025.

According to an outline published online by the department, Berlin's grant is to be used "to demol-

ish several blighted buildings and prepare preliminary architectural and engineering services for the construction of a building to feature a Head Start Center, afterschool and summer programs, and other community purposes."

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall called the grant announcement "monumental" for the town's commu-
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About \$73,000 of additional demolition work along the grounds of the former poultry processing facility at Heron Park was illustrated in the council agenda packet this week.

Berlin Council approves demo change order for Heron Park

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 15, 2024) The Berlin Council unanimously approved the latest change order for the Heron Park demolition project, adding \$73,200 to the initiative's total cost. The adjustments primarily include clean-up measures at the site.

"This change order encompasses many areas as desired for clean-up," Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said. "That is kind of it in a nutshell."

The additional services include demolishing walls and bollards, which are short, vertical posts to divert traffic from a space in the designated areas within the site. Four spots have been identified for removal from behind a fence on the property. The areas are not visibly from Old Ocean City Boulevard and are located near the railroad tracks.

The contract, as proposed by vendor JNT Enterprises, has been increased by 45 days to allow proper time to complete the modifications. The demo project's conclusion date has been pushed to Oct. 17.

Per the change order, the total cost of the initiative will increase from \$359,054.68, which was raised from \$246,339 for alterations approved in July, to \$432,254. Bohlen maintained that the adjustments leave the town with \$11,565 left over for the demolition from a grant received through the state.

"We will figure out how to spend the last few dollars," she said.

Councilmember Jay Knerr questioned why an old shed on the site along the railroad was not included in the proposed demolition change

order.

Andrew Welch of the contracted architectural firm Davis, Bowen, & Friedel said that upon a walkthrough, the developer, Palmer Gillis of Coastal Ventures Properties, who entered discussions with the town to purchase and rehabilitate Heron Park's parcel 57, expressed an interest in keeping the structure.

Bohlen argued that the town remains the deciding voice even with an Extended Negotiation Period contract being drafted by attorney David Gaskill.

"It is still your project," she said, addressing the council. "If you want it to come down, we can ask the contractor to draft a change order now."

Welch said that because the building is timber, it would be easy to remove, taking no more than a day.

Mayor Zack Tyndall argued that since the completion date has been moved back to Oct. 17, the council has time to contemplate the shed's future after further discussion.

"We have time to discuss it," he said, "...it is not his wants; it is our wants that are structured with his...if there is an item here like this that he wants to keep, and it is not going to put us behind, that's fine, but it is something still in the discussion phase."

The group agreed to circle back to the structure at future meetings and work sessions.

Town Council Vice President Dean Burrell made a motion to approve the change order, which was seconded by Orris. The adjustments were passed unanimously by the governing body.

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Farr, Heavner beat three challengers in race

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Board of Directors in 2023 to finish the last segment of a three-year term vacated by Frank Daly.

"It is a gift to give back," he said. "Any amount of time is generous."

The pair look forward to furthering their priorities. Farr and Heavner said their primary concerns remain constructing the new South Station for the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, which inches closer as the two groups signed a Memorandum of Understanding in July to hash out each party's wants and needs, renovating the racquet sports center building, extending Matt Ort Company's food and beverage contract, continuing the golf course irrigation project, and ensuring the new Veteran Memorial Pavilion is completed by November.

Heavner added that community-wide beautification is also at the top of his list.

"I look forward to continuing this board's approach in setting policy and wisely approving spending to focus on our community-affirmed strategic pillars of quality, governance, exceptional safety, top-tier amenities, disciplined infrastructure maintenance, and admired community appearance," the director said.

The election winners believe their backgrounds have prepared them to represent the neighborhood effectively.

Farr grew up in Bowie and served 20 years in the United States Air Force. During his military career, he participated in combat operations like Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Operation Noble Eagle and Operation



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Toasting to their election victories at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club are OPA Board members Jeff Heavner and Rick Farr.

Southern Watch. He is a five-time recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal and Citation for Valor for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The OPA official is also the Chief Human Resource Officer for the Town of Easton and serves on the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation committee.

"I believe the membership trusted my leadership and passion by delivering on the promises made that have enhanced our Ocean Pines community," Farr said in reference to the election results. "I have demonstrated open and honest communication in raising awareness about important issues that affect Ocean Pines community, promote local events within our community, and support community engagement."

Heavner has developed similar strengths. He spent his summers working in Ocean City before attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. As an intelligence officer, he served aboard the USS Midway to protect Arabian Sea global shipping lanes.

Heavner also managed for three decades in a range of positions at ExxonMobil and served on a leadership team that "directed the safest and most prosperous \$3 billion lubricant business."

"I have demonstrated that I can work with others to protect and enhance our valued way of life," he said. "I am even better prepared to serve this community after a year on the board."

The results were verified at a special board meeting on Monday, Aug. 12. Election Committee Chair Steve Ransdell said the number of ballots

cast was "the highest we have ever had."

Of the votes counted, 27.7% were completed online.

"A large and growing portion of our membership likes the online voting option," Ransdell said. "Online voting saves the association money because it saves on paper and postage."

OPA Board of Directors Secretary John Latham expressed his gratitude to the election committee at the annual meeting on Saturday, Aug. 10.


"I just want everyone to know that this thing doesn't happen in the backroom," he said. "There are many moving parts, and we feel it was a very successful election."


The secretary also acknowledged the current committee members, Cheryl Jacobs, Fred Robinson, Patrick Lehnerd, and Ken Petrini, and the outgoing group of former Chairperson Tom Piatti and members George Alston, Tom Schwartz and Nanci Osborne who departed before the election.

The election team will meet in the next few weeks to rehash what went well and what can be approved in future races.


Farr and Heavner's terms will expire in August of 2027.


"I believe that together, and working in partnership with our general manager, we can continue to achieve great things and make a meaningful impact on the lives of all Ocean Pines residents," Farr said in a letter to the community. "I remain dedicated to listening to your voices, advocating for your interests, and working collaboratively to build a stronger community."






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A sign on the site of the future Berlin Community Center is pictured along Flower Street.

Viola's annual report says Pines had 'Goldilocks' year

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 15, 2024) With assistance from Director of Business Administration Linda Martin, Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola gave his report on the community's financial position and amenity improvements at the Aug. 10 annual membership meeting.

"Last year, I said we have something special here," Viola said. "... I still think that is true. We are on track and need to stay on that course."

Martin kickstarted the presentation by highlighting new projects and upgrades to the neighborhood's amenities that were approved or completed within the past year.

A new surface was added to the splash pad at the Swim and Racquet pool. The update was approved by the OPA Board of Directors at the April 20, 2024 meeting and cost \$36,040. Martin also articulated the community's gratitude for the work of Aquatics Director Michelle Hitchens, who moved into the role in September 2023. At the time of her promotion, the employee had been with the Ocean Pines swim department for 11 years.

In addition to the irrigation initia-

tive, Martin noted the verticutting maintenance on the golf course's fairways and greens. Verticutting uses vertical blades to remove thatch buildup on the grass, the undecomposed and partially decomposed plant material interwoven with the living tissue.

The marina, voted by the state's Department of Natural Resources as one of Maryland's clean marinas for a second year, saw decks and docks repaired at the Yacht Club and the Swim and Racquet.

Community officials said approximately \$25,000 was spent on maintenance to the racquet sports pro shop building within the past 12 months. The developments include a new HVAC system, ice machine, office furniture, gutters, water fountains, a dehumidifier, window repairs, loch changes, and an interior paint job. Structure supports and screens were also replaced at the platform tennis courts for \$26,394.

The renovations to the racquet center building are still on track. According to the association, the project will cost \$140,000.

Viola highlighted the planned construction of the Veterans Memorial Pavilion. The general manager said the project, which is expected to be completed by November, is priced at \$150,000.

According to Viola, he and Worcester County Veterans Memorial President Marie Gilmore met within the past few weeks to make minor changes to the sketches and designs. He said extra lighting and a generator were added to the proposal to increase safety.

The general manager highlighted the ditch and pipelining maintenance, which cost the association \$210,637.

Road paving was completed on approximately three miles, including Battersea Road, Canal Road, Deerfield Court, Driftwood Lane, Moonraker Road, St. Martin's Lane, Waters Edge Court, and Wharf Court for \$356,618.20. Officials said new crosswalks have also been painted throughout the community, one of which was placed on Robin Hood Trail.

Viola also reiterated the positive work with the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department. The association and the first responder company continue to host discussions and even met on Friday, August 9.

"I believe we are on track," the general manager said. "... It has been a very constructive time."

Department president Joe Enste reiterated Viola's remarks.

"We are going through initial phases," he said. "I am getting everything sketched out, making sure we have all the needs covered in the actual drawings, and making a list of all

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Center planned for Flower St.

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nity center project.

"Securing the Community Development Block Grant funding for the preliminary architectural and engineering services is a monumental step forward for the Town of Berlin," said Tyndall. "This funding is crucial in transforming the site of the former Flower Street School into a future community center — a place where

our residents can gather, learn, and grow together. It's not just about building a facility; it's about investing in the heart of our community and preserving the legacy of this historic site for generations to come."

Also included in the CDBG program's 14 grants was \$50,000 for Worcester County's "rehabilitation program for low- and moderate-income homeowners."

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Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola speaks to the crowd at the board of directors' annual meeting on Aug. 10.

Pines GM highlights positives

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the items we need inside the firehouse. We will work with a builder and architect to draw it up so the community can see what it will look like.”

Viola rounded out his report by discussing the community's financial situation, comparing it to 2017 and 2018.

The Ocean Pines official said that roughly six years ago, the community had a deficit of approximately \$1.6 million, drainage and road maintenance was lacking, and golf, aquatics, food and beverage service, and racquet sports were losing money. Membership revenue, which includes profits from all amenities, totaled \$1.16 million.

Today, Viola maintains that OPA's monetary position is “favorable.” Spending on drainage has increased, road maintenance has been added to the strategic plan, and costs have been “controlled.” The forecasted membership revenue has increased by around 13% to \$1.3 million.

Viola touched on his priorities for the future. Four new electronic signs are planned for the next 12 months, golf course irrigation will continue, a dog park rain structure will be built,

and firehouse construction will remain a priority.

The fiscal year 2024 operating fund's audited report card shows that OPA is positive by approximately \$1.2 million.

“It's a good number; it is a great number,” Viola said.

The general manager said the amenities, notably golf, drive financial favorability.

Viola analyzed the operating fund from May 2018 to now. Roughly six years ago, the fund had a negative balance of \$1.6 million. However, there have been positive additions, or surpluses, totaling \$7 million. Since then, the general manager said much of the money was repurposed and “put back into the association.”

Pickleball courts, T-shaped docks, road reserves, and assessment reductions are a few of the investments.

The summary of FY24's audited reserves activity, including significant maintenance and replacements, drainage, new capital, and roads, shows a total balance of \$7 million.

“At this point, if I were to put a term on it, I would call it Goldilocks,” Viola said. “It is a Goldilocks situation.”

Pines rec and parks hosting bus trip to Washington game

(Aug. 15, 2024) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will host a bus trip to the Washington Commanders' home opener against the New York Giants on Sept. 15.

Event Coordinator Kevin Powell said in a news release that the trip offers unique opportunity for both New York natives and locals.

“It's a great chance for New York fans to see their team in action, and for locals to catch a glimpse of the new-look Commanders,” Powell said. “It's their home opener, with a new franchise QB, a new coach, new owner, and they're playing a division

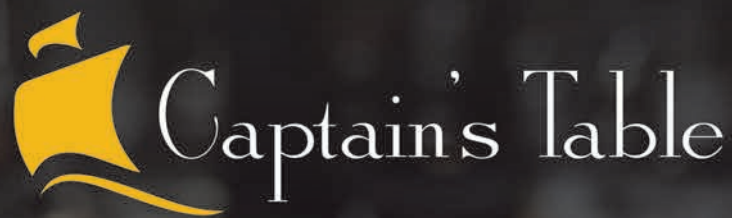
rival. What could be better?”

Tickets are \$135 per person, which includes round-trip bus transportation and a postgame photo on the field. Guests will leave from the Ocean Pines Community Center at 8:30 a.m., Sept. 15, for the 1 p.m. game.

In addition to enjoying the game, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a postgame group photo on the field.

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Attorney Bruce Bright, who serves as Ocean Pines Association's legal counsel, gives an update on expenses and services to attendees of the board of directors' annual meeting Aug. 10.

OPA's attorney gives update on legal expenses, services

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 15, 2024) Ocean Pines Association's counsel provided the neighborhood's membership with an update on legal expenses and services at last weekend's annual meeting.

Bruce Bright of Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy, and Almand was appointed as OPA's general counsel last May. Since then, Bright has acted as the primary point of contact, with assistance from attorney Maureen Howarth.

During the legal update part of the OPA's annual meeting, Bright emphasized the services that he and his firm provide to the community. The law firm offers general advice to the OPA Board of Directors, General Manager John Viola and the various departments within the association. Services include contract negotiation and drafting on behalf of the HOA, the collection of unpaid assessments and compliance, permit and inspection enforcement, employment issues, and any other legal situations that arise. Previously, a third-party law firm handled matters like unpaid assessment collection.

"We are trying to be a one-stop-shop for all of the legal needs for Ocean Pines," Bright said.

During its time as the official counsel of the community, the firm has revised the Elections and Referendums Procedures, also referred to as resolution M-06, Architectural Review guidelines, was involved in the drafting and negotiation of the Memorandum of Understanding between OPA and the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, which will pave the path forward to construct a new South Fire Station, and assisted in

the four-year extension of Viola's contract.

"One of the things we are pleased to have assisted with over the past year is advising the CPI enforcement process," Bright said. "That was a rather lengthy and involved process of revising resolutions...improving the process, making it clearer, making it more linear and easier to understand in terms of how it is stated and explained in the resolution." ... We have also made the process fully compliant with changes at the state law level over the past few years."

The council has collected \$144,899.64 in unpaid assessments between Aug. 1, 2023, and July 15, 2024. The attorney fees associated with handling the payments are included in the settlement from the lot owner.

The lawyer added that the firm heads the notice of intent to claim a lien step previously dealt with by the Ocean Pines administration.

"We are hopefully taking the administration burden off the already stressed OPA staff at this point," he said.

Bright noted that since Ocean Pines appointed the law group, no litigation has been brought against the community, and they have reduced OPA's legal fees from fiscal year 2023 to 2024.

"We as a firm, and I have enjoyed doing this work for OPA," the legal counsel said. "It is interesting work; it can be demanding but rewarding. We enjoy collaborating with the board general manager and all the great staff here at Ocean Pines. We continue to be honored to fulfill this role."

Audobon society sets meetings

(Aug. 15, 2024) The Mid-Atlantic regional office of the National Audubon Society and its partners will share progress on the Marshes for Tomorrow project and build on previous discussions around saltwater marsh restoration through a second round of community meetings in August and September on the lower Eastern Shore.

Residents of Worcester, Dorchester and Somerset counties are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Since the sessions held in January, community comments have been incorporated into the draft conservation and restoration plans for birds and people.

There will be four meetings, two of which will be in Worcester County.

The schedule is as follows:

- 5:30-7:30 p.m., Aug. 20, Rock Creek Church Community Hall in Somerset County

- 5:30-7:30 p.m., Aug. 27, Berlin Library in Worcester County

- 4:30-6:30 p.m., Sept. 5, Delmarva Discovery Center in Worcester County

- 2-4 p.m., Sept. 7, Blackwater NWR Visitor Center in Dorchester County

The Marshes for Tomorrow project will create a restoration plan for 25,000 acres of Maryland's salt-marshes. Ultimately, marsh restoration at this scale has the power to save an entire ecosystem—as well as the imperiled Saltmarsh Sparrow—and along with it, economic benefits to fisheries, tourism, and local communities.

Interested parties are encouraged to register for one or more of the community meetings at the Marshes for Tomorrow project website, at lower-shore-land-trust.networkforgood.com/events/73760-marshes-for-tomorrow-community-engagement-meetings

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Berlin adds month to planning moratorium

Vote continues limit on some commission actions until full-time director hired

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 15, 2024) At its meeting on Monday, the Berlin council unanimously agreed to extend the temporary moratorium passed on July 8 for specific actions of the planning commission. The pause will be in effect until October.

The moratorium passed last month will apply to applications for site plan approval, rezoning, and property annexation. The planning commission will still be permitted to meet publicly to discuss conceptual issues.

The pause comes after the town's planning director, Dave Engelhart, passed away in April.

Since then, Rick Baldwin has consulted for the group.

As the town has yet to find a person to fill the role, the council agreed to extend the moratorium from Sept. 15 until Oct. 15 to relieve the burden of the current staff. Town Adminis-

trator Mary Bohlen emphasized that the extension is not "locked in" and may be lifted at any time. Additionally, the planning commission is still permitted to gather.

"The planning commission will meet in September," Bohlen said. "Other requests are coming in with the moratorium, but this allows us to take them in, begin examining them, and when it is lifted, we are ready to move forward with them. It is not to say there is no work being done. It is just keeping it to the point that it is not going to final approval because having an actual planning director to perform necessary functions of getting projects through to completion is important."

Bohlen said at the last meeting that the town had interviewed five candidates for the planning director role and elected two for in-person discussions. However, she could not give any more concrete update on Monday than that they are still actively hiring for the position.

The council hopes a candidate will be selected soon. In the meantime, the town administrator reiterated while rezoning projects and annexa-

tion requests may not allow for action, they can still be discussed.

"It is important to drive home that the Town of Berlin is still open for business; there is just a ceiling for as far as it can go," Councilmember Steve Green said.

Councilmember Jay Knerr motioned to extend the moratorium until Oct. 15 with a second from Councilmember Shaneka Nichols. The move passed unanimously.

The moratorium will be reviewed at the first meeting of each month until the pause is lifted.

In related news, the council unanimously approved adjustments to the code's site plan review procedure.

The town struck the amendment requiring applicants to submit three complete sets of the site plans on sheets no larger than 24 by 36 inches.

The adjustment specifies that instead, petitioners are to "complete sets of the site plans as required."

The council also removed the regulations that declare "no zoning certificate shall be granted until after the planning and zoning commission submits its recommendation to the

planning director, or after 45 days of the date the site plans were submitted," and "the planning and zoning commission shall make a written recommendation to the planning director within 45 days of the date the plan was submitted on whether the site plan indicates that a zoning certificate should be granted or denied...Failure to make a written recommendation within 45 days shall be considered a recommendation to issue such a zoning certificate."

Councilmember Jack Orris, in reference to the elimination of the 45-day deadline, was hesitant to eliminate the planning commission's time frame for saying "yay or nay."

Staff maintained the change would allow for more flexibility.

"That procedure will be one of the first things the new director will work on to determine how these things can go," Bohlen said. "...it can be problematic to make your code too specific, and it gets you into a box."

"Artificial deadlines can cause problems," echoed Councilman Jay Knerr.

The revised ordinance passed unanimously.

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Ocean Pines Association Board President Rick Farr provides an update on community activities and accomplishments to attendees of last Saturday's annual meeting.

Board president highlights annual successes in Pines

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 15, 2024) Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors President Rick Farr thanked the community's staff and volunteers and highlighted the HOA's most notable accomplishments from the past 12 months at the neighborhood's annual meeting last Saturday.

The advisory committees, for instance, were an integral part of getting new and approved initiatives off the ground.

"I want to thank our committee members who have done an outstanding job recommending ideas for our membership and working through their liaison on issues that they feel need to be brought to the attention of the board and the operations team," Farr said. "I appreciate the time and effort you put into our volunteerism. It is very important for the type of work for the association."

According to Farr, within the last year, the governing body has lowered their annual assessment "while refreshing and upgrading all the amenities."

The president described the golf course as a destination spot and maintained that a new irrigation system was approved for the space. Phase one of the update, which is expected to cost \$934,000, will include the replacement of pump stations at fairways one, nine and the range. The project was approved by the board at their December 16, 2023, meeting.

"The golf course...continues to be improved and we are going to continue down that avenue to make sure it remains a destination golf course," Farr said.

The Tiki Bar at the Yacht Club was expanded, and the president claims it has generated record sales since its unveiling. Renovations for the racquet center building were green-lit this year and Viola said he hopes to see progress on the project around November.

Farr highlighted the work at the Ocean Pines Beach Club, located on 49th Street in Ocean City, noting the association staff did a "refresh of the

building's interior." Landscaping was also prioritized, and new palm trees were added to the space.

The electric sign at the North Gate entrance was installed within the past few months. The initiative, which was unanimously approved by the board in December 2023, carried the price tag of \$22,118. Farr said that the governing body intends to invest in more of the technological banners in the future.

A kayak dock was constructed at Pintail Park, beautification efforts within the community have increased, including the planting of the sunflowers at the North Gate entrance bridge, the dog park was renovated, and OPA has been "aggressive" in their collection of overdue assessments. According to the president, staff has obtained \$80,000 with no cost to the association.

Farr reiterated the HOA's commitment to safety. In July, the board and the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department signed a Memorandum of Understanding to pave the path for a new station.

"That is historic," he said of the agreement. "The board worked well with the leadership and the department to realize this MOU. The next step is to furnish a new firehouse to protect the community." Officials hope to see progress on the facility in 2026.

The community leaders purchased two new police cars to ensure the chief had the "necessary tools" to secure the area. The department welcomed new officers, including Michael Ebersole in May, who previously worked with the York, Pennsylvania, police department, and the Princess Anne Police Department. Freddie Howard, originally of the Ocean City force, was sworn in in April.

Farr concluded his report by thanking the current board of directors, including Vice President Stuart Lakernick, directors Steve Jacobs, Elaine Brady, Jeff Heavner, Secretary John Latham, and Treasurer Monica Rakowski.

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Shakespeare performance planned for Friday in Berlin

Fultontown Theatre Co. doing 'The Tempest' on lawn of Calvin B. Taylor House

By **Tara Fischer**
Staff Writer

(Aug. 15, 2024) The Salisbury University-affiliated Fultontown Theatre Company is bringing Shakespeare to Berlin this week.

On Friday, Aug. 16, Berlin and Worcester County residents will be able to watch the theater group perform William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" under the stars on the Calvin B. Taylor House lawn. The event is free, and attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair to claim their spot.

Fultontown Theatre, a summer stock company, was formed in 2021 by Salisbury University 2019 graduates Chelsea Dean and Bailey Kirk to continue pursuing the arts after college, establish alum engagement, and foster a creative outlet during the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Kirk, the organization's managing director, Fultontown has produced six shows and toured the Maryland Eastern Shore since its formation. The entire cast and crew of the company's rendition of "The Tempest" are local to the Salisbury area or alums of the university.

The theater group is most known for performing Shakespearean plays. Past productions include "Twelfth Night," "The Merry Wives of Windsor," and "Falstaff the Friend, Falstaff the Fool." They also put on Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" last year.

Preparation for "The Tempest" began in early spring, Kirk said. The Salisbury production is directed by Dean, who acts as Fultontown's artistic director.

"We chose 'The Tempest' because it is one of Chelsea's favorites," Kirk noted. "... it is ultimately about what makes us human, and this show specifically highlights the effects of isolation and the relative ease with which people hope, despair, love, and cause harm."

"The Tempest' is one of the so-called problem plays because it doesn't neatly fit into a specific category and is full of characters with shades of gray," she continued.

Rehearsals began in June. Kirk said that the cast and crew kickstart each production process with two months of Zoom table reads to ensure the actors familiarize themselves with the older form of English. Afterward, they meet to iron out blocking, technical elements, and staging.

In addition to the Friday, August 16 show at the Taylor House, Fultontown Theatre Company is performing "The Tempest" at Teackle Mansion in Princess Anne on Thursday, August 15 at 7:30 p.m., the Vienna Waterfront in Vienna, Maryland, on Saturday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m., and Furnace Town on Sunday, August 18 at 2 p.m. The evening events are free. The final matinee is \$8 a person.

The show will star Jordan Kilgore as Prospero. According to the company's Facebook page, Kilgore, who is making his Fultontown debut, is a Salisbury-based actor and voiceover artist who grew up performing with the Community Players of Salisbury. After high school, he attended Oklahoma City University, where he graduated with a BFA in acting and a minor in directing. "The Tempest" lead also spent a summer in the United Kingdom studying Shakespeare at Rose Bruford College.

Claire Thomas will portray Miranda in the production. Thomas, who graduated from Salisbury University with a BA in theatre production and the University of Maryland Baltimore County

with an MA in teaching, will make her sophomore appearance with the company. The actor is also a Norfolk, Virginia, high school English and theater educator.

Other performers include Madeleine Davis as Ariel, Kai Mel-larkey as Caliban, Caroline Lewis as Prince Ferdinand, Devon Spencer Lynch as King Alonso, Kerinne Walls as Antonio, Brian Tully as Sebastian, Natasha Hawkins as Gonzalo, Matthew Hatfield as Trinculo, and AJ Payne as Stephano.

Fultontown Theatre Company operates primarily on public donations. Financial support is collected at their performances and through Venmo, PayPal, and the Salisbury University Giving Page.

Individuals can contact the organization at fultontowntheatre@gmail.com for questions regarding donations. Kirk urges theater enthusiasts to follow their Facebook and Instagram pages for updates on any current or future shows.

"Please contact us if you'd like to donate or partner with us to keep bringing free theatre to our local communities," Kirk said.

"The Tempest" cast and crew are excited to return to the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.

"Since starting Fultontown, there was only one year we were not able to perform at the Taylor House due to a scheduling conflict with other entertainment on the lawn," Kirk added. "We absolutely love performing there."

'We chose 'The Tempest' because it is one of Chelsea's favorites.'
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County speaks out against wetlands permit

US Wind plans construction of pier and bulkhead on Harbor Road in West OC

By **Bethany Hooper**
Associate Editor

(Aug. 15, 2024) County officials say they will do everything they can to oppose US Wind's wetlands permit application.

Last week, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) announced it would forward a favorable recommendation to issue US Wind a wetlands permit for the construction of a pier and bulkhead on Harbor Road in West Ocean City. With the application now advancing to the Maryland Board of Public Works for final approval, commissioners this week agreed to make their opposition known.

"This is detrimental to our commercial fishing harbor," Commissioner Joe Mitrecic said.

During the Aug. 6 meeting, Environmental Programs Director Bob Mitchell provided the Worcester County Commissioners with an update on a wetlands permit application that US Wind had submitted to the state. The company plans to construct a pier and replacement bulkhead at 12929 and 12933 Harbor

Road for the development of an operations and maintenance facility.

"Essentially, the granting of this license is going to initiate property transfers that are going to foreclose on the last two buy operations in the harbor," Mitchell said. "The county commissioners established the Commercial Marine District to protect the industry."

Mitchell told commissioners that while the Maryland Department of the Environment had responded to technical and environmental concerns raised during the public comment process, it had failed to consider the economic impact an operations and maintenance facility would have on commercial fishing. He added that MDE's response to comments collected during its review of the application also referenced the development of a "fisheries compensation agreement," for which there had been no outreach.

"There's no compensation, there's been no outreach, and there's been no communications for anything related to the harbor," he said.

Mitchell said he had drafted a letter of opposition to send to the Maryland Board of Public Works, a three-member body that includes the governor, treasurer and comptroller. Mitrecic, however, said he also

wanted to speak in opposition before the state board.

"They're comparing this to any other bulkhead project, which is like no other bulkhead project that this county has ever seen," he said. "I would say that we need to send a letter, and I would like permission to go to the Board of Public Works meeting and testify against it when that happens."

Mitrecic said proposed operations and maintenance would hurt Worcester County's commercial fishing harbor. Commissioner Eric Fiori agreed.

"You know, for the state to come in and trump all our local codes, it's just outlandish," he said. "I mean, just unbelievable."

Commissioner Chip Bertino suggested all commissioners attend the Board of Public Works meeting to oppose the application. The commissioners ultimately supported a motion "to throw everything at it we possibly can."

"We need to turn this down," Mitrecic said. "This is in our county. We ought to be able to fight this ..."

As proposed, US Wind's operations and maintenance 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 its report to the Board of Public Works, the Maryland Department of the Environment last week issued a favorable recommendation to approve US Wind's wetlands permit application. The agency reports it had received oral testimony from 43 individuals at a 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.

"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," MDE's R. Miles Simmons said in a statement last week. "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."

Md. adds Bally Bet to mobile sports betting app offerings

(Aug. 15, 2024) The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission issued a mobile sports wagering license last week to Bally's Interactive Maryland, LLC, bringing the total number of apps that can be used to cast sports bets in the state to just below 20.

According to a news release from Maryland Lottery and Gaming, Bally's successfully completed a controlled demonstration of its mobile wagering platform Bally Bet Sportsbook on July 25. Customers participated in live wagering as Maryland Lottery and Gaming staff ensured that the sportsbook complied with all required procedures and that its systems functioned properly.

Maryland voters legalized sports betting by referendum in 2020 and the first brick and mortar locations began offering it in late 2022.

Ocean Downs off of Route 589, the only physical sportsbook on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, cut the ribbon

on its sports betting kiosks just before Christmas that year.

Mobile sports betting launched shortly after and can be conducted anywhere inside state lines on an array of apps, which now includes Bally Bet Sportsbook.

During Fiscal Year 2024 (July 2023 through June 2024), sports wagering contributed more than \$60.3 million to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund, which supports public education programs.

An additional \$985,862 in expired sports wagering prizes were paid to the Maryland Problem Gambling Fund, which supports responsible gambling programs, including no-cost counseling for Maryland residents.

Maryland Lottery and Gaming reports sports wagering revenue figures are published online at mdgaming.com/maryland-sports-wagering/revenue-reports/ on the 10th of each month.



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Mitreic suggests staggered elections for commissioners

By Bethany Hooper
Associate Editor

(Aug. 15, 2024) Commissioner Joe Mitreic asked county leaders last week to consider staggered terms.

At the close of the Aug. 6 commissioners meeting, Mitreic called on county leaders to evaluate terms ahead of the 2026 election. Every four years, all seven board seats are up for re-election.

“We replace the entire board every election, and in an election year we could actually end up with seven new commissioners,” he said. “Looking at the slate for the next election, two years from now, this may in fact be the time to look at staggering the positions in two different election cycles.”

Mitreic said he has considered the possibility of staggering board terms since he was first elected. With Commissioner Jim Bunting stating he would not seek re-election, and he himself weighing his options, he said he wanted to have a discussion now.

“Certainly, I don’t know if I’m running again, but if I was looking at a two-year term instead of a four, I might,” he said. “And if one of the other commissioners was on the fence, and we could change that to a two-year term, that would give us our stagger. It would be four elected to a four-year term and three elected to a two-year term in the next election, and then after that you would just go on four-year terms.”

Mitreic noted that most other counties, as well as municipalities within Worcester, have staggered terms. While he noted it was unlikely

that an entire board would be replaced in any given election, he said he didn’t like the idea that it could.

“We’re looking at a lot of different things, and I think that’s one of the things we really need to look at,” he said. “You know, you could end up with seven new commissioners at the same time, which to me is a scary thought, but it may not be to anybody else ... So I would like to start looking at that, if there’s any interest in it, and try to move that forward.”

Worcester County’s most recent election was held in 2022, during which the only uncontested seat was the one held by Mitreic, who presents District 7 (Ocean City). In District 1 (southern end of the county including Pocomoke), Caryn Abbott defeated incumbent Josh Nordstrom. In District 2 (court-mandated minority district including part of Berlin), incumbent Diana Purnell defeated Catherine Freeman. In District 3, which includes West Ocean City, Eric Fiori pulled ahead in a four-way race to fill a seat left by Bud Church’s departure from the commissioners. In District 4, the western area of the county that includes parts of Berlin and Snow Hill, incumbent Ted Elder won by a six-vote margin. In District 5, most of Ocean Pines) incumbent Chip Bertino defeated challenger Grant Helvey. And in District 6, (northern area of the county including Bishopville) incumbent Jim Bunting defeated Richard Addis.

Most of the winners were determined in the primary race that summer.

Wor-Wic announces students who made spring dean’s list

(Aug. 15, 2024) A total of 380 Wor-Wic Community College students have been recognized for superior performance on the dean’s list for the recently completed spring term, more than 100 of whom are Worcester County natives.

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

The Worcester County students are as follows:

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gail Hernandez, Alexis Hudson, Emily Hyatt, Anamelina Juarez, Dylan Jung, Olivia Kelley, Zach Ketterman, Rylie Kirby, Lexi Kliphouse, Jessica Lee, Takia Long, Chloe Mason, Josselyne Maza-Chavez, Samantha McManus, Lauren Melnick, Claire Merritt, Carly Moyer, Saleh Nassar, Kalli Nordstrom, Dane Olsen, Josie Palmer, Shane Parks, Jonathan Pinkham, Claire Ryland, Michael Sellers Jr., Kylie Sens, Hunter Simon, Taylor Takacs, Zachery Thornton, Sara Tobin, William Tyler and Jonathan Wallace

Bishopville

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Mental health session set Aug. 22 for student athletes

WCPS, Worcester Prep, Seaside Christian High School attendees invited

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 15, 2024) Student athletes from Worcester County Public Schools, Worcester Preparatory School and Seaside Christian High School will get the chance to attend a presentation on the importance of physical and mental health on Thursday, Aug. 22.

The event, which will take place in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., will feature JoAnne Bullard.

According to SDHS social worker Wendy Shirk, Bullard is a doctor of sport and performance psychology, a certified mental health performance consultant, a mindful sport performance enhancement instructor, and a mental health advisory board member for the National Collegiate Athletics Association.

"This year, we are planning to increase the work of our Morgan's Message campus chapter at SDHS, and one of the initiatives is to hold some presentations for student-athletes, coaches, and parents regarding the mental and physical health connection," Shirk said.

Morgan's Message is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that strives to "eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health within the student-athlete community and equalize the treatment of physical and mental health within athletics."

"We aim to expand the dialogue on mental health by normalizing conversations, empowering those who suffer in silence, and supporting those

who feel alone," the national group's website reads.

The activist organization is named after Morgan, a student-athlete recruited to play Division I lacrosse at Duke University.

The website explains that during her senior year of high school, Morgan experienced immense anxiety but received professional help that "proved beneficial at the time" and was optimistic about her future as a Blue Devil.

In January 2017, before her sophomore lacrosse season, the website explains that the athlete endured a severe knee injury that affected her ability on the field. As a result, her self-worth "plummeted," and on July 11, 2019, at the age of 22, Morgan died by suicide.

Morgan's Message and chapters nationwide, like SDHS, are now dedicated to fostering a positive community that encourages mental health intervention.

Shirk said the group received grants from the Worcester County Health Department and True You Maryland, a group striving to advance sexual health and youth well-being across Allegany, Washington, Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

The SDHS chapter of Morgan's Message describes Bullard's lecture as a "valuable presentation for Worcester County Public High School, Worcester Prep and Seaside Christian student-athletes and coaches, bringing awareness to athlete burnout, mental exhaustion, and performance anxiety."

Shirk said the Thursday, Aug. 22 presentation is the first of similar events to "kickstart" the 2024-2025 academic year.

SUBMITTED IMAGE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
A marketing flyer distributed ahead of next week's featured presentation on mental health for student athletes is shown.

More than 100 from Worcester

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(Aug. 15, 2024) Worcester County Public Schools has been awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Centers Programs for the Future grant to provide after school and summer academies at Berlin Intermediate School and Stephen Decatur Middle School, through its North End STAR (Students That Are Ready) program.

The grant is renewable for a three-year period, if continuation funds are approved annually.

The STAR program will support the school system that has recently met financial challenges in funding

out-of-school time programming at these schools. The money will provide academic support and interventions in literacy and math, as well as enrichment components for students in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), health and wellness, arts and culture and more. Tutoring, homework help, and appropriate meals will also be offered in the program.

"We are very excited to receive this news," Superintendent Lou Taylor said in a news release. "Being able to provide continued out-of-school-

time programs for all our schools has become increasingly difficult in our current economic climate. This will allow us to offer additional programs at two of the schools, which were cut

due to reductions in local funding. We are very happy to be able to continue providing these learning opportunities to the students at Berlin Intermediate and Stephen Decatur Middle."

The school system's 21st Century Community Learning Centers programming not only provides academic and enrichment support to students, but also provides families with services for as-

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Superintendent Lou Taylor

Wor-Wic announces fall and spring grads

Dozens hail from Berlin, Ocean City, Snow Hill, and more in Worcester County

(Aug. 15, 2024) The following Worcester County students completed their program requirements to graduate with certificate, associate of applied science, associate of arts in teaching, associate of science, or associate of arts degrees from Wor-Wic Community College this past fall and spring.

Berlin

Gabriel Aluma, CT, Criminal Justice; Rumina Bowers, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Kayla Camarillo, AS, Nursing; Serena Sarem Camilleri, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Alexander Bresnahan Cushwa, AA, Computer Studies; Sierra Nicole Dacre, AS, Nursing;

Joshua D. Glaub, CT, Criminal Justice; Kelly Rae Hendrix, CT, Nursing; Jennifer Giselle Hernandez, AA, General Studies; Jarrett Todd Humphress, AAS, Business; Mahreen Ishfaq, AA, General Studies; Keyosha Tashai Johnson, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Anamelina Juarez, AA, Business; Nicholas L. Kinhart, AAS, Fire Science Technology; Tetiana Kovaliuk, AS, Nursing; Lauren Melnick, AA, Computer Studies; Isaiah A. Morris, CT, Criminal Justice; Julia Nickey, AA, Education, AA, General Studies; Chase Henry Pillsbury, AA, General Studies; Anthony Irving Rozaieski, AS, STEM; Amanda Josephine Schmidt, AS, STEM; Michael Lee Sellers Jr., AA, General Studies; Jessica Emily Shoemaker, AAS, Emergency Medical Services; Alicia Kelli Thomas, AA, General Studies; and Haley Nicole

Triplett, AS, Nursing.

Bishopville

Morgan Renee Cullen, AS, Nursing; Cole M. Espy, AAS, Radiologic Technology; and Brian Patrick Savage, AA, Business.

Girdletree

Kellyann T. Belka, AAS, Business.

Newark

Justin Newsome, CT, Criminal Justice; Joshua L. Shockley, CT, Criminal Justice; and Ogheneruona Eva Young, AS, Nursing.

Ocean City

Nathaniel Anton Elko, AS, STEM; Kathleen Eleanora Ewing, AA, General Studies; Dylan Gipe, CT, Criminal Justice; April J. Knudson, CT, Criminal Justice; Jack Stewart Lowe, CT, Criminal Justice; Jacob McElfish, CT, Criminal Justice; Emily Kathleen Myers, AS, Nursing; Timothy Passarello, CT, Criminal Justice; Abigail

Stabinski, AA, General Studies; Bonnie S. Stockton, AA, General Studies; and Victor Orpheus Wilowdean, AA, General Studies.

assistance and learning, provides opportunities for collaboration and partnership between schools and important community resources, and provides behavioral health services to students in need. With the new grant for the 2024-25 school year, WCPS will have three active grants supporting out-of-school programming at nine schools: Buckingham Elementary, Pocomoke Elementary, Pocomoke Middle, Pocomoke High, Snow Hill Elementary, Snow Hill Middle, Snow Hill High, Berlin Intermediate, and Stephen Decatur Middle schools.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant program is designed to provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children.

M. Stabinski, AA, General Studies; Bonnie S. Stockton, AA, General Studies; and Victor Orpheus Wilowdean, AA, General Studies.

Pocomoke City

Samantha Nicole Baysinger, CT, Nursing; Bradley Woody Bloomfield, AA, General Studies; Michelle Craig, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Emily Elizabeth Hutchinson, AAS, Culinary Arts; Jason Thomas Palmer, AA, General Studies; and Toi Stewart, AS, Nursing.

Snow Hill

Krystal Lynnette Beall, AA, General Studies; Lawrence J. Bonneville, CT, Criminal Justice; Bridget V. Bullis, AS, STEM; Jacob Laygah Gordon, AA, Computer Studies; and Chad Luzader, CT, Criminal Justice.

Stockton

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Barb Peletier honored with Ocean Pines volunteer award

Service includes work with local organizations and charities within community

By Tara Fischer
Staff Writer

(Aug. 15, 2024) At the community's annual membership meeting on Saturday, Aug. 10, longtime Ocean Pines resident Barb Peletier was recognized as the Sam Wilkinson Volunteer of the Year.

Debbie Donahue, director of the Ocean Pines Association's Recreation and Parks Department, presented the award.

Donahue said that Peletier was born in New Jersey and married in 1962 before she and her husband moved to Maryland. The pair retired to Ocean Pines in 2003 and have three children, eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

The do-gooder spent her earlier years working at a pediatrician's office before moving to officer manager for a general practitioner and eventually transitioning to caring for geriatrics at a cardiology practice. During this period, Peletier raised her three children and spent her days volunteering at their extracurricular activities.

"She learned from her mother at an early age to care for others before herself," Donahue said. "The very young and the older folks have always had a special place in Barbara's heart."

Since 2003, the Ocean Pines resident "quickly found ways to help the community," Donahue added. She volunteered as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines and Ocean City, a service group dedicated to neighborhood improvement, spearheading pancake breakfasts, German dinners, and fruit and car raffle sales.

While running the concession stand for the community's concert series, a weekly summer event each Thursday at White Horse Park, Peletier became known for her mini-baked goods.

"The concert patrons loved her little pies," the recreation and parks director said.

According to Donahue, the volunteer shifted from member to president of the Kiwanis Club and served two terms in that position.

Peletier also supported the non-profit Worcester GOLD, an emergency financial and essential need assistance organization, by donating gifts to two families at Christmas, school supplies during the fall, and turkeys for Thanksgiving. The volunteer participated in food drives for the American Association of Retired Persons, ran the Diakonia homeless pantry, where she distributed bags of food to as many as 20 local families a

day, and currently works with the Twilight Wish Foundation to fulfill lifelong dreams and necessities of county elderly.

Donahue said that Peletier cooked for years at the Recreation and Parks Department's Breakfast with Santa and their Easter events.

The volunteer's husband described her as someone who "cannot stay idle."

In an attempt to help and stay busy, Peletier recently scheduled time to organize Donahue's office.

"This year's volunteer of the year is an amazing woman who can always count on being a big part of all we do here in the recreation and parks department," the director said. "We ap-

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OPA Recreation and Parks Department Director Debbie Donahue presents Barb Peletier with this year's Sam Wilkinson Volunteer of the Year award at last Saturday's annual meeting.



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Paint Worcester County artist registration open to Aug. 31

(Aug. 15, 2024) The Worcester County Arts Council is accepting artists' registrations for the Paint Worcester County, plein air event set for Sept. 15-20.

This year's event is presented in partnership with the Worcester County Library Foundation.

Local and regional artists will paint outdoors at their leisure at any chosen location in Worcester County and compete for cash prizes. The competition offers a total of \$2,450 to winning artists.

Registration, event schedule, and artists' guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website at worcester-countyartsCouncil.org. The deadline to

register is Aug. 31.

Artwork in the competition will be judged by award-winning plein air artist Jim Rehak.

Visitors will have an opportunity to watch the artists as they set up their easels around Worcester County and paint picturesque scenes. Visitors are also invited to attend a free and open sale and exhibit, featuring work created during the event, from 5-7 p.m., Sept. 20, at the Berlin public library at 13 Harrison Ave. Artwork will be available for purchase.

For more information, contact the Arts Council at 410-641-0809 or visit worcester-countyartsCouncil.org.



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Worcester County Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis, left, is pictured with Sen. Mary Beth Carozza and Del. Wayne Hartman displaying the Maryland Legislative Award choices at last year's Paint Worcester County plein air event.

Award given annually since '03

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preciate her more than she will ever know."

The Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award has been given out each year since 2003 and recognizes local volunteers who dedicate their time to others. The acknowledgment honors its namesake, an eight-year-old boy who was killed in a tragic water accident in Ocean City.

According to a press release by OPA Public Relations and Marketing Director Josh Davis, Wilkinson played soccer in Ocean Pines. His father was a volunteer coach and assisted in many OPA recreation and park activities.

Peletier was recognized by Ocean Pines staff and membership at the community's public annual meeting on Saturday, Aug. 10.

TidalHealth cancer facility in Pines gets accreditation

(Aug. 15, 2024) TidalHealth's Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute in Ocean Pines was one of three regional facilities that was recently awarded a three-year term of accreditation in radiation oncology as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology.

Radiation oncology, or radiation therapy, is the careful use of high-energy radiation to treat cancer. A radiation oncologist may use radiation to cure cancer or to relieve a cancer patient's pain.

According to a news release, TidalHealth's Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute in Salisbury and TidalHealth Allen Cancer Center in Seaford, Delaware were also awarded accreditations.

"This incredible achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication of every member of our radiation oncology team," Heather Turner, director of cancer center operations at TidalHealth, said in the release. "They work tirelessly each day to provide the highest quality care possible, with patient safety always at the fore-

front of their minds. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all these team members for their exceptional work, and for proudly showcasing the great work done at TidalHealth."

The ACR is the nation's oldest and most widely accepted radiation oncology accrediting body, with over 700 accredited sites, and 30 years of accreditation experience. The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities that meet specific requirements based on practice guidelines and technical standards developed by ACR after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified radiation oncologists and medical physicists who are professionals in the field.

Patient care and treatment, patient safety, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported back to the facility and provide the practice with a comprehensive report they can use for continuous practice improvement.

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The cover of the Pocomoke River guide interactive brochure, made possible with a grant from the Beach to Bay Heritage Area, is pictured.

Local projects awarded grants

(Aug. 15, 2024) The Beach to Bay Heritage Area recently announced the latest round of mini-grant recipients for Fiscal Year 2025.

Six organizations across the region were awarded funds. In Worcester County, the recipients were the Maryland Coastal Bays, Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development, Ocean City Museum Society and Delmarva Discovery Museum.

According to a news release, Maryland Coastal Bays will use the money received to create a boardwalk and exhibit to educate visitors through use of multimedia techniques and spark

interest in the coastal bays watershed. The organization will also create a virtual, online tour for those who cannot visit the location in person.

Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development will produce and print a Pocomoke River Guide brochure that will highlight the Pocomoke River and showcase the river's history, landscapes and routes for exploration. It will also educate the public about the river's ecological significance, both the natural and built environment.

The Ocean City Museum Society will See MONEY Page 22

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AGH Board of Trustees elects Cook chairman

(Aug. 15, 2024) At the Atlantic General Hospital Corporation's annual meeting in June, members of the board of trustees elected Doug Cook as the new chairman.

Cook, who most recently served as the vice chair for the AGH Board of Trustees, has also served on the finance committee for Atlantic General Hospital and the board for Atlantic ImmediCare. He is also a trustee member for the Life Crisis Center and serves on the Board of Directors of the Ocean City Golf Club.

Cook is the chief lending officer and executive vice president at Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company. He served in the United States Army for six years

and holds a master of business administration degree from Salisbury University and a bachelor of science degree in finance from Regis University.

Cook and his wife, Lisa, have two sons, Garrett and Austin.

"Doug has dedicated his time and energy to Atlantic General Hospital and Health System for many years. We're thrilled to welcome him as chair of the Board of Trustees," Don Owrey, the president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital, said in a news release. "We're also tremendously grateful for the two years Charlotte Cathell served as our board chair and the contributions she has made."

Charlotte Kerbin Cathell, the outgo-

ing board chair, served in the position from June 2022 to this June, after joining the Board of Trustees in 2017. Cathell retired as register of wills for Worcester County after having served for 20 years. A lifelong resident of Worcester County, she is married to Judge Dale R. Cathell (retired). She is member of the Atlantic General Hospital Corporation and the AGH Foundation and was a founder and president of Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity). She is a former long-time member and president of the Worcester County Commission for Women and is on the board of directors of Taylor Bank.

Cathell has resided in Ocean Pines

for more than 40 years and was the first countywide-elected official from Ocean Pines. She was named the Citizen of the Year by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce in 2019.

The Board of Trustees also welcomed a slate of new members to the AGH corporation: Hilari Ashton-Auxer; Cory Carpenter, M.D.; Ed Castaneda, M.D.; Bill Corey; Caitlin Evans; Maureen Howarth; Max Hutsell; Ryan Kirby; Shawn Kotwica; Matt Kraeuter; Jill Leiner; Gigi Lekites; Christine Neto, M.D.; Oswaldo Nicastró, M.D.; Michael Pennington; Melanie Pursel; GW Smith, PA-C; Dave Stallings; Rich Toth; Emily Tunis; and Chris Williams.

Marine debris cleanup set Sept. 22 in Pines

(Aug. 15, 2024) Join Capt. Jack Sparrow, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, and the Ocean Pines community for the Fourth Annual Marine Debris Plunder, set 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 22.

Participants will help clean up marine debris from local bays, beaches, and streets.

Both boaters and land-based volunteers are encouraged to join the

cleanup effort. Gather collected debris and bring it to the Ocean Pines White Horse Park Boat Ramp for a weigh-in. Capt. Jack Sparrow and his pirate crew will assist with the weigh-in and ensure proper disposal of the debris.

Preregistration is encouraged and can be completed online at the Maryland Coastal Bays Program website at mdcoastalbays.org, or by calling Sandi Smith at 410-213-2297, ext. 106.

Thanks to a sponsorship from Ron Jon Surf Shop, supplies will be provided to those who preregister, while supplies last. Supply packets can be picked up at the Yacht Club Marina on a pre-arranged date.

Participants who bring their collected debris to the weigh-in will receive an event T-shirt, while supplies last.

The goal of the event is to engage the community in cleaning up the waterways and streets and to collect data on the debris. Participants will be asked to fill out data sheets, which will be used for an outreach campaign next year to remind visitors of the importance of keeping local waterways

clean.

Boaters will receive specific instructions on identifying marine debris and avoiding live traps, as crabbing season is in effect. It is illegal to tamper with live traps.

Natural Resource Police will be present to answer any questions about what constitutes marine debris.

Boaters are encouraged to collect abandoned and derelict crab pots, which often become ghost pots that trap and kill marine life, including crabs, terrapins, otters and fish.

For more information, visit mdcoastalbays.org, or contact mcbp@mdcoastalbays.org.

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create a video documentary the 1910 Bank Building Restoration Project in downtown Ocean City. The project will result in a professional video documentary about the restoration of the building into a museum showcasing local history. The goal of this documentary aims to share the building's history and significance and highlight the organi-

zations and community partners that provided funding for the project.

The Delmarva Discovery Museum will enhance its steamship exhibit by adding new signage and artifacts to showcase how industry's impact on the area. A section of the exhibit will also be dedicated to local shipbuilder E. James Tull and his history as a shipbuilder in Pocomoke.



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Author from Berlin releases 34-page children's book

(Aug. 15, 2024) Berlin resident FranceAnna Arriola recently finished and released her first book, "Finnley's Starlight Adventures," through Pittsburgh-based publisher RoseDog Books.

According to a news release, the children's book is about friendship, fantasy, and reality. Finnley makes friends who don't need to have a certain look or characteristic for him to call them a friend. They are all colors, shapes, and sizes. He looks at their heart rather than their appearance.

Finnley's best dream friend is Blue. When he wakes up and sees Blue, he realizes that Blue is not real but that he can keep him alive in his imagination. Blue accompanies Finnley into all his future adventures.

The release said Arriola lives in Berlin with her husband and three dogs. She speaks French, Spanish

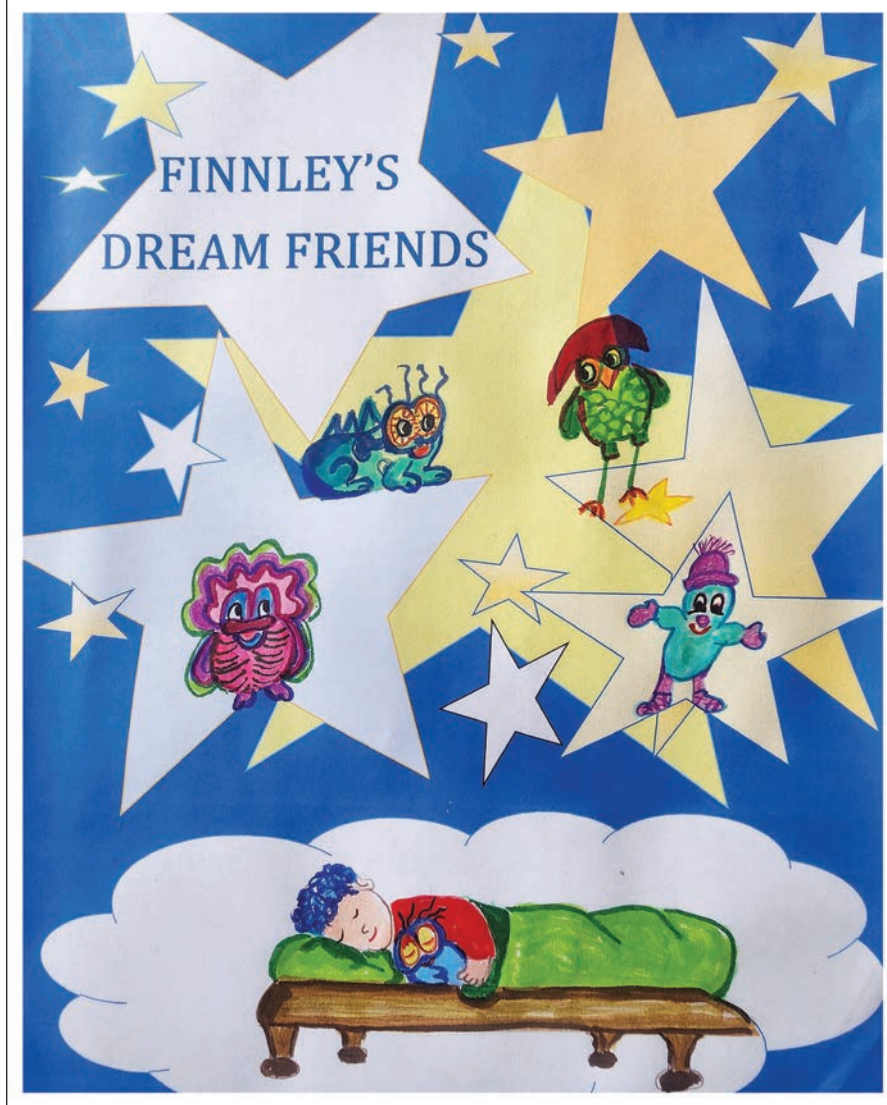
and English, which has helped her in her adventures around the world. She went on a medical mission to Peru and traveled extensively through Europe and Mexico. She has strong ties to France where her mother and all her mother's relatives were born.

Arriola graduated with a degree in education and has taught in high schools, elementary schools, and preschools. She owned her own childcare business for 27 years.

After the sale of her business, Arriola has devoted more of her time to her hobbies and interests, which include painting (she has sold many of her oil paintings), guitar, and piano. She presently teaches CPR and first aid along with preschool music and Spanish. She is also a French tutor.

This book is one of the first of many Arriola plans to write. Her interest in writing children's books comes from her two granddaughters and the preschool children she teaches.

"Finnley's Starlight Adventures" is a 34-page hardcover with a retail price of \$34 (eBook \$29). To buy the book, visit RoseDog Books' online bookstore at rosedogbookstore.com/finnleys-starlight-adventures/.



The cover of "Finnley's Starlight Adventures" by Berlin author FranceAnna Arriola is pictured.

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MSO elects Pines resident Pille to board of directors

(Aug. 15, 2024) Ocean Pines resident Rebecca Pille was recently elected to the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors.

According to a news release, the orchestra's mission is to inspire, enrich, educate, and entertain a diverse audience of all ages through live musical performances and to engage students in the world of music through its Outreach Programs. This mission is only possible with the support and guidance of a strong board of directors. With an extensive background in federal service, higher education, and a passion for classical music, Pille brings a wealth of experience and dedication to our organization.

Pille's journey in music began in second grade when her parents gifted her a piano and lessons. The early introduction to music blossomed into a lifelong passion. Throughout her life, she has played as a soloist and accompanist, and taught piano, continually nurturing her love for classical music.

Pille's professional career spans nearly four decades in federal service and another decade in higher education. Her expertise in leadership, change management, communication, creativity, and public speaking has been instrumental in various roles, where she has shared her knowledge to support the personal

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Voters give board chance for repeat

The Ocean Pines Association has reached the Goldilocks level, General Manager John Viola said Saturday at the association’s annual meeting, and not only does that appear to have happened, but it also looks as if the community’s fiscal and physical circumstances will continue in that direction for another year.

What Viola means, of course, is that all the factors contributing to the association’s positive performance last year were not too hard, were not too soft, but were just right. Everything aligned in just such a fashion that what was good turned into better and what had been better became the best yet.

There’s no argument that Ocean Pines homeowners got more than their money’s worth out of the OPA leadership in the past 12 months, considering that their assessments went down, the fund balance went up, and money was available to spend on maintaining and improving the community’s amenities.

The year ahead, meanwhile, looks equally promising with the return of Directors Rick Farr and Jeff Heavner to what has been an uncharacteristically quiet but fully engaged board.

The absence of change in its composition suggests the new challenges it will inevitably face will be handled in the same moderate manner instead of in the brawls of earlier times.

Clearly, voters appreciated the style and substance of last year’s board — give or take a minor kerfuffle — otherwise they wouldn’t have seen fit to authorize this encore.

To be sure, the association has come a long way since the bad old days when it was wallowing in debt and personality clashes often dominated board meetings.

Although tradition demands that the winners of this year’s contest be congratulated on their victories, the voters themselves should be applauded for acknowledging last year’s positive results by giving the OPA leadership the opportunity to repeat that success.

Letter

Landowner details solar farm benefits

Editor,

The story of community solar in Worcester County is that it benefits our community.

As a landowner in Worcester County, the recent story “MACo officials present overview of solar projects on Worcester County ag land” by Bethany Hooper raises several issues that warrant additional local perspective.

My property is currently under development by Chaberton Energy as a host for a 4 Megawatt (MW) community solar project. Chaberton Energy is a Maryland-based developer who has demonstrated their good neighbor commitment to support local communities throughout Maryland. Upon review of the article, it may not be apparent that this solar project went through a straightforward application with unanimous support from the county’s appointed planning board and the technical review committees who both enthusiastically recommended approval.

Originally, the county commissioners expressed their opposition to the project supported by the appointed members of their advisory committees. However, it is important to note that after receiving extensive information and commitments on the project during the application process, the commissioners dropped their opposition in a letter to rescind their concerns addressed to the state on May 29, 2024. No additional nor other recommendations related to this project were noted by the commissioners.

Several public hearings indicate no public concerns were raised at any state or county level throughout this application process. The commissioners also received clarity on how the solar equipment would be disposed of and the agricultural land restored at the end of the 30-year lease. The project will lower the costs of electricity for so many in the community.

While I respect the right of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) to advocate for its constituents, it’s also important that we all work from the same set of facts when making these important decisions.

The story said MaCo spoke at the invitation of the Worcester County Commissioners about “utility scale solar systems and the pressures they place on the county’s agricultural land.”

The project planned for my land is “community solar.” When contrasted with “utility scale projects,” this 4MW community solar application, and many others like it on Delmarva, are limited to 5MW in size. This project will cover only one-quarter of my 103-acre property.

The remaining acreage will continue to be utilized and be preserved for agricultural purposes. It is my view that as the landowner, I should be able to decide how I want to use my own land once there has been adequate state and county review for a project that offers clean, affordable and sustainable supplemental energy to my neighbors.

The power generated from this project will supplement the ongoing need for sustainable energy to the commissioners’ electorate

and local residents. In fact, at least 40% of the benefits from the project will go to our neighbors at low- to moderate-income levels. Projected energy bills for project subscribers will be on average 15% lower than their current utility bills. To be clear, this project will provide clean energy for our community and, yes, it will lead to cheaper, healthier, more economically viable energy production. The sun, after all, costs nothing.

The developers will be planting local pollinators and grasses that will prevent soil erosion, add to bird, butterfly and bee populations, and return the land to its current use or same condition should the contract not be renewed. In its long-term pledge to good neighbor practices, Chaberton remains committed to support their current efforts and continued contributions to local organizations, including Diakonia, which provides food and shelter for people in our community who do not have homes.

In closing, I believe it is the sign of healthy discourse that county and other stakeholders had an opportunity to thoroughly vet and weigh-in on this project. I am pleased that stakeholders kept an open mind while listening to the merits of this “community solar” project. As a fourth-generation owner of my farm and a former elected officer for the state of Maine for two three-year terms, I can appreciate any concerns and look forward to assisting Chaberton Energy in providing supplemental clean energy at a reduced cost to my neighbors.

*Charles L. Waite III
Snow Hill*

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Del. resident wins collector bottle of bourbon in raffle

Post 166 Leathernecks raised money for charity

(Aug. 15, 2024) Dave Majewski, of New Castle, Delaware, was recently named the winner of a special edition bottle of bourbon raffled off for charity by the Post 166 Leathernecks club.

The metal label was stamped from a mold made from debris recovered from the Twin Towers. The bottle is signed by the leaders of the first military foray into Afghanistan after 9/11 terror attack on the U.S.

The Leathernecks were given the bottle as a gift to raise money for local charities. Tickets were sold over several months this year, raising more than \$6,000 that the group voted to give to the Semper-Fi & Americas Fund, Believe in Tomorrow, Easter Seals of the Maryland Eastern Shore and Delaware, the Worcester County Veterans Memorial, Worcester County Gold, and the Cricket Center.

According to a news release, Majewski bought his ticket at the Ocean City Boat show in February. When reached by telephone informing him he was the winner, he said he is not sure whether he will open the bottle to drink the bourbon or just keep it as a collector's item.

The story behind the bottle began days after the 9/11 attack. That's when elite teams of Green Berets and CIA operatives were inserted into Afghanistan on a mission to seek and destroy the Taliban. Some on horseback became known as "Horse Sol-



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Lynda Kundrat, of the Post 166 Leathernecks club, holds up the winning raffle ticket she drew for a special edition bottle of bourbon held by club member Milt Warren, with members Vic Freeman and Dave Kline looking on.

diers." Their exploits were retold in the Hollywood blockbuster film 12 Strong and the CNN documentary Legion of Brothers. It was also memorialized with the creation of the Horse Soldier statue at the American Response Monument erected at Ground Zero in New York City.

The two leaders of the commando unit, Mark Nutsch, commander of the 595 Operational Detachment Alpha, and Alex Herdsnez, the CIA ground team commander, signed the collector bottle.

Experience, passion stood out

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and professional goals of others. During her 25-year focus on organization development and change, and individual development and behavior change, Pille became a recognized leader in workplace wellness. She led, designed, and delivered holistic health programs and services to a global workforce toward the end of her federal service career (1978-2015).

Currently, as an adjunct associate professor at the Maryland University of Integrative Health, Pille teaches courses on integrative health sciences. She has also chaired the University's Health and Wellness Coaching Department (2016-21) and the Faculty Senate, and is a published academic researcher and a peer reviewer for Health Literacy Research and Practice.

Rebecca's formal education includes a doctorate in psychology, a

master's degree in applied behavioral science, and a bachelor's degree in Soviet Area studies and Russian language. Her professional education features certifications in intelligence research, health and wellness coaching, workplace wellness, body-mind consciousness, and yoga.

Pille is also a member of The Parke's Design Review Committee, supporting her local neighborhood. She is now eager to re-engage her love of music by volunteering her services to the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra.

"We are delighted to welcome Rebecca Pille to our Board of Directors," Jeffrey Parker, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, said in the release. "Her vast experience and passion for classical music make her a valuable addition to our organization. We look forward to her contributions and leadership in advancing our mission."

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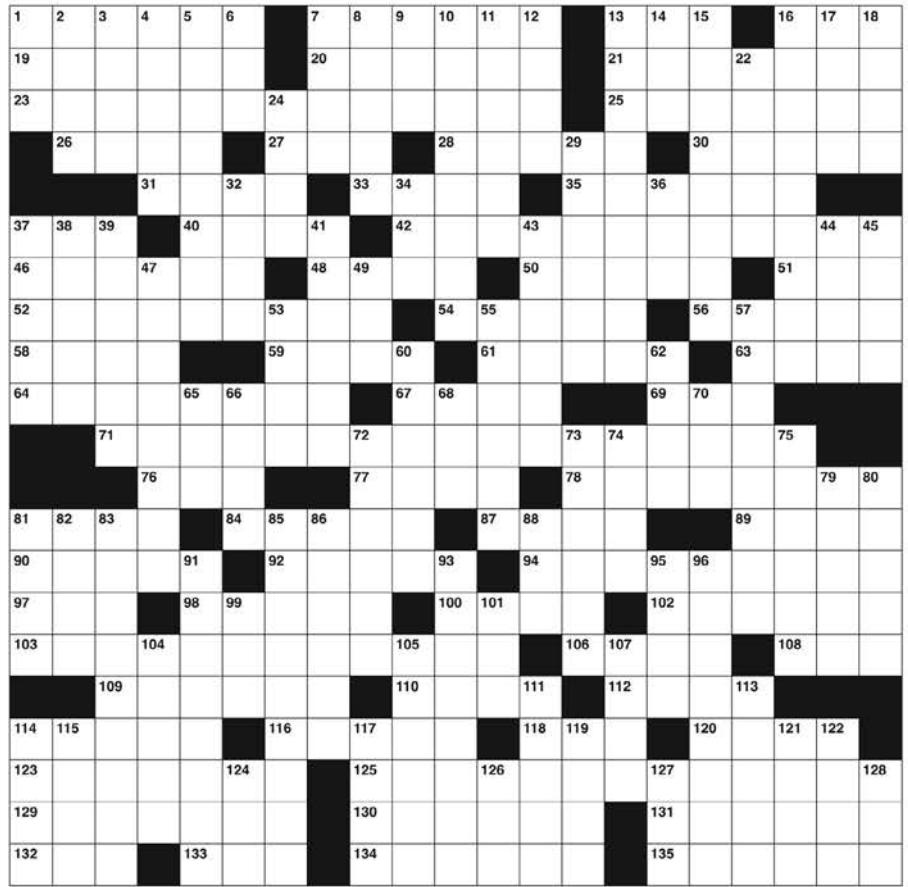
Puzzles

WEATHER, MAN!

BY SCOTT HOGAN AND KATIE HALE / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

Scott Hogan is a patent lawyer in Michigan. Katie Hale, of London, is the assistant crossword editor for The Los Angeles Times. This is their third collaboration for The Times, all Sundays. Scott pitched the idea for this one, and Katie helped flesh out the rest of the examples. Their joint favorite is 125-Across.

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Aw, phooey!"
 - 7 Tiki-bar cocktail
 - 13 Fluid holder
 - 16 Resort amenity
 - 19 ___ pork (Chinese dish)
 - 20 Register
 - 21 Tech purchase when traveling abroad
 - 23 High chance of parties celebrating a baby's arrival?
 - 25 Formula 1 powerhouse
 - 26 Its national symbol is the khanjar, a dagger worn for self-defense
 - 27 Casino fixture
 - 28 Rental agreement
 - 30 A li'l bit
 - 31 Collars
 - 33 Member of a grungy Gen-Z subculture
 - 35 Where one might sleep in a cabin
 - 37 A cherry represents one, in Arcimboldo's famous portrait
 - 40 A pear represents one, in Arcimboldo's famous portrait
 - 42 Like one's mental state before morning coffee?
 - 46 Section of the Rockies
 - 48 Stare in astonishment
 - 50 Temporary hair-color treatment
- DOWN**
- 51 Subject of museums in Richmond, Va., and Baltimore, Md.
 - 52 Terrible TV reception?
 - 54 Madden of fashion
 - 56 Biting
 - 58 Desert ___
 - 59 Feels lousy
 - 61 Maker of precious violins
 - 63 Loads
 - 64 High-pitched bird calls
 - 67 Furry friend of Rosita
 - 69 ___ Chimpsky, primate raised as a human in a landmark language-acquisition study
 - 71 What you might find on the counter after making ice cream sundaes?
 - 76 Long, long time
 - 77 Earned
 - 78 What a detective might be demoted to
 - 81 ___ for Sore Eyes (punny name for an ophthalmologist's office)
 - 84 Dressy tie
 - 87 "The Elephants" painter, 1948
 - 89 Start of an incantation
 - 90 Informal beckoning
 - 92 Schleps
 - 94 Eclectic holiday-party playlist?
 - 97 Shout accompanying a realization
 - 98 Photographer Arbus
 - 100 Reflex that really is contagious
 - 102 Brand of hydrating drops
 - 103 "The Road Not Taken" enjoyed over breakfast?
 - 106 Content
 - 108 Seventh notes on scales
 - 109 Not keep hidden from
 - 110 Silently plot revenge, say
 - 112 Works of acclaim
 - 114 Kit-chats?
 - 116 Filmmaker Cameron
 - 118 "It's ___!" ("Full speed ahead!")
 - 120 Surname of the only all-brother outfield in M.L.B. history
 - 123 G.I. morale booster
 - 125 Smashing clarinets and oboes?
 - 129 "It stands to reason ..."
 - 130 Skips over
 - 131 "We have that in common"
 - 132 Shrub with small, yellow flowers
 - 133 Shooter in a game of marbles
 - 134 Without profit
 - 135 ___ Corner, suburb of Washington, D.C.
 - 10 Some skating jumps
 - 11 Shortcuts in a chase scene, perhaps
 - 12 N.H.L. great Kovalchuk
 - 13 Social programs like Medicare, Medicaid and disability insurance, collectively
 - 14 Fruity finish?
 - 15 Line on an auto graph
 - 16 Protégé, say
 - 17 Saucy
 - 18 Puccini's "Recondita armonia," e.g.
 - 22 Bit of marketing
 - 24 Lip
 - 29 Mouthwatering stuff
 - 32 One who manages to get by?
 - 34 Company whose "W" stands for "Werke"
 - 36 Motorcycle-engine units, for short
 - 37 Set of principles
 - 38 "That is ... not good"
 - 39 And others, in Latin
 - 41 Bigheaded sort
 - 43 Quake
 - 44 Wonderland bird
 - 45 Forcefully throw, in modern slang
 - 47 Work supervisor
 - 49 Piercing tool
 - 53 Place to get a pricey cab
 - 55 Compacted, with "down"
 - 57 February 14 and March 17, e.g.
 - 60 Calm
 - 62 Closes, as a deal
 - 65 Babe in the (Hundred Acre) Wood
 - 66 Arm bone
 - 68 Purported influence on the lyrics of "I Am the Walrus"
 - 70 Sort
 - 72 Ham
 - 73 Running out of gear
 - 74 German word that sounds like a number in English
 - 75 Turn in
 - 79 Certain Caribbean islander, informally
 - 80 Lines for which x = 0
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 - 82 "Methinks," online
 - 83 Rip off
 - 85 They provide a change of scenery
 - 86 Bestow
 - 88 "That's so sweet!"
 - 91 Removes, as from a draft
 - 93 Widespread, as a problem
 - 95 Spot to watch, in brief
 - 96 Gallop off, say
 - 99 Connections
 - 101 Got down
 - 104 Animals that can grow lungs after being born
 - 105 Comic actor Patton
 - 107 Bird on a Canadian dollar
 - 111 Pay
 - 113 Reduces, with "down"
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HARD - 25

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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			9		6				4
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2								8	5
3				4					6
5	7								1
				6	9	2			
6			7		3				
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Answers to last week's puzzles

4	3	8	2	6	9	5	7	1
9	6	2	7	5	1	8	4	3
1	5	7	3	4	8	2	6	9
2	9	3	6	8	5	7	1	4
8	1	4	9	2	7	6	3	5
5	7	6	4	1	3	9	8	2
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TERNS	PASS	SYNE	SLATE

Snapshots



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KIDS MAKING ART

Members of the Diepold family, of Bishopville, are pictured making jellyfish sun catchers during a recent Free Kids Craft Project at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th Street in Ocean City.



Kayla Diepold, of Bishopville, holds up her finished craft.



TOY CLOSET DONATIONS

The TidalHealth Foundation received donations in July for Brooke's Toy Closet from Morgan Stanley and the Salvation Army of the Lower Eastern Shore. Brooke's Toy Closet is a program at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional and TidalHealth Nanticoke that provides new toys to children in the emergency department and pediatric units that the children get to keep and take home upon discharge. Pictured, are representatives from Morgan Stanley (ABOVE LEFT) and the Salvation Army of the Lower Eastern Shore (ABOVE RIGHT) with the donations.



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PINES NIGHT OUT

A group of mostly children are pictured eating hot dogs that Kiwanis Club members cooked during the Ocean Pines Police Department's National Night Out on Aug. 6 Whitehorse Park. Club members cooked hotdogs and served other concessions.



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'RUNAWAY BRIDE' SCREENING

The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum hosted about 75 people recently for a screening of the "Runaway Bride" movie, which was filmed in 1998 in Berlin and released nationwide in 1999. The movie was shown in observance of the movie's 25th anniversary release.

AGH Foundation hosting fall golf tourney

Annual event slated to take place Sept. 19 at Ocean City golf club, rain or shine

(Aug. 15, 2024) Members of the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation recently announced that the 2024 Robert E. Warfield Memorial Tournament to benefit the hospital will be held Sept. 19, rain or shine, at Ocean City Golf Club.

For local golfers, the tournament has become an annual tradition, with last year's event raising \$106,000 to expand health care services and programs for the community through the local hospital.

This year's format will be a scramble with all golfers playing nine holes on each course, Newport Bay and Seaside. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Player entry fee includes golf cart and greens fees, lunch, snacks and beverages on the course, and an awards reception with light fare and cocktails. Giveaways, tournament awards and team photograph are also included. There will also be a variety of on-the-course challenges with prizes.

Team reservations can be submitted online at agh.care/golf and must be received by Sept. 12. Space is limited and earliest entries are accommodated first.

Non-golfers can join by buying tickets for the Big Bucks Raffle drawing that will take place at the end of the tournament. The winner of that drawing will receive \$2,500. The raffle ticket sales are open to the public and the winner does not need to be present. Raffle tickets can also be purchased online at agh.care/golf.

Tournament co-chairs are Steven Sweigert and Max Hutsell, and The Carousel Group is the Legacy Sponsor for 25 consecutive years as Title Sponsor.

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Members of The Carousel Group, the tournament's Legacy Sponsor for the last 25 years, are pictured at last year's fall golf classic. They include father and son co-founders of James Hospitality, Michael and Matt James.

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Sponsorship opportunities are still available and include ad space in the event program, signage at the event,

and press and social media up to and following the event.

For more information about the tournament, visit agh.care/golf, or contact Laura Powell at 410-641-9858 or lpowell@atlanticgeneral.org.

Pines Oktoberfest pickleball tournament set Oct. 11-13

(Aug. 15, 2024) The fourth installment of Ocean Pines' annual Oktoberfest pickleball tournament is set for Oct. 11-13 at the racquet center.

The event each year draws several hundred players and spectators. It is the only pickleball tournament with cash prizes held on the Delmarva Peninsula.

For players, registration is \$45, and the registration deadline is Sept. 27. To

register, visit pickleballden.com/external-tournament/5282529.

Organizers are also seeking sponsors for the event at three different levels: gold (\$1,000), silver (\$500), and bronze (\$250). For information on sponsorships, contact Debbie Donahue at ddonahue@oceanpines.org.

For tournament information, contact Jamie Lowe at tournaments@sportsoffice365.com.

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Calendar

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Thurs., Aug. 15

CAPT. STEVE'S POOR GIRLS OPEN

Bahia Marina at Fish Tales, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City, 4-9 p.m. One of the largest women only Billfish Release Tournament. Featuring more than 800 anglers, vendors, raffles and 50/50 drawing. Benefits breast cancer research. www.poorgirlsopen.com, 410-289-0990

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 "Teenage Rust" (classic rock). <http://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/>

CONCERT IN THE PARK

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

CONCERT IN THE PARK SUMMER SERIES

Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, 7 p.m. Free concert featuring "On the Edge" playing a mix of top 40 variety hits. Pack a picnic and lawn chairs. Bleacher seating also available. Boats are welcome to dock their boats. [downtownpocomoke.com](http://www.downtownpocomoke.com), 410-957-1333, Ext. 111

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. For patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. The service is free but requires an appointment: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

SCALES & TALES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 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. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME AT THE PARK

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 10:30 a.m. Wiggle, sing and read interactive stories. At the picnic pavilion by the playground. Bring a blanket or sit at one of the tables. For ages 0-5 years. In case of rain, held in the library. 410-524-1818

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

STORY TIME AT THE PARK

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 10:30 a.m. Join in and wiggle, sing and read interactive stories together. Story time will be at the picnic pavilion by the playground. Rain location is inside the Ocean City Library. For ages 0-5 years. 410-524-1818

SCALES & TALES

Pocomoke Forest Nature Center, 3461 Worcester Highway, Snow Hill, 2 p.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. 410-957-0878, www.worcesterlibrary.org

JOHNNY CASH: TIMELESS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Frank DeLuco and Harry Burkett examine the "Man in Black." 410-208-4014, 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

SPOOKY SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 4:30 p.m. Select a classic horror, mystery, or thriller (think Poe, Dracula, The Yellow Wallpaper, etc.). Refreshments served. 410-632-3495, 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. 16

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MAHJONG CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30

a.m. Join in for a fun morning of playing tile Mahjong. Feel free to bring our own tile set. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

OLD TECHNOLOGY PETTING ZOO

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Get hands-on experience with old technology (listening to music, communicating with friends, taking pictures) and see how much technology has changed. All ages. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

ARTISTIC ARENA: MINI GARDEN CAKE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Make your own mini cake made of "dirt" and "worms." All materials provided. For ages 6-11 years and 12-18 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

CANDLE DECORATING

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4 p.m. Supplies will be provided to decorate and personalize your own candles and candle jars. For ages 12-18 years. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FAMILY AFTER-HOURS ADVENTURE

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5 p.m. Parents and kids are invited to an after-hours adventure at the Snow Hill branch. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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. 17

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ARTISTS PAINT OC FESTIVAL - WET PAINT SALE & PARTY

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Collect just-painted original artwork of iconic local scenes. Live music, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and meet the artists. Free admission. <http://OCart.org>, 410-524-9433

WALK WITH A DOC

South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines, 9-10 a.m. A brief discussion about the bene-

fits of exercise followed by a walk around the pond. First 10 participants receive a \$10 WalMart gift card. Alyce Marzola, 410-641-9268, amarzola@atlanticgeneral.org

6TH ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW AND BBQ CHICKEN SALE

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Food, trophies, door prizes, dash plaques. Registration 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee is \$10 per vehicle. All welcome. Rain date is Aug. 24. Oather Mumford, 443-614-6191. Sponsored by the Men's Ministry.

FAMILY LIBRARY DAY: GIANT BOARD GAMES

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10 a.m.-noon. Spend some time at the library and play classic family board games ... giant-sized. 410-957-0878, 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

COMIC BOOK CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Learn how to begin creating your own comic book and get set drafting. No experience necessary. For ages 8-18 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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.artleagueofocancity.org, 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. 18

ARTISTS PAINT OC FESTIVAL - QUICK PAINT, SALE & PARTY AND KIDS SHOW

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Boardwalk Quick Paint, 9-11 a.m. on S. Division St. Wet Paint Sale & Party, 1-3 p.m. and "Kids' Paint OC" Show, 12-3 p.m. at the Art League of Ocean City. <http://OCart.org>, 410-524-9433

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KIDS PAINT OC: A PLEIN AIR EVENT

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 12-3 p.m. Join us for the 2nd annual Kids Paint OC event in conjunction with the annual Artists Paint OC Plein Air competition this August! Open to ages 6-17 years and all ability levels welcome. 410-524-9433

SLIPPERY WHEN WET - THE ULTIMATE BON JOVI TRIBUTE & LIGHT UP THE MOON

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 6 p.m. "Slippery When Wet" and "Light Up The Moon." Tickets cost \$30 and \$40. <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/32529277/slippery-when-wet-the-ultimate-bon-jovi-tribute-ocean-city-oc-performing-arts-center>

SUNDAES IN THE PARK WITH FIREWORKS

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

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. 19

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 Kutt." 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>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE 17TH ANNUAL ERNIE STILES' BAVARIAN HOPS SCRAMBLE

Tournament to be held Aug. 23 at the Ocean Pines Golf Club, 4 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$25. Register: Don McMullen, 443-388-2941,

dmcmullen1@aol.com. Benefiting Diakonia and the Humane Society.

MONDAY MORNING MOVIE AND MUNCHIES

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

STORY TIME: ONCE UPON A TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and crafts all about fairy tales. For ages 0-5 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

FIBER ARTS GROUP

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 11 a.m. Bring your own fiber art project (crochet, knitting, etc.) and join in for a casual meet up to work on projects. 410-957-0878. 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. 20

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>

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. The workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research, follow by Q&A. Bring a laptop, tablet or papers containing family information, if you can. Registration required: 410-208-4014.

SUMMER READING WRAP-UP PARTY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. It's time for one last adventure. Join in for a variety of treats and activi-

ties at the wrap up party. For all ages. 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME: 'DINOSAURS'

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

PLAY TIME

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

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

SUMMER READING WRAP-UP PARTY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. It's time for one last adventure. Join in for a variety of treats and activities at the wrap up party. For all ages. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

VOLUNTEER'S BBQ

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Rescheduled from Aug. 9. Featuring live music by Bella Masone and games. To re-RSVP: <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/volunteers-bbq/>. 410-524-9433

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.

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. 21

ULTIMATE VEGAS VARIETY SHOW - THE EDWARDS TWINS

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Anthony and Eddie Edwards use state of the art make-up to look and sound like the superstars of today and yesterday. All live vocal. Tickets cost \$55, \$45 and \$30. <https://theedwardstwins.com>, 561-818-0225

MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring "Surf's Up." Enjoy free movies on the beach every Wednesday through the summer. Movie lineup: <https://www.ococean.com/things-to-do/free-family-fun/>.

STRANDED AT SEA: OC BAY HOPPER PROGRAM

OC Bay Hopper, 11703 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:15-7:45 p.m. Professionals share true accounts of shipwrecks and rescues dating back to 1880. Cost is \$50 with half of proceeds benefit OCLSSM. 410-289-4991, <https://book.ocbayhopper.com/Experience>

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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

FANDOM WEDNESDAY: DYSTOPIAN WORLDS

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Drop in anytime for crafts, quizzes and discussions about the monthly topic. For ages 12-18 years. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

EASTERN SHORE SEWISTS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Promoting the needle arts through sewing education, activities and textile crafts.

Calendar

For artisans of all skill levels. 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BABY TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Songs, stories and giggles. For ages 0-2 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

SUMMER READING WRAP-UP PARTY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. It's time for one last adventure. Join in for a variety of treats and activities at the wrap up party. For all ages. 410-524-1818, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BACKGAMMON CLUB

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Drop in for a game of strategy that dates back 5,000 years to Mesopotamia and Persia, whether you're an expert or novice. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

NAILED IT!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12 p.m. Try out your skills recreating a beach cupcake. All material provided. For ages 6-11 years and 12-18 years. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 1-2 p.m. For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Neurology, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 3-4 p.m. For stroke survivors, family and friends. 410-641-4765, bglime@atlanticgeneral.org

ADULT SPELLING BEE

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30-7:30 p.m. Prizes for first place and runner up. Must be over 18 year old to compete. Preregister: 410-632-3495, www.worcesterlibrary.org

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

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.kiwanisofopoc.org

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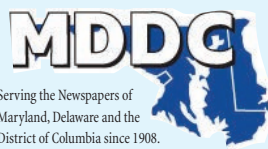
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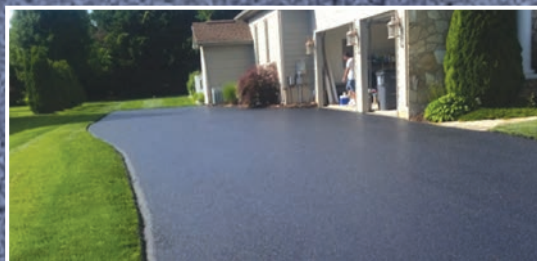
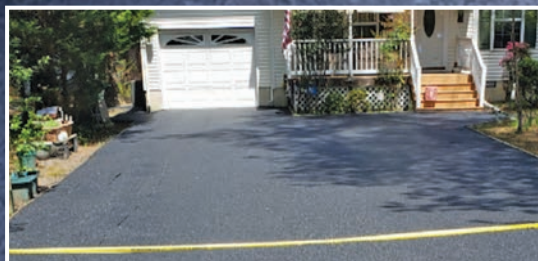
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