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Members of a joint honor guard of American Legion and VFW posts from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia post colors during a welcome home ceremony on April 22, as part of the "Wall That Heals" exhibit at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines. See story on page 14.

OP spending referendum hotly debated

Daly defends board stance, recommends different limit

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 29, 2021) The referendum question to hold the Ocean Pines Board of Directors to a \$1 million spending limit for unauthorized capital projects generated sparks during its meeting last Wednesday.

During public comments, Director Frank Daly stood up and walked to the microphone facing the board to offer several legal arguments.

Daly began by voicing unwavering support for the board's request that association members vote against the spending limit referendum ballot mailed to property owners earlier this month.

"I've opposed it from day one and continue to do so," he said.

The current board spending threshold for any single capital expenditure without a referendum is 20 percent of the income derived from annual charges, or about \$1.8 million based on collections during fiscal

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Berlin Farmers Market opens Sun.

Another season sees return of favorite activities, along with live entertainment

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 29, 2021) The Berlin Farmers Market kicks off its fourth year of dishing out local produce, fresh-baked delights, musical entertainment and children's activities on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Economic & Community Development Director Ivy Wells said Main Street would be closed to traffic for the market's duration Sunday.

"They'll be more than 30 farmers, bakers and food cultivators," she said.

The Berlin Farmers Market is held downtown along Pitts Street, Commerce Street and Main Street.

In addition to prerequisite morning coffee and pastries, a variety of culinary options will be offered.

"We're going to be setting up the café tables and chairs," she said. "A variety of restaurants will be open, selling breakfast to go."

While incorporating Berlin eateries into the farmers market offerings was a new wrinkle in 2020, this year will mark the return of live acoustic music.

"We do have live music back from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.," she said. "Everett Spells will be playing sax for a jazz brunch atmosphere."

Along with multiple dates with Spells on sax, other local performers scheduled at the market this season include Bryan Russo and Kasey Briggs.

In June, touring act Celtic Pierogi will play the market.

Billed as a "family friendly variety show with a clogging problem," the act has previously performed at Fur-

nace Town's Celtic Festival.

"It's a husband and wife," she said, "They do all kinds of fun tap dancing and quirky stuff."

Along with dropping musical entertainment last year because of coronavirus restrictions, the market was also forced to abandon art activities for children.

"We used to have an arts table for kids to be able to do all kinds of art projects," she said. "This year we're going to have grab-and-go kids' art projects."

In a departure from the previous hands-on instruction, Wells said the adapted approach would still provide boys and girls an enjoyable home-bound pursuit.

"As an arts and entertainment district we're trying to show the connection between art and nature," she said.

Wells said grab-and-go bags would contain supplies and instructions for

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Ivy Wells



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Director Frank Daly offers perspective on the pending spending referendum during the public comments portion of the Ocean Pines Board meeting last Wednesday.



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Berlin examines utilities, health care costs

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 29, 2021) The Berlin Town Council vetted the town's utility funds and health care renewal costs for the pending FY22 budget during a work session on Monday.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood said the preliminary FY22 budgets for the separate utilities, whose budgets are referred to as enterprise funds, involve water, electric, sewer and storm water.

"This is revenue-driven, expense-driven and based on what they provide," he said.

Mayor Zack Tyndall highlighted changes within utility funds from the current budget year and FY22.

Tyndall said despite an increased investment in capital equipment, with the electric fund phasing out a roughly \$184,000 expenditure for real estate taxes over the next two fiscal years, needs still exist.

"There isn't enough to truly invest in the capital needs of the electric fund," he said.

Tyndall said a more sustainable long-term plan would need to be evaluated.

Because setting electric rates in Maryland is the purview of the Public Service Commission, Tyndall said any consideration of a rate change by Berlin would have to be preceded by

an updated fee study. The last such study was conducted in 2013.

"There is no funding for this in FY22 but we'll explore costs in FY23," he said.

Turning to the water and sewer funds, Tyndall keyed on a pair of concerns.



Jeff Fleetwood

"Two of our major issues at this time include accurate billing and the tremendous amount of debt on the books within the sewer fund," he said.

Tyndall said a water fund rate study is underway by Jean Holloway, from Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Inc. (SERCAP) in Delaware and eastern Maryland.

In December, Holloway presented financial predictions for the water and sewer funds to the mayor and Town Council.

At that time, Holloway reviewed financial projections and offered recommendations to sustain utilities in the town.

Tyndall said the town is pursuing one of Holloway's recommendations: replacing 200 water meters that are not reading properly or under-registering.

Looking at the big picture, Tyndall said water and stormwater funds lack

revenues to invest in capital projects.

"During FY22, there will be an increased focus on maintenance and smaller projects as we attempt to build up our revenues and attract more grant opportunities," he said.

Berlin Finance Director Natalie Saleh said the stormwater fund is the newest entry among utility accounts, with associated fees collected from Berlin residents and businesses used to maintain drains and ditches.

Saleh said the no capital expenses are budgeted for the stormwater fund currently, but that could change in the years ahead.

"We will look at establishing a stormwater reserve fund to pursue grant funding and complete future projects," she said.

Berlin Administrative Manager Kelsey Jensen and Chris Carroll, with One Digital Health and Benefits, previewed health care costs for FY22.

Jensen said initial cost estimates for medical insurance renewal options with current provider CareFirst were excessive but the percentage was eventually brought down to a reasonable figure.

"When we started the process, it

was a 29 percent increase to the health care," she said.

Carroll said after exploring more than a dozen health care plan alternatives, multiple discounts were negotiated with CareFirst.

"Essentially a rate hold was obtained," he said.

Carroll estimated current cost totals of \$758,000 would hover around \$756,000 for FY22. Jensen said the final recommendation was to renew with CareFirst.

In closing, Saleh said during a year filled with challenges, budget woes also abounded.

"The general fund is struggling," she said.

Saleh said the water and sewer funds are facing capital shortages to tackle infrastructure repairs.

"There has to be a plan in place as soon as possible for the next budget year," she said. "Right now we're just hoping nothing breaks."

Tyndall also highlighted the need for all departments to develop future objectives.

"We have some departments that have had capital plans in place for five years," he said. "When we start looking at our strategic plan and ... fiscal years further down the line we [need to] have these capital needs in front of us on a five-year rolling basis."





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Fire co. president outlines response times, fundraising

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 29, 2021) Covering January through the end of March, Berlin Fire Company President David Fitzgerald gave his quarterly report to the mayor and Town Council on Monday.

Fitzgerald said fire rescue calls totaled 58, with 70 percent from out-of-town locations, for the three-month period of 2021.

“For fire and rescue calls, the busiest days were Monday and Thursday, followed by Saturday,” he said.

Fitzgerald said peak call times were from 2-3 p.m. followed by 3-4 p.m.

Response times have fallen within the six-minute marker established by Worcester County before routing the call to another company.

“The fire company response time is 4.2 minutes,” he said.

Looking at revenue streams, Fitzgerald said several fundraisers are being planned during the next quarter and beyond.

“We’re in the process of planning a chicken barbecue,” he said.

On May 22, the Berlin Fire Company has scheduled a barbecue fundraiser at headquarters on Main Street to coincide with a car show in town.

“We’re trying to hold barbecues monthly through August,” he said.

Fitzgerald also noted several thousand guests would be in town for the Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen’s Association annual meeting this Friday and Saturday.

“We do hope that we will generate some revenue,” he said.

Fitzgerald said the current quarter, from April through June, is when the bulk of capital equipment expenses occur.

Turning to EMS responses for the first quarter of 2021, Fitzgerald said 227 calls were in town, while 131 were to out-of-town addresses.

Hospital transports for the 227 in-town responses totaled 161, while 85 of the 131 out-of-town calls were bound for medical facilities.

“EMS busiest days are Thursday followed by Saturday,” he said.

Fitzgerald said peak times for EMS responses were from 11 a.m. to noon and 10-11 a.m.

“EMS response time is one minute on average,” he said.

To this point, EMS payroll costs have been below budget due in part to staffing cuts.

“We eliminated the daytime position for FY21,” he said. “Payroll is our biggest expense but we are on budget.”

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Viola provides financial forecast

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 29, 2021) Along with providing an update on pending and current capital projects, Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola reviewed the association's current financials during the Board of Directors meeting last Wednesday evening.

Irrigation project proposal

Viola said preliminary designs have been received for a proposal to irrigate the Ocean Pines Golf Course with treated wastewater effluent.

In February 2002, the Ocean Pines Service Area Water & Wastewater Advisory Board received permission from the Worcester County Commissioners to explore the possibility of spraying treated sewage effluent at the site.

Worcester Deputy Public Works Director John Ross was charged with overseeing an exploration of the feasibility of using highly treated effluent for the Ocean Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant to water the course greens.

"Highly treated effluent" is defined as water meeting current Maryland Department of the Environment bay restoration standards.

During a recent meeting with a design consultant retained by the county, Viola was accompanied by Director of Golf John Malinowski and Superintendent Justin Hartshorne.

"They gave a cost estimate and what it would look like," he said. "Obviously, now this has to be vetted"

Treated effluent is being used for spray irrigation purposes at nearly three-dozen facilities across the state, nine of which are golf courses, with three located in Worcester County, including Glen Riddle, Eagle's Landing and Lighthouse Sound.

Viola said in light of the latest de-

sign update, a town hall question-and-answer session, similar to one held last March with Ross and Pines golf course officials, might be warranted.

"To educate and answer questions like we did last time for the association, and especially the board," he said.



John Viola

Viola said plans for an upcoming town hall on the issue would be assembled in the next few weeks.

"They can go over the plans and answer all the questions [about] the timing and the cost," he said. "This is all a proposal."

Beach Club maintenance

Viola said repair work at the club has been less expensive than anticipated so far.

Exterior building painting is budgeted at just over \$15,000, with costs estimated at \$6,000 to add fresh color for upper and lower decks and the price tag set at roughly \$5,500 to replace rotted board decking.

"I was down there this morning [and] the building has been painted," he said.

Bulkhead, drainage projects

Bulkhead repairs, which began last September, are following the timetable, with work on the Pintail Drive canal now nearly wrapped.

"It was scheduled for completion April 30," he said.

Due to recent subpar weather conditions, backfilling and sodding should wrap by May 7.

Viola said the Bainbridge Pond drainage project began on March 15 and is slated to finish by June 30.

Viola said ideal weather patterns

during spring could trim days off the time estimate.

In addition to Public Works Manager Nobie Violante and Public Works Drainage Supervisor Justin Reiner overseeing the project, Public Works Director Eddie Wells is coordinating activities with Worcester County officials, Vista Engineering and contractor EQR.

Financials

On the financial front, Viola said the association closed March with a positive operating fund variance of roughly \$199,000, which included total expenses finishing under budget by \$108,000, complimented by revenues topping projections by about \$91,000.

With one month remaining in the current fiscal year, those figures leave the association with a positive operating fund variance of \$1,329,000, with expenses under budget by \$1,108,000 and revenues ahead of projections by \$221,000.

Looking at department breakdowns for March, Viola said Public Works finished with a positive variance of \$92,000 to lead the pack, with the majority of that sum generated by auctioning several outdated OPA work trucks.

Viola said the recent vehicle sale generated roughly \$50,000.

"We will have less trucks than we've had in the past," he said, adding that the association would budget for replacement vehicles in the future.

Viola also broke down bottom line budget numbers with and without federal stimulus funding tied to coronavirus.

The OPA received \$1,143,000 through the Payroll Protection Program instituted by the Small Business Administration last spring, with food

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Directors reject participating in self-evaluation

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 29, 2021) Opposition from two members of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last Wednesday led Director Dr. Colette Horn to withdraw a motion to go into closed session to discuss the directors' self-evaluations.



Colette Horn

Horn said the grounds for entering closed session last week was because it involved personnel matters, and more specifically a discussion of a proposed self-evaluation process to gauge the performance of directors and officers.

The vote was 5-2 with board members Tom Janasek and Doug Parks in opposition.

After Association President Larry Perrone began to announce the vote tally, Horn objected.

"The commitment made about a month ago was consensus," she said. "The effectiveness of this kind of activity is really predicated on consensus commitment [and] since two directors are no longer committed, I'm withdrawing my motion."

In late March, Horn introduced the proposal to have board members complete a detailed survey. Horn said at the time the evaluation form would be used as a starting point to develop plans for improving board inner workings.

Horn had said the evaluation's purpose is to foster professionalism among directors as they operate the association in a business-like manner.

Horn claimed the initiative would keep the board focused on "accountability to stakeholders and transparency to membership."



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Berlin Farmers Market offers more of everything this year

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youngsters.

“For the first one we’re doing paper-plate flowers,” she said.

Wells highlighted several new Berlin food merchants, who would be promoting their wares Sunday, including Broad Street Station.

“He’s going to be [on Commerce Street] offering crabs for people to take home and steam,” she said.

Also the Rusty Anchor Seafood Market will be on Pitt Street with a variety of local seafood.

Despite the slightly expanded slate versus 2020, Wells stressed coronavirus restrictions remain in place.

“Everything is exactly the same,” she said. “The guidelines have not changed from last year and masks are

still required.”

Wells also noted pets are welcome to attend with their human counterparts.

In a return to form initiated last year, Wells said a number of Berlin Main Street businesses would be open during market hours.

“It was really successful for them last year and many of the shops are going to open at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning,” she said. “We encouraged businesses to set up tables outside [last year and] it pretty much sustained them.”

Wells said there is a clear distinction between the Berlin Farmers Market and typical roadside produce stands.

“Sometimes they get produce from other states and that’s the difference



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Berlin Farmers Market opens for its fourth year on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. downtown along Pitts Street, Commerce Street and Main Street.

between a produce stand and a farmers market,” she said. “The products that you buy are ... only from local farmers [and] they’re not bought and

then resold.”

For more information about the market, visit www.facebook.com/the-berlinfarmersmarket.

Referendum ballots mailed to residents, due May 13

(April 29, 2021) The Ocean Pines Association mailed referendum ballots this week to all eligible voters. Those ballots are due back by 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 13.

The referendum asks homeowners to vote on a proposal that would limit capital expenditure spending to \$1 million without a referendum. The current spending threshold without a referendum is 20 percent of the income derived from annual charges, or about \$1.8 million based on collections during fiscal year 2020-2021.

Ballots may be returned by mail or to the ballot box inside the Ocean Pines Police Department lobby on 239 Ocean Parkway.

All ballots, however returned, must be sealed in the return envelope pro-

vided in the mailing. Use of a different envelope or no envelope will void the ballot.

Association members are encouraged to use the ballot box, because of current uncertainties with the U.S. Postal Service caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The ballot box is accessible 24-hours a day.

To request a duplicate ballot or to inquire about other issues related to the referendum, email elections@ocean-pines.org or call 410-208-3989.

Ballots will be counted on Friday, May 14 in the East Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center, starting at 10:30 a.m. The count is open to the public and will be recorded and posted to the Association website, www.ocean-pines.org.

Ocean Pines GM updates current, pending projects

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and beverage contractor the Matt Ortt Company applying for and receiving \$271,000, along with the association later being awarded \$105,000 in CARES Act funding.

“We booked that as revenue at this time,” he said.

To end March, General Administration reflected a positive budget variance of more than \$1,1092,000.

Viola said all the association’s PPP funding went to cover salary costs.

“If I took out all the stimulus we would have lost somewhere around \$400,000,” he said.

Viola said it remains unclear if the SBA will forgive PPP loans for the

OPA, while explaining what will happen if the matter is unsettled at the close of the association’s fiscal year on April 30.

“Our financials will go out the way I’ve been reporting them [and] we would still show that favorability,” he said. “We would put a footnote saying this is contingent upon approval by the government.”

If the PPP award is not forgiven, it will be treated as a 1 percent loan.

“If it’s not forgiven and we find out next year, that would be a prior period adjustment,” he said. “Which would effect our retained earnings [and] basically then wipe out the money that we put in there from this.”

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Parks reports reduced return rate

Pines treasurer highlights small decrease to income from investments to board

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 29, 2021) Ocean Pines Treasurer Doug Parks reported on the associations' financial standing, investment rates of return and reserve balances during the Board of Directors meeting last Wednesday.

Parks said the association's cash position has improved the last couple of months.

At the end of March, the association reported approximately \$11.9 million in cash and investments, with that sum split with \$6 million in CDARs (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service) and \$5.9 million in money market funds and other operating accounts.

"We have \$11.9 million in cash as compared to in January ... we had \$10.5 million," he said. "It was down to \$9.9 million in February based on some authorized spends."

Parks said a portion of the higher cash totals are from assessment fees that have been collected for the upcoming fiscal year.

After remaining stagnant since last fall, Parks said the overall investment rate of return on CDARs took a recent dip during March.

"The past couple of months the rate of return on our investments has been 1 percent and now it's down to 0.85 percent," he said. "That's obviously due to market conditions and other factors that control those rates."

Looking at reserve balances, Parks said the overall total dropped slightly from \$6.5 million in February to \$6 million during March.

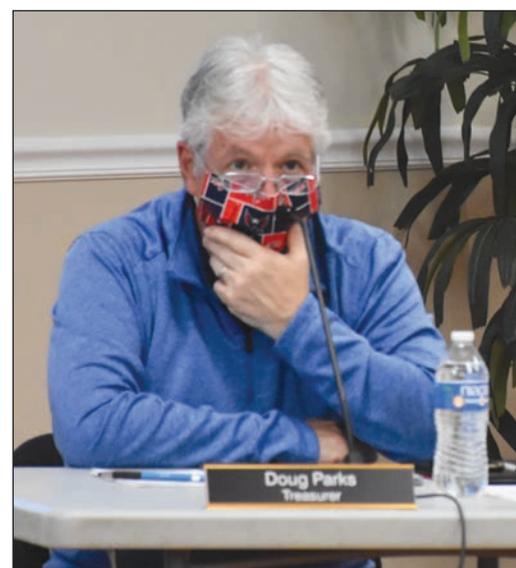
"Not too much has changed," he said.

The \$6 million balance to close March includes: \$4 million in general replacements, \$1.1 million in bulkheads, \$600,000 in drainage, \$100,000 for roads and \$100,000 for new capital.

"Back in January, our target balance for all reserve funds for the end of the fiscal year was at \$5.2 million," he said.

By the following month that benchmark was beat.

"In February, based on adjust-



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines Treasurer Doug Parks shares the association's fiscal details last week through the end of March during a meeting on April 21.

ments and other estimates, it came up to about \$5.58 million," he said.

Parks said the financial forecasting has become less challenging as the end of the fiscal year approaches.

"We've got a much better picture," he said. "We're now projecting \$5.6 million would be in reserve funding at the end of the fiscal year."



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Pines community bike ride May 1

(April 29, 2021) Ocean Pines and the Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition are teaming up to host a free community bike ride on Saturday, May 1.

The 14-mile ride will start at 4 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center on 11443 Manklin Creek Road, and then finish at the racquet center.

Participants must be ages 12 and up, and organizers recommend that only experienced bike riders take part. Helmets are required and training wheels will not be allowed.

All participants will receive blinking bike safety lights courtesy of Worcester County Economic Devel-

opment, and discounted treats from Sweet Shack on 11312 Manklin Creek Road.

Additionally, the Maryland Department of Transportation will supply brochures about the "Be Street Wise" campaign on safe walking, biking and driving practices.

For more information about the event or to register in advance, call 410-641-7052. Day-of registration starts at 3:30 p.m., at the site of the event.

"We hope that everyone will come out and meet your neighborhood riders, hear about bike safety, and enjoy a fun bike ride in the community,"

Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue said.

The community bike ride is part of a series of local events organized by the Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition to celebrate National Bike Month in May.

All events are meant to help increase interest in riding, share safe cycling routes to local places, supply feedback on riders' experiences, and improve awareness of how pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers can share the road.

According to the coalition, National Bike Month was established in See PEDAL Page 7

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Former asst. treasurer says letter assertion misleading

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year 2020-21.

The proposal would limit capital expenditure spending to \$1 million without a referendum.

The association was required to hold the referendum after Worcester County Circuit Court ruled in favor of former Director Slobodan Trendic's lawsuit last October over a previously rejected petition drive regarding unauthorized spending limits.

Trendic resigned from the board in April 2019 after abstaining from a vote to renovate the police and administration building, as well as construct a new golf clubhouse, which combined cost more than \$3 million.

Trendic sued in November 2019 after the board rejected a membership petition to amend OPA bylaws to include the \$1 million cap for unauthorized spending.

Regardless of maintaining his position, Daly was concerned by a recent communication sent to the board from former Ocean Pines Assistant Treasurer Gene Ringsdorf.

Daly said Ringsdorf pointed out a potential error and misleading statement in a board referendum position mailed to lot owners regarding bulkhead repairs.

"I do believe that Gene's email was correct and encourage the board through counsel and our CFO to validate and correct any misleading statement," he said.

Ringsdorf, who spoke after Daly closed his commentary, raised the issue because of a board statement that contended the limit on capital expenditures could lead to requiring a referendum to approve annual bulkhead repairs.

Ringsdorf, after first confirming each board member received his letter, said the board has failed to offer any response.

"Bulkhead expenditures are not capitalized," he said. "Based on that, do you all concur the referendum is only speaking of capitalized expenses."

Association President Larry Perrone said legal counsel has advised the board not to comment further on the referendum question.

During his speech to the board,

Daly argued that concurrent passages in OPA Bylaws section 5.13 outlining board powers would render the proposed spending cap meaningless.

Daly said after first establishing the current 20 percent of assessment fees limit, the next paragraph in 5.13 grants the board the ability to bypass that method.

Daly said the passage states, "if the board is undertaking a planned replacement, renovation or repair of existing facilities or the acquisition of new facilities or land, that will be accompanied in phases, 'single capital expenditure' refers to the current phase, provided the association is under no contractual obligation to undertake successive phases."

Daly said because of those bylaws, the referendum proposal would give homeowners a false sense of security regarding their ability to limit capital expenditures.

"This section does not limit the type of projects nor the total dollar amount of projects that can be phased," he said. "As written, it can be used for anything."

Daly suggested a better means for homeowners to alter expenditure limits would be amending the 20 percent mark and eliminating the bypass provision.

Speaking this week, Trendic concurred with Ringsdorf while countering Daly.

"He's misinterpreting the bylaws," he said.

Trendic said association bylaws specify existing or new "facilities" completed in phases could have each segment deemed a single capital expenditure.

"The language is written so it applies clearly to multiple facilities," he said. "You couldn't do a single facility in phases to overcome ... the spending authority."

Trendic said the Ringsdorf was correct in his assessment of bulkhead expenses.

"It's largely privately owned and not an OPA asset," he said. "It's a false argument because it's not their asset."

Referendum ballots were mailed by April 8 and are due back by May 13 to be tallied by the Elections Committee on May 14.

Pedal with friends this Saturday

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1956 "to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more people to giving biking a try." The coalition formed in June 2020 to promote safe walking and biking throughout Worcester County, to expand and improve trails, walkways and recreational facilities to attract tourism,

and to offer transportation alternatives for those who live and work in Worcester County.

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Donahue updates OP recreation, amenities

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(April 29, 2021) Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue provided the Board of Directors updates on her department's activities last Wednesday.

Replacing aging playground apparatus at Robin Hood Park is nearly completed, Donahue said.

"Robin Hood will be finished for the summer probably in a week," she said.

River Valley Playground Company was retained for the project and began the installation on March 25.

The work schedule at Robin Hood Park involves installing new playground equipment and resurfacing the half-basketball court.

Donahue said the basketball court would have lines repainted and a new backboard installed.

"Fencing repairs will be completed the week of April 25," she said.

Comparable basketball court repairs are also scheduled for Manklin Meadows Park. This will include replacing backboards, resurfacing and painting fresh lines.

In addition, Donahue said all parks would receive fresh mulch with any needed equipment repairs completed.

With the number of participants still limited because of coronavirus restrictions, Camp Ocean Pines will open on June 25.

"We are held at half-capacity per the

state, but we are full at that half capacity," she said.

Donahue said those numbers could increase if state health restrictions are relaxed later this summer.

"Right now we are held at half, but we are able to do field trips, so that's a plus in our direction," she said.

Following earlier efforts to address frequently soggy ground conditions at the Ocean Pines Dog Park, including adding fill dirt and mulch, Donahue said additional solutions are being sought.

"There's been lots of conversation about standing water," she said.

Donahue said Public Works Director Eddie Wells has spoken to Worcester County officials in hopes of identifying other options to reduce soggy ground at the location.

Donahue said White Horse Park parking lot paving is scheduled to begin April 27, with the wooden entrance sign to be replaced by June.

Other improvements set for completion by June include updating gym lighting at the Ocean Pines Community Center with higher efficiency LED bulbs.

Several projects are in progress or completed at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

"Har-Tru court resurfacing began April 15 and was completed on Tuesday," she said.

Plans are also proceeding for new



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola digests Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue's review of amenities and pending upcoming projects during last Wednesday's meeting.

pickleball and junior tennis courts.

Donahue said Vista Design is working on design plans.

"The placement was in question," she said. "They've been out this week doing their design work and they'll be giving us plans for that soon."

On the beautification front, Donahue said numerous cherry blossom trees were recently planted on Cathell Road, with an additional batch going in soon around the South Gate Pond.

"The crew at public works are waiting for more trees to be delivered," she said.

Replacing decking boards at the Yacht Club Marina has been finished

with the facility slated to open May 1.

"The marina has been painted," she said. "All of the Yacht Club Marina and Swim and Racquet slips have been rented."

Board member Tom Janasek asked about previous plans to add extra boat slips at the marina.

"I haven't heard anything about it lately," he said.

General Manager John Viola said although the association is still working on acquiring county permits required for the additional slips, nothing will happen this summer.

"We're going to wait on that," he said.

Flags for Heroes in OP May 15 through July 4

(April 29, 2021) The Rotary Club of Ocean City/Berlin and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation are partnering to offer area residents a unique way to honor a "hero" in their lives.

On Armed Forces Day, May 15, through the Fourth of July, a colorful display of flags will fly in Veterans Memorial Park along Route 589 in Ocean Pines. Each flag will honor a local hero.

"We all know a hero, someone who

has impacted our lives," Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said. "Perhaps there was a teacher, physician, mentor, family member or friend who has inspired you. Perhaps you wish to honor someone who has served or is serving in the Armed Forces."

Flag sponsorships are \$50. Each flag will include a medallion with the sponsor's name and the name of their chosen hero. The cutoff date to sponsor a flag is May 10 and all orders must be received by then.

Make checks payable to: Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, with "Flags for Heroes" written in the memo line. One check may be written for multiple flags at \$50 each. Mail checks to WCVMF, P.O. Box 1576, Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811.

All proceeds will benefit student education and outreach projects, community charities, and the Rotary Club's Scholarship fund.

Flags for Heroes also includes

multiple sponsorship opportunities, and all major sponsors will be named on a large sign on Route 589, near the flag display.

"Any project like this needs funding," Gilmore said. "We are hoping that our community business partners would want to join with us and make this effort a success. We hope that you will want to be part of this very moving tribute to local heroes."

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Berlin reviews water infrastructure

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 29, 2021) Planning for upgrades to water and wastewater capacities was the focus of a presentation given by Josh Taylor with Davis, Bowen and Friedel, during the Berlin Mayor and Town Council meeting on Monday.



Josh Taylor

Taylor opened with an overview map of existing water storage tanks, wells, pump stations and the wastewater treatment plant. He then outlined proposed infrastructure

improvements over the next few years based on these elements.

“The three drinking wells in town produce 1,700 gallons per minute of water,” he said.

Maryland Department of the Environment capacity limits for Berlin includes an average daily flow of 500,000 gallons, with a maximum monthly use of 750,000 gallons.

“Looking at the last five years, you’re averaging about 400,000 GPD, so you do have some room there,” he said.

Despite that assessment, Taylor said Berlin’s gallons of water per day figures have been climbing over the last five years.

In 2020, Berlin’s average GPD reached 440,000 or 88 percent of daily flow allowances.

“Don’t let that worry you,” he said. “Your wells have much more capacity than your appropriation permit is rated for.”

Taylor said Berlin officials have already discussed applying for an increase to water appropriations, while also stressing the importance of infrastructure maintenance.

“We need to make sure we keep up on maintenance of the wells so they continue to operate at an efficient capacity,” he said.

Maintaining elevated water storage tanks is also a priority, Taylor said.

In addition to the 200,00-gallon elevated tank on Franklin Avenue, Berlin also has a 250,000-gallon tank on Route 346 east.

“That’s more than your average daily usage, which is a good thing,” he said.

Taylor recommended two improvements for water systems in Berlin, starting with replacing meters.

“We get a lot of lost revenues from the water meters that you have right now,” he said. “Basically, that’s money being thrown away by the town.”

Taylor also proposed adding a generator at the town’s largest well on Powellton Avenue.

Berlin’s wastewater treatment plant

had a permitted capacity of 750,000 GPD.

“Looking at last few years of wastewater flows, you’ve actually had a slight reduction,” he said.

Still, Taylor cautioned that trend could reverse in the near future.

“Berlin is growing at a faster clip than a lot of neighbors,” he said. “We’ve got to make sure to stay on top of treatment plant capacity,” he said.

When wastewater treatment plants reach 80 percent capacity, Maryland encourages municipalities to consider facility expansions.

“We are starting that,” he said.

Looking at reserve EDUs (equivalent dwelling units) Taylor said Berlin is at 76 percent of permitted capacity with 83 EDUs currently.

Berlin would reach 80 percent with an additional 132 EDUs, with 732 EDUs required to reach the maximum permitted.

“The focus is on the wastewater treatment plant because that’s where the permanent capacities come in,” he said. “But, the backbone of the sewer system in Berlin is really the pump stations, gravity sewer collection and force mains that run throughout the town and gets all that wastewater to the plant.”

Taylor said two pump stations located at 346 east and west date back

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Berlin plans free yard waste pickup for two May dates

(April 29, 2021) The Town of Berlin will hold free curbside Yard Waste Collections in May for improved, occupied, residential properties.

For those neighborhoods which have Tuesday and Wednesday trash collection, Yard Waste Collection will be on Wednesday, May 5. For Thursday trash collection customers, Yard Waste Collection will be on Wednesday, May 12.

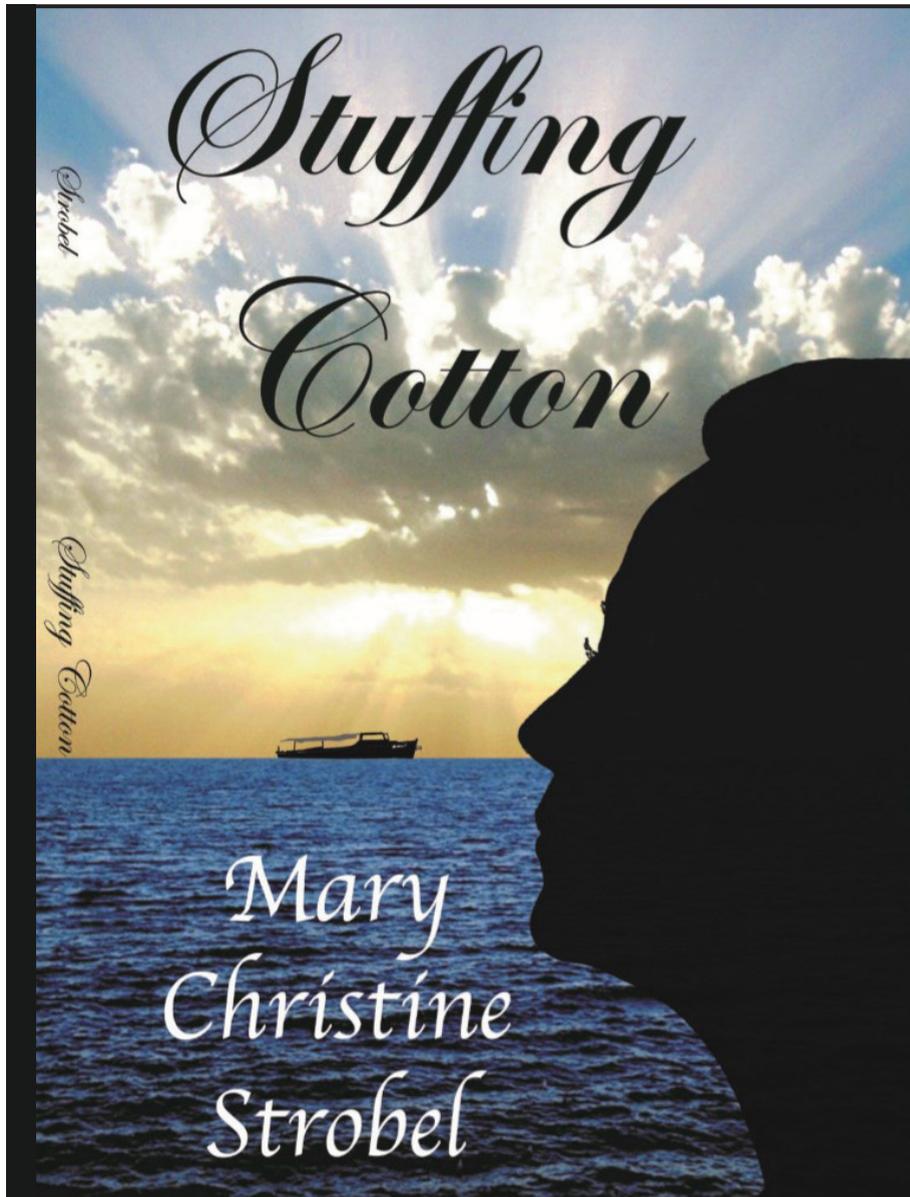
Residents must place leaves, grass clippings, pine needles and cones, and flower bed or garden waste in a paper or plastic bag. Small branches or brush must be cut into four-foot lengths and bundled no larger than 18 inches in diameter.

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Items must be at the curb by no later than 6 a.m. the morning of collection.

For more information, visit berlinmd.gov and go to the Public Works page under Departments or contact 410-641-2770.

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Mary-Christine Strobel, known as Christine is the wife of the love of her life, Michael Strobel. She is the mother of four, stepmother of two, and grandmother to nine. Beginning at an early age, the energetic Christine’s love of competitive swimming shaped her into a self-disciplined, driven, and highly motivated individual, preparing her to face a host of rare adversities that few people could withstand. Christine’s heart’s desire is to share lessons learned on her journey that others can implement, sparing them the heartbreak of trial and error.

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Strobel's new book details life path

(April 29, 2021) Local author Mary Christine Strobel (Benton) has released a book about her life experiences called "Stuffing Cotton."

Known as Christine, Strobel was born in Baltimore, in 1962. She relocated to the small town of McDaniel, Maryland, in 1975 where she lived on the watershed of the Chesapeake Bay.

As an adult, she moved to Roxana, Delaware. It was during that time she began to document her life's experiences, as a therapeutic way of overcoming many trials and tribulations she had experienced that lasted decades; challenges that few, if any, could withstand.

After several years of nudging from her husband, Michel Strobel, she began the long tedious process to turn her timeline into a book.



Mary Strobel

Her motivation was also to share her story with her children, grandchildren, and her family for generations to come and to possibly help others who find themselves in the throes of life-changing

hardships.

Strobel presented her manuscript to long-time editor, Bill Cecil, M. Ed. and technical writing professor at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore Campus for review and editing.

After reading her manuscript, Cecil encouraged her to persevere through the challenges of completing her memoir, "Stuffing Cotton."

There has been much interest in her

story thus far. Those who have read "Stuffing Cotton" before its release have attested to its impact as being one of the most powerful books they have read to date.

"Stuffing Cotton" has also been reviewed by Hollywood producers for a possible screenplay.

Strobel, who lives in Berlin with her husband, loves the Delmarva Peninsula and she will soon be debuting her book at a local venue as she wishes to share her story with the community that she is grateful to be a part of.

For more information, contact Strobel at stuffingcotton@gmail.com.

"Stuffing Cotton" is available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble (\$18.99 paperback, \$26.99 hardcover) and local publisher Salt Water Media of Berlin.

Delmarva Blood Bank falls short

(April 29, 2021) Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) recently announced a blood shortage in the region and called on donors to sign up for appointments at its local donor centers or pop-up locations.

The state of the local blood supply mirrors the current shortage across the nation. Before covid-19, donors could stop by community blood drives at convenient locations like high schools, col-

leges and offices.

It has been over a year since these groups had to cancel their blood drives due to covid-19 and few have been able to resume these life-saving events.

BBD currently has a 3.7-day supply of blood available for distribution, which is well below the seven-day supply needed by area hospitals.

The region's healthcare system requires 350 to 380 people to donate each day to treat patients ranging from trauma victims to newborn babies and their mothers to cancer patients.

Donors with type O and type A blood are especially needed as BBD currently has a 0.7-day supply of O positive, 1.9-day supply of O negative and a 4.2-day supply of A positive blood.

"With thousands getting vaccinated each day, we are thrilled to watch our state recover from this catastrophic year," said Patricia Killeen, senior executive director and vice president of Enterprise Optimization at Blood Bank of Delmarva. "Across the country, blood centers are reporting the same concerning trend: a decline in blood donations. As our region bounces back in strides this spring, we need everyone to make an appointment and donate blood to help save lives. While the end of the pandemic is near, our struggle to fight for those in need continues."

BBD is taking extra precautions to help prevent the person-to-person spread of covid-19. As always, people are

not eligible to donate if they're experiencing a cold, sore throat, respiratory infection or flu-like symptoms. Additional information on donor eligibility and covid precautions is available at www.delmarvablood.org.

Donations are by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 or visiting www.delmarvablood.org.

Blood Bank of Delmarva is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community blood bank with a simple mission: saving lives. The Blood Bank of Delmarva achieves its mission every day by providing safe blood and blood products to all 19 hospitals in Delmarva and relies on over 80,000 volunteer blood donors each year to ensure patients' needs are met.

The Blood Bank of Delmarva distributes over 130,000 blood products annually and operates four donor centers. Each year, the Blood Bank of Delmarva normally hosts over 600 blood drives. These blood drives would not be possible without the commitment of community organizations that volunteer to serve as sponsors or coordinators, which provides opportunities for blood donors to give blood and help patients in need.

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Berlin water systems reviewed

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two decades and are slated for improvements.

"We are seeing a lot of development in those areas," he said.

Additionally, pump stations on Broad Street and William Street are also in line for work.

"Broad Street is the oldest pumping station I've ever been in," he said.

Constructed in 1935, the Broad Street pumping station was last updated in 1958.

"We are planning this year to design a replacement to the Broad Street pumping station," he said.

Ocean Pines Association Members:

VOTE **NO** ON THE PROPOSED REFERENDUM

The referendum seeks to unnecessarily hinder OPA's ability to conduct needed projects; fails to contemplate the impact of the ever-increasing costs of labor, material, and services; and will cause large expenses for OPA and to you as members.

The existing expenditure threshold for capital expenses was addressed along with several other changes to the OPA By-Laws in 2008 when the Amended and Restated By-Laws were adopted. The established limit on capital expenditures of 20% of the assessment income has served the Association well and has provided the intended guidance and safeguards on decisions involving this level of expense.

The threshold as a percentage of the annual assessment income, rather than a static dollar amount, takes into consideration the changes in financing associated with inflation and the time value of money. As prices for products, material, labor and services increase, the current threshold gives the Association flexibility in determining if these expenses should be considered. The current "20%" referendum requirement for capital expenditures has no direct effect on the annual assessment. A fixed dollar threshold will not reduce the annual assessment for OPA members, because the planning for the projects must continue.

Had the proposed fixed dollar threshold been in place, the Association would not have accomplished the much-needed upgrades to the administration building, police station, clubhouse, and cart barn in a timely manner. The Association would have also incurred approximately **\$50,000 - \$60,000** of expenses associated with conducting a referendum for each of those projects, as it is estimated that the cost of a referendum is approximately **\$25,000 - \$30,000** and requires additional significant staff time to administer the referendum, process the results and report the findings.

The requirement for a referendum will also cause unnecessary delays in sourcing, bidding, and determining the viability of a project. In some cases, a delay will create a lost opportunity for pricing deals from a contractor due to the inability to determine in a timely manner whether we can move forward with a project. This situation would also add to an increase in overall costs for a project. Beyond the implications on the above types of improvement projects, the proposed referendum will negatively affect OPA's ability to conduct its mandatory capital replacement work.

OPA must maintain, repair and replace the bulkheads. The bulkhead replacement costs for 2021 are forecasted at **\$1.783** million and a 2022 proposed expense of **\$1.368 million**. These amounts are within the Board of Directors' current expenditure authority. Should the referendum pass, OPA will have to conduct a referendum before the annual bulkhead replacement projects can be authorized, which will result in substantial additional costs associated with the referendum. These additional costs will lead to an increase in the annual assessment to homeowners.



Based on the information above and knowing the established limit has not only served the Association well, but also aided in preventing unnecessary costs over the past 15 years, the Board of Directors strongly urges Association members to vote **NO** on the referendum question.

- Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors

Snapshots



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VISITS GROUP

Worcester County NAACP officers greet Brooke Lierman, candidate for Maryland Comptroller, at a recent event. Lierman is a mom, attorney, accomplished state legislator and community advocate. Pictured, from left, are Lierman; Judy Davis, NAACP press; Christine Clark, NAACP treasurer; and Ivory Smith, Worcester County NAACP president.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BARGAIN HUNTERS

Shoppers peruse a wealth of vendors offering a large variety of selections during a community flea market held at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines on April 17.



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STUDENT-ATHLETES AWARDED

Several Worcester Prep Upper School students earned recognition for their performance during the winter basketball/cheerleading season. Pictured, from left, are Kate Abbott (Coaches Award, cheerleading), Baylie Holmes (Most Spirited, cheerleading), Olivia Mattingly (Most Improved, cheerleading), Jack Gardner (Most Improved, varsity basketball), Brice Richins (MVP, varsity basketball), Griffin Jones (Coaches Award, varsity basketball), C.C. Lizas (Coaches Award, varsity basketball), Lily Baeurle (MVP, varsity basketball) and Sophia Ludt (Most Improved, varsity basketball).



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MEETING

The Republican Women of Worcester County held its general meeting on March 25, at Bayside Skillet in Ocean City. Pictured are Melody Clarke, senior regional coordinator of Heritage Action for America, left, and Beth Rodier, president RWWC.



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CRAZY DAY

Berlin Intermediate School recently held "That Was Crazy Day," a celebration of the hard work and ability of the school family to deal with all of the changes faced during the past year. Pictured are Avery Weber, Areti Gjkuria and Ruby Manos.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OUTREACH

Bikers Without Borders Foundation members fill multiple truckloads of groceries to aid the efforts of seven area pantries during a food drive on April 17 at the Ocean Pines Food Lion.

Blessed Sacrament appoints new principal

Bishop Malooly nominates Trinette Stillman to role at parochial school in Berlin

(April 29, 2021) The Most Reverent W. Francis Malooly, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, has appointed Trinette Stillman as the next principal of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Berlin.

Stillman's appointment is effective July 1.

"With a strong background in education, finance and marketing, Ms. Stillman brings a unique experience that will help lead Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School into a successful future built upon the leadership of its past principals," said Dr. Louis De Angelo, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Wilmington. "Ms. Stillman was selected after an extensive review and interview process of a number of highly qualified candidates. The search committee expressed great confidence in recommending her to the Bishop and the pastors of the Catholic parishes that support Most Blessed Sacrament."

She will take over for Kathleen Manns, who has been principal of the school since December 2019.

Manns stepped into the role following the departure of Mark Record, longtime principal who resigned for health reasons.

"Her commitment to quality Catholic education at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School has been evident," De Angelo said.

Stillman holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, a Master of Science degree from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, and completed a Teaching Licensure-Master's Program at Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Stillman currently holds a Continuing License with the State of Delaware Department of Education.

Having started her career in finance and marketing, Stillman's ex-

perience in Catholic school began as the financial manager for Blessed Sacrament School in Alexandria, Virginia, where she quickly felt called to teaching.

"She is strong in her Catholic faith and easily shares her love of Christ," De Angelo said. "Ms. Stillman exemplifies Catholic identity in the classroom and in the community. She has served as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and seeks opportunities to help students grow in their faith."

With 22 years of experience in Catholic schools, she has been a middle school math and science teacher and an intermediate grade teacher in several Catholic schools in Wisconsin and Virginia.

She has had experience in school accreditation, overseeing curriculum

planning and development, coordinating staff development, and school finance and budgeting. She has participated in professional development in brain-based research, standards-based assessments, cyber-security, diversity and inclusion, and cultivating a culture of learners.

In 2020, Stillman and her husband relocated permanently to their home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, where they are parishioners of St. Edmond Parish.

She currently works as a junior high resource specialist at Beacon Middle School in Lewes, developing and implementing curriculum for Special Needs and English Language Learner students.

Stillman is very enthusiastic about joining Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School and looks forward to

bringing her faith, rooted in service and sacrifice, to the community.

"Catholic school teachers and staff partner with parents and families to support formation of the whole child...Throughout the history of Catholic schools this partnership has never been more critical than during this past year...," she said. "It is clear that the MBSCS community is passionate and I look forward to fostering their mission of developing faith-driven lifelong learners and leaders."

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, located in Berlin, serves students in the eight sponsoring parishes of the region. The school currently educates 205 students in Pre-Kindergarten 3 through Grade 8. More information about the school is available at mostblessedsacramentschool.com



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'Wall That Heals' draws crowd in Ocean Pines

Worcester County Veterans Memorial will retain exhibit piece on permanent basis

(April 29, 2021) More than 5,000 people visited the "Wall That Heals" last week at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.

The nearly 400-foot-long wall is a replica of the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and bears the names of 58,276 U.S. service members who perished during the conflict.

The traveling exhibit – which rarely, if ever, makes an appearance in Maryland – rolled into the community last Tuesday on a 53-foot trailer escorted by local law enforcement and a motorcycle motorcade of more than 200. Many of those riders represented groups like Hogs for Heroes, the American Legion, and the U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club.

It took about 60 volunteers to help put up the exhibit on Wednesday. Over four days, roughly 300 volunteers staffed the wall, which stayed open 24 hours a day from April 22-25.

Hundreds of local people attended a pair of ceremonies, including a welcome ceremony on Thursday and a candlelight vigil on Friday, the latter of which drew an estimated crowd of 600.

Then, by Sunday night, the volunteer crew had packed up the exhibit so it could travel to its next destination, in Grundy, Virginia.

Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore oversaw planning of the event with a committee of about 20 people.

Speaking on Monday morning, she said, "I give full credit for a successful event to the planning team that made me look good. They all did a wonderful job with their assigned tasks."

Gilmore said the most memorable part of the event, for her, was seeing the entire community come together with gratitude and reflection.

"The Vietnam veterans that I

spoke with, many of them in tears, were just so grateful that we brought the wall to their community, because they felt as though they could not go to Washington, D.C.," she said. "When the wall was brought right here, they gave it a go and they were able to touch the wall and say good-bye to the comrades that they had lost.

"Some of the stories of the Vietnam veterans were just so incredibly touching," she continued. "They were standing side by side and their friends that they had maybe just met a year or less ago, now that friend is suddenly gone. And they were scared, and these are the scars that they carry with them."

According to the official The Wall That Heals program, the average age of service members on the wall is 22 years and 9 months. The youngest was just 15.

"They were able to approach the wall and touch the names, and it just gave them some closure," Gilmore said. "They were just so grateful for the opportunity to do that, and there were so many, many of those stories."

She said the Veterans Memorial Foundation faced an uphill battle in bringing the exhibit to Ocean Pines.

"I knew that it didn't travel in the state of Maryland, and I wished that it did," she said. "And then I saw it two years ago in Ocean View, Delaware, and from the moment that I saw it in Ocean View, I knew that we had to have it in our community."

Gilmore then contacted the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, which runs the exhibit.

"They told me, 'We're very familiar with your memorial down in Ocean Pines. Many of us have visited that memorial and we think it's one of the best memorials that we've seen in the country. Why don't you just apply, and we'll make a decision.'" she said.

The Veterans Memorial Foundation sent the application by the May deadline, but foundation members had to hold their breath until the following November to receive the official word.



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Two visitors, last Friday, reflect on the 58,276 names on the "Wall That Heals" in Ocean Pines. Each name represents a U.S. service member who lost their life during the Vietnam conflict. The traveling exhibit, a three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., visited the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines from April 22-25.

"They said that they had made a unanimous decision to bring [The Wall That Heals] to the Eastern Shore," Gilmore said. "And we've been essentially working on the plan ever since."

Despite seeing the exhibit in person before, Gilmore didn't feel the full impact until she saw it again, stretched out across the field of Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.

"It's so humbling to realize the sheer numbers – 58,276 names on that wall," she said. "Each one is somebody's father, brother, or sister." There are eight women on the wall.

"It's a very humbling experience and the Veterans Memorial Foundation is just so grateful that we had the opportunity to bring this to our community," Gilmore continued. "To see the number of volunteers from our community and the surrounding area – we had people whose children came down to help. We had many, many volunteers from Delaware who came to help. They all wanted to be part of this historic event, and every one of them thanked us for giving them the opportunity to be a part of it."

Gilmore said the community also stepped up with needed financial support.

"The businesses and, most importantly a lot of the citizens of Ocean Pines, they all were so generous and that gave us the ability to do this and to do it in the right way," she said. "The whole experience was just so wonderful, it's hard to even put it into words."

"This was something that the foundation wanted, and to see it all come together and to see the reaction from the community – and how much it meant to each and every person that was there – it was just a great thing to have been a part of. I really, truly am humbled," she added.

Gilmore said the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund was also pleased with the event.

"They told me they thought our event was one of the best organized and had the most volunteers. They were absolutely shocked that, every day, no matter what time it was, they looked around and they saw all those bright green shirts," she said.

She said the group also complimented Ocean Pines' Public Works Department.

"They were right there every single day, and they provided support for the last several months preparing the

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Event experience 'wonderful'

Continued from Page 14 site with electricity and with paved areas," she said.

Public Works even helped pry The Wall That Heals trailer from the mud, after it got stuck while trying to leave Ocean Pines on Sunday.

"It took about an hour and a half to get the truck out, because it got stuck in the mud after all the rain," Gilmore said. "They had three tractors in a convoy all strapped together, getting the truck out. It was quite a scene!"

Public Works Director Eddie Wells said it was all in a day's work, and his entire team was just grateful to play their part.

"All my guys think the veterans memorial is one of the best things Ocean Pines ever did. We're just honored to be able to help with such a great event," he said.

Along with a few muddy tire prints, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund will also gift the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation with a lasting token of the visit.

"In the month of May or June, they will be retiring a panel off of the wall because they have to make changes ... and they would like to present us with the retired panel because of the experience that they had here in Ocean Pines," Gilmore said. "We will put it in the place of honor."

"They know how much this wall means to the community, so now we will always have a permanent piece of this wall," she added.

Gilmore wanted to thank local law enforce-

ment including Ocean Pines Police, the Worcester and Wicomico County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police, as well as the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, and the following local people, businesses and organizations:

The Wall That Heals Planning Committee: Mary Adair, Frank Bolen, Jennifer Cropper-Rines, Josh Davis, Todd Dundore, Judy Giffin, Steve Howse, Ken Ingram, Trish Masterson, Don and Tim McMullen, Carrie Morrison, Sharyn O'Hare, Susan Pantone, Larry Perrone, Linda Shanahan, Jim Spicknall, Tom Terry, Bob Thompson and Eddie Wells

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Coastal Realtors give \$4K in grants

(April 29, 2021) The Coastal Association of Realtors has awarded \$4,250 in grants to local charities through the Coastal Realtors Foundation.

Since the foundation was created in 2019 it has awarded nearly \$50,000 to local charities.

The following organizations received grants in the Coastal Realtors Foundation's latest round of funding: Junior Achievement Eastern Shore, Epoch Dream Center, Eastern Shore Pregnancy Center, Wall that Heals (Veterans Memorial) and WGP Warriors Against Addiction

"We are so excited to partner with these great local organizations," said Coastal President Joni Williamson "We have just entered our third year of the foundation, and although covid-19 threw a wrench into some of our plans and fundraising we are continuing to push forward and support our Realtor members who nominate and work with these wonderful non-profits."

The Coastal Realtors Foundation is a charitable fund held by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. The association raises money for the fund through an annual charity golf tournament as well as other efforts throughout the year.

The fund is accessible to members of Coastal through an application process administered by the association and reviewed by a committee of members. Grant recipients must be 501(c)3 organizations and must be located in Somerset, Wicomico, or Worcester counties.

Applications are accepted quarterly, and the next deadline is June 15. For more information about the Coastal Realtors Foundation, visit www.coastalrealtors.org.

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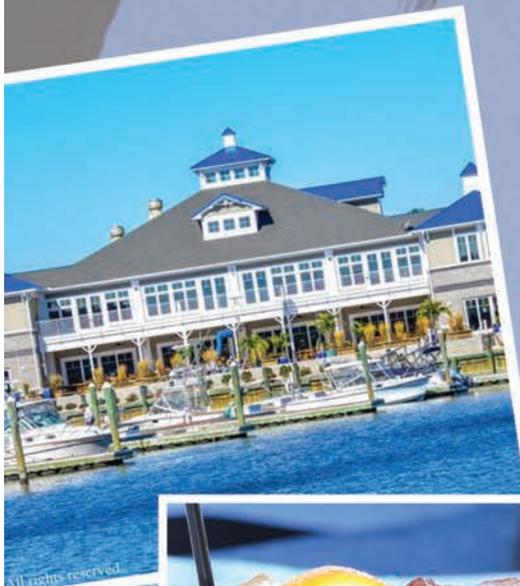
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JUMBO SOFT PRETZEL | 9
Fresh baked, served with house made German honey mustard
Add Crab Dip | 9

BAKED CRAB DIP | 17
Cheesy crab dip, served in a sourdough bread bowl, crispy tortilla chips

MARINERS CRAB | 20
Sauteed jumbo lump with shallots and country ham in a sherry cream over toast points

BRIE BAKED OYSTERS | 13
Baked with triple cream Brie cheese, crispy bacon and a balsamic glaze

CHICKEN LETTUCE WRAPS | 15
Diced chicken thighs, Hoisin sauce, garlic, ginger with cashews and spring onions on bib lettuce

PEEL AND EAT SHRIMP
½lb | 12
1lb | 19

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½ dozen | 10
1 dozen | 19

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Hard boiled egg incased with sausage, breaded and deep fried, served with a maple-dijon aioli on a bed of arugula

FRIED EDAMAME AND PEPPERS | 12
Crispy fried edamame and shishito peppers tossed with sesame-wasabi dressing and finished with pickled ginger

DELUX DATES | 14
Majool dates stuffed with prosciutto, fig, goat cheese served with orange herbed honey

FLATBREADS

BLACK AND BLUE | 13
Blackened chicken breast, blue cheese crumbles, caramelized onions, black cherry balsamic glaze

MARGHERITA | 11
Oven roasted tomatoes, fresh basil, mozzarella cheese

SEAFOOD SUPREME | 16
Grilled shrimp, lump crab meat, Old Bay brie, mozzarella, topped with crispy bacon

STEAK AND CHEESE | 14
Shaved ribeye, caramelized onions, portobello mushrooms, boursin and gorgonzola cheese, topped with arugula and a balsamic glaze

SALADS

ADD TO ANY SALAD Crab Cake | 14 Grilled Chicken | 6 Grilled Mahi | 11 Grilled Shrimp | 10

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SUMMER HOUSE SALAD | 13
fresh berries, pistachio, goat cheese, red onion with mixed greens and cider vinaigrette

CAESAR | 10
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Crispy fried flounder served with spicy remoulade served with lettuce and pickles on brioche

THE ROMA | 14
Meatball parmesan sandwich with melted provolone on Focaccia

THE YACHT CLUB CLUB | 13
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THE CAKE | 16
Jumbo lump crab cake, broiled on a classic bun with lettuce, tomato and chipotle tartar

BURGERS

THE BREAKFAST | 13
American cheese, bacon, fried egg

THE CAJUN | 13
Blackened burger, caramelized onions, blue cheese crumbles

THE COWBOY | 12
BBQ, onions, cheddar cheese, chipotle mayo

YACHT CLUB BURGER | 12
1000 island dressing, lettuce, tomato, red onion, American Cheese

THE PLAIN JANE | 11
Your traditional hamburger (build your own)

ENTREES

NOT YOUR MAMA'S MEATLOAF | 18
Chef's blend of meats and seasonings, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans

FISH AND CHIPS | 19
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LOBSTER RISOTTO | 28
Sauteed lobster, grilled fennel, red onion, in creamy saffron risotto

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Braised with red wine, wild mushrooms over polenta, topped with crispy onions

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Glazed with house made buffalo sauce, served with blue cheese mac and green beans

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Jumbo lump crab cake served with Old Bay mashed potatoes and a summer medley hash

CRICKET Center's Josiah serves to aid abuse victims

(April 29, 2021) A furry, yellow canine named Josiah has been making the rounds to highlight National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

April 6, Josiah and his entourage attended a Worcester County Commissioners' meeting to encourage the public to stand up, step forward, and help victims of child abuse become survivors.

Then on April 17, he strolled the Boardwalk for the CRICKET Center's eighth annual Walk for Kids.

Child abuse is a public health problem. Since opening its doors in 2009, the CRICKET Center, Worcester County's child advocacy center (CAC), has served more than 1,500 Worcester childhood victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, sexual assault, neglect, child pornography, or child sex trafficking.

The CAC provides a specially trained forensic interviewer (each interview is recorded to avoid re-traumatizing children by requiring multiple interviews), medical exam by specially trained SAFE (sexual assault forensic examiner) nurse, family advocate, trauma-based therapy, and case coordination for child victims of abuse and non-offending fam-



LISA CAPITELLI/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Children's Resource Intervention Center, Kids Empowerment Team (CRICKET), hosted its eighth annual Walk for Kids April 17 on the Boardwalk. Nearly 200 people participated in the walk, and to date, about \$20,000 has been raised.

ily members in a safe and child-friendly environment.

"Child abuse does not discriminate, and it takes on many different forms," CRICKET Center Board of Directors President Deborah Travers said. "But, we know that kids get better when they have access to these services."

Josiah, the 4-year-old lab/golden See CHILDRENS Page 19

Two OP police department members covid positive

(April 29, 2021) Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Viola issued a statement last Thursday about two workers who tested positive for covid-19.

"Two members of our Police Department recently tested positive for covid-19. The employees have not returned to work and will not until it is safe to do so, consistent with CDC protocols," Viola said, adding that the administration notified the health depart-

ment and vowed to cooperate fully with public health officials.

"We understand that these employees had no further close contact with residents or other employees," he said.

He also said the administration continues to insist that covid-19 safety protocols be followed, including "maintaining 6 feet of separation between others, and wearing masks when indoors or social distancing is not possible."

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OP Chamber to host second community expo Saturday

(April 29, 2021) Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host its second annual Open Air Community Expo on Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., socially distancing at White Horse Park.

Rain date is Saturday, May 8.

More than 50 local businesses and community agencies will be on hand, including health care, education, home services, retail and nonprofits.

There is no cost to attend.

Exhibitor fees are: Chamber partners pay \$175 for one exhibition space with 8-foot table; \$200 for non-chamber businesses and non-

profits and government agencies \$75. Reserve an exhibitor space at <https://business.oceanpineschamber.org/events/details/2021-community-expo-12674>.

For more information and to register, call the Ocean Pines Chamber at 410-641-5306 or email info@oceanpineschamber.org.

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce is a 501 (c) (6) nonprofit corporation comprised of area businesses organized to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper.

Mental Health Awareness gains focus throughout May

(April 29, 2021) May is Mental Health Awareness Month and Worcester Youth & Family is encouraging Berlin businesses to support the cause.

In 2019, National Alliance on Mental Health reported that one in five Americans has a mental health condition (www.nami.org/Advocacy/State-Fact-Sheets).

To raise mental health awareness in the community, Worcester Youth & Family will be spreading a little sunshine throughout the town of

Berlin with its "Suns of Hope" project.

The organization will provide local businesses with suns that patrons and visitors can purchase and share a word of hope and encouragement to someone living with a mental health condition and their families.

The "Suns of Hope" will then be placed in the windows of the businesses to show support for those living with mental illnesses.

Business owners who would like to participate should call 410-641-4598.

Children's canine ambassador

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retriever trained as a full assistance dog, is part of the multidisciplinary CAC team that strives to reduce the trauma to child victims of abuse and to prosecute their abusers.

Josiah's gentle disposition and calming presence makes him a safe space for children, as they navigate social, emotional, and legal struggles to overcome abuse.

"Josiah provides support to children during forensic interviews, during therapy sessions, and also while attending court proceedings," CRICKET Center Executive Director Wendy Myers said.

In 2019, the CAC received 1,024 referrals, conducted 167 child physical abuse investigations, 93 child sexual abuse investigations, 282 child neglect investigations, 832 hours of trauma therapy, and 1,819 hours of family advocacy.

Though the doors of the CRICKET Center have remained open throughout the pandemic, CAC officials advise that, due to the reduction of in-person learning in 2020, the impact of covid is yet to be discovered.

growing instances of child abuse, and it's important to spread the word to the community that you are our eyes and ears," Department of Social Services Director Roberta Baldwin said. "If you see something, say something."

If you suspect abuse, CAC representatives urge you to take these steps. Listen to the child. Remain calm, and don't let the child see how upset you may be. Lastly, even if you are not absolutely sure there has been abuse, contact the CAC at 410-641-0097.

"Worcester is fortunate to have this professional team helping children and their families to heal and to start over," Commission President Joe Mitreic said. "But it takes all of us working together to detect abuse and neglect early or prevented it from occurring entirely."

The Commissioners are proud supporters of the CAC, which never charges for their services. Instead, they depend on the generous support of local government grants and private donations. To learn more about the CAC or to donate, visit www.thecricketcenter.com.

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Worcester County Arts Council scholarships

(April 29, 2021) The Worcester County Arts Council's Student Arts Scholarship award program is underway.

The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$2,000 for qualifying high school seniors who are Worcester County residents interested in majoring in the arts.

Scholarships are also available to college art majors wishing to continue their education in the arts.

In 2020, a total of \$10,000, including the John Sisson family's con-

tribution, was awarded to five students pursuing an education in the arts.

The Worcester County Arts Council's Student Arts Scholarship program is designed to identify, recognize and encourage students who demonstrate excellence in creative writing, culinary arts, dance, music, theater, or visual arts.

This is a merit scholarship and award decisions are based on evaluation of talent, dedication, and potential – not financial need.

The number and amount of the award are based on the funds' availability. Funds are provided for tuition costs and fees and are paid directly to

the applicant's school.

Application and scholarship guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website: www.worcester-countyartsCouncil.org/artsscholarship. All applications must be received by Monday, May 3.

For further information, contact Anna Mullis, executive director, at anna@worcestercountyartsCouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council welcomes donations to support the arts scholarship fund.

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The Worcester County Arts Coun-

cil is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support, promote and encourage visual, performing, and literary arts in Worcester County.

As designated by the Maryland State Arts Council County arts agency, the Worcester County Arts Council is committed to fostering the excellence, diversity, and vitality of arts, artists, and arts organizations and increasing access to the arts for all members of our community.

The Worcester County Arts Council is funded by the grant from the Maryland State Arts Council and supported by memberships, donations, and local sponsorships.

Atlantic General Diabetes Center educates in May

(April 29, 2021) The Atlantic General Diabetes Center at Atlantic General Hospital will be offering diabetes self-management education classes in May.

The series of three, three-hour sessions will address blood glucose monitoring, foot care, nutrition, exercise, and other self-management skills to help individuals better manage their diabetes. A family member is invited to attend.

The program is recognized by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for quality education, and program staff includes a registered nurse and a registered dietitian, both of whom are certified diabetes educators.

Advance registration and a referral from a primary care provider (which the program can obtain) are required.

Diabetes Self-Management is a Medicare benefit and the cost of the classes is covered by most insurances.

Classes will be held on the following Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: May 13, 20 and 27, at Atlantic General Hospital Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, in Berlin.

Call 410-208-9761 for more information and to register.

All-American Chesapeake Byway

Pocomoke gains spotlight nationally as U.S. Route 13 named adventure gateway

(April 29, 2021) Ocean Highway (U.S. Route 13) in Pocomoke is part of an Eastern Shore transportation corridor that was recently recognized nationally as a gateway to adventure.

In March, the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) designated Maryland's Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway, which runs from Chesapeake City to Pocomoke City, as an All-American Road.

Designation as an All-American Road is the highest recognition a road or corridor may receive.

The Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway earned this honor based on criteria that includes its nationally-significant architectural, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities.

While the travel guide, interactive map and roadway signs for the Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway are still in the development phase, the overall goal behind this byway project is to entice travelers to detour off of the beaten path and opt instead for the scenic routes.

"The Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway is not just about the destination," Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development (WCTED) Director Melanie Pursel said. "It's all about the stops along the way, the places where people can explore, experience and enjoy the hospitality, the food and beverages, and the flair of the local shops that are just a part of the many hidden gems along Maryland's Coast – Worcester County."

Destinations to be promoted along Ocean Highway in the Pocomoke area include the Delmarva Discovery Museum and Welcome Center, along with the Mar-Va Theater and Performing Arts Center, Sturgis One-Room School and Heritage House, and the Cypress Park and 1.5-mile nature trail, which is a mix of floating boardwalk, exercise stations, a pedestrian bridge, fishing pier, gazebo, and canoe/kayak launch sites.

WCTED officials worked with program partners at other Maryland Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs) on the Eastern Shore to develop the Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway project.

Designation as an All-American

Road will play a vital role in the ability of the DMOs to secure local, state and federal grants and other funding sources to promote the locations that await explorers along the routes.

"The popularity of the scenic byways is going to grow because people want to be out and about and experience the outdoors," Pursel said. "Outdoor activities, especially, are crowning jewels of our county. This designation will help us promote the history and heritage of Worcester County."

With this latest project, Worcester County is now home to two transportation corridors that promote exploration over destination, the Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway and the Cape to Cape Scenic Byway, which highlights the tristate byway and spans 120 miles from Cape Henlopen, Delaware, through the Isle of Wight Wildlife Area, Assateague National Seashore, Pocomoke River State Park Forest, and EA Vaughn Wildlife Area in Maryland, to Cape Charles, Virginia.

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CRICKET Center's 'Pinwheels for Prevention'

(April 29, 2021) Motorists entering Ocean Pines' north and south gates this week may notice something a little different – a pair of colorful pinwheel gardens.

Staff from the Berlin-based CRICKET Center planted the gardens on Saturday to help raise awareness for National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the "Pinwheels for Prevention" national campaign.

The CRICKET Center is the only child advocacy center for sexually and physically abused children in Worcester County.

CRICKET Center Executive Director Wendy Myers has planted pinwheel gardens in Worcester County since 2012. This is the first year that such a garden was planted at the Ocean Pines gates.

"The pinwheel is a symbol of child

abuse prevention, and it just reminds us of the happy and carefree childhood that we want for all kids," Myers said.

Myers said the center never closed and was able to continue supplying services each day throughout the covid-19 pandemic. She said reports of abuse fell during that time, but those statistics are now sharply on the rise.

"The fact that kids were at home and not seeing professionals ... certainly we saw a decrease in referrals from teachers and professionals who are mandated reporters, because the kids weren't seeing these individuals," she said. "Some of the abuse statistics lowered slightly, but now it's certainly coming back and we're seeing a huge increase in referrals, and in cases for physical and sexual abuse."



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Staff from the Berlin-based CRICKET Center planted gardens near the Ocean Pines' north and south gates to help raise awareness for National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the "Pinwheels for Prevention" national campaign.

Ocean Pines Craft Club to host ribbon cutting May 22

(April 29, 2021) The Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines will host a ribbon-cutting event for the new Artisan Gift Shop on Saturday, May 22 at 9 a.m.

Craft Club members opened the new building in winter 2020, but issues related to the covid-19 pandemic prevented a ribbon-cutting from occurring at that time.

The event on May 22, co-hosted by the Ocean Pines Association and Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, will feature a short speech from Craft Club President Sharon Puser and light refreshments.

The club will also display a photo album with news clippings that highlight the history of the organization.

The Pine'er Artisan Gift Shop was established in 1974 and the organization behind it has a long history of giving back to the community, having donated more than \$169,000 over the years to Ocean Pines Police, Public Works, and Recreation and Parks, among other groups.

In 2020, the club donated \$3,500 to the Ocean Pines Police Department, Fire Department, Recreation and Parks Department, Public Works, and the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial.

Club members create and sell a variety of items, including woodworking, candles, pottery, jewelry, home décor, and all manner of sewn, crocheted and knitted items.

All items are made locally, and most are made in Ocean Pines.

The new building, in White Horse Park and across from the Administration Building on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information on the Pine'er Craft Club, visit <https://oceanpines.org/web/pages/artisan-craft-shop>, or email opcraclub@aol.com.

Since the center's opening in 2009, Myers said it has served more than 1,500 victims of child abuse.

"That's a lot, especially when you consider the number of children in our county," she said.

To help fight child physical and sexual abuse, Myers encouraged local people to visit www.thecricketercenter.com.

"There's a wealth of resources there for people to educate themselves and the people around them about prevention. Knowing the signs and symptoms of when a child is ex-

periencing trauma and how to react responsibly is just really important," she said.

Pinwheel gardens at Ocean Pines' north and south gates will stay up through the end of the month.

"Ocean Pines is proud to support this worthy cause, and we hope it helps raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month," Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola said.

For more information or to donate to the CRICKET Center, call 410-641-0097 or visit www.thecricketercenter.com.

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Opinion

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Self-evaluation tough to share with others

Considering the apparent but largely concealed turmoil on the Ocean Pines Board of Directors, it's no wonder that two members have declined to participate in the self-analysis exercise proposed and developed by another director, Dr. Collette Horn.

Regardless of how good her intentions might be — the goal is to improve communications between members and to smooth out the rough spots in board deliberations — being asked to dish on oneself to counterparts and potential competitors for board seats is a difficult order to fill.

In addition, being asked to reveal critical information in closed session as a personnel matter makes the exercise even more disconcerting, given the penchant of some members to tell stories out of school.

Most people would be disinclined to share much of anything about themselves with people they do not trust implicitly, no matter how worthwhile the goal might be.

After all, if a subject is so sensitive that it needs to be discussed behind closed doors, chances are it's equally risky from a political standpoint to talk about it among acquaintances whose interests do not necessarily coincide with one's own.

Besides, if the board has somehow gotten away from what was an all-too-brief era of good feeling a couple of years back, the most important question is what changed to cause this disruption in the smooth function of government?

Maybe it didn't change at all, and Dr. Horn simply feels that improvement is always possible. Or the board is doing its best to keep its disagreements out of the public eye as much as possible.

Regardless, the key to getting along for all governing bodies at the local level is to keep things in perspective and egos in check by realizing that the issues before them aren't that critical in the overall scheme of things.



As our favorite restaurants, bars, eateries and gathering venues open up, please open your hearts and minds and be kind to others who live with you on this planet. Racism and hatred have no place in a Post Covid world.

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OP golf scholarship deadline April 30

Committee seeking area link lovers also pursuing education

(April 29, 2021) Local golfers seeking college scholarships have until April 30 to submit an application through the Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council.

The Scholarship Committee of the Golf Members' Council will begin meeting in early May to review applica-

tions for several scholarships. The committee will announce scholarship awards later in May.

"Those who have an application should return it to their school's college guidance office by the April 30 deadline," Scholarship Committee Chairman Bob Long said.

Students seeking an application may get one by contacting Long at rmlong@aol.com.

"These scholarships are in-

tended for local students who have shown an interest in golf — active participation in competitive golf is not a requirement," Long said. "Golf team members and recreational golfers, along with those interested in golf management and turf science, are encouraged to apply."

The Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council has awarded more than \$22,000 to 21 local seniors during the last four years.

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Job fair held at Sturgis Park May 19

(April 29, 2021) Meet prospective employers from across Worcester County and choose from hundreds of seasonal and year-round jobs at the Open Air Job Fair, Wednesday, May 19, at Sturgis Park Pavilion in Snow Hill from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public. Employers offering competitive wages and signing bonuses will be accepting applica-

tions and hiring onsite.

Social distancing is in effect, and all participants are asked to wear face coverings. Training and transportation resources will be available.

This event is being hosted by the Town of Snow Hill, Worcester County Chambers of Commerce, Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, and Worcester County Tourism and Economic Development.

Unavailable to attend?

Please visit the following sites for online job postings:

- <https://worcesterhr.co.worcester.md.us/>
- <https://mwejobs.maryland.gov/vosnet/Default.aspx>

Space is also available at no cost for employers who would like to participate. For more information, contact WCTED Workforce Engagement Specialist Jackie Trieu at jtrieu@co.worcester.md.us or at 410-632-3110.

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County hires Trieu as specialist

(April 29, 2021) The Commissioners named Jacqueline Trieu as the workforce engagement specialist within Worcester County Economic Development.

“We are so thrilled to welcome Jackie to the Maryland’s Coast team as our new workforce engagement specialist,” Tourism and Economic Development Director Melanie Pursel said. “She brings an incredibly diverse background as well as amazing energy and enthusiasm. Being able to add workforce services to our wide array of resources for both residents and employers will truly set Worcester County apart.”

In her new role, Trieu will oversee the county’s workforce development initiatives to educate and train individuals to meet the needs of current and



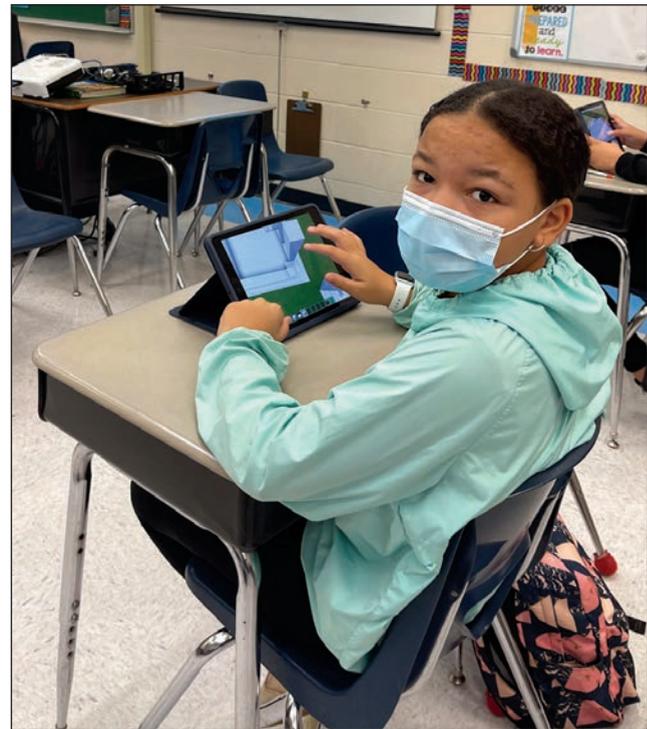
Jacqueline Trieu

future businesses and industries offering livable wages.

Primary responsibilities include creating, managing and delivering workforce development programs and services.

Trieu, who is bilingual, will serve as the primary liaison with local, state and federal partners, including Worcester Technical High School, area chambers of commerce, Maryland Department of Commerce, DLLR, Small Business Development Center, and the Small Business Association.

For additional information about the programs and services available through WCED call 410-632-1220 or visit <https://chooseworcester.org>.



COMPUTER DESIGN

Berlin Intermediate School students in Diandra Bratten’s sixth grade Social Studies class have been learning about Ancient Greece. In one of their latest lessons, students construct their version of the Parthenon using the Minecraft app. Jayla Mitchell is pictured working on her Parthenon design.

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Covid nixes boat show, Optimist raffle lives

(April 29, 2021) The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club’s annual Boat Show provides funding to support many programs for area youth.

The show was canceled this year because of covid, so the group has organized a raffle to help raise funds for the community and youth programs, with five prizes available.

The Boat Show door prize, a pontoon boat and 50 hp motor, donated by North Bay Marine for over 35 years, is first prize.

Second prize is a 14-foot Jon Boat and 25hp Mercury motor, donated by A Plus Marine Services. A trailer is included.

Third prize is a Jet Ski donated by Bayside Jet Drive and a Jet Ski dock

donated by A Plus Marine Services.

The fourth prize is a condo for the week of the White Marlin Open in August, plus \$1,000. Both have been donated by the Optimist Club.

The fifth prize is \$1,000 worth of canvas work donated by A Plus Marine Services.

The cost is \$10 for one ticket, \$25

for three and \$50 for 10. The drawings will be held May 20.

Tickets are available from Optimist members and each Saturday at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market.

Call Charlie Dorman at 443-880-3602, Charles Smith at 410-641-6746, or Lew Frey 410-641-6361 for more information.

OPEN HOUSES APRIL 29 - MAY 6

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Saturday, 11am-1pm	43 Capetown Rd., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$285,000	Power of Two/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday, 11am-1pm	250 Ocean Pkwy., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$249,900	Power of Two/Hileman Real Estate
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Saturday 11-2	305 White Heron Court, Ocean City	4BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$1,499,900	Nancy Reither/Coldwell Banker Realty



Cuisine

Seared NY strip steak with garlic butter

Years ago I helped open a new restaurant. On the menu, we offered a dry-aged 10-ounce New York Strip for \$42 and a 12-ounce CAB New York Strip for \$26. We decided on the choice as many people would not want to spend that much on dinner.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

The soft openings went well, and it was finally time for the grand opening. Excitement was buzzing in the air as the first orders came back to the kitchen, but before I could read the modifiers on the six-top rising out of the printer (which makes an unmistakable noise to any cook), the server came back to the line.

“Chef, don’t yell at me” she said. “This is exactly what the guests wanted.”

Curious by her fevered statement, I read the ticket to find out that they wanted “2 NY Dry Steak” with the modifier “Well, well, well done. Extra crispy.”

Confused I just looked up. The server told me that those were their exact words, and they were very clear about it. She continued, “They said they want the steaks to ‘tink’ when they hit the plate. It’s just how they prefer their steaks.”

I asked the server to convince them to order the CAB steaks and save their money, as this would be a waste of the dry product, but they insisted on the dry-aged beef as they had never had it before.

Begrudgingly, I burnt the hell out of those steaks; it sticks with me to this very day. After I burnt them, I held them in the blue flame of the range top and made them ‘extra crispy’. And, indeed, they did “tink” as they hit the plates.

The dinners were served, and a strange anticipation sat in the air like a thick morning fog. The server rushed back and asked the question that no respectable cook ever wants to hear; “Do we have any A1?”

“No, we do not. You should know that.”

“Then they want ketchup” she lamented.

Our heads hung low, saddened by the sacrifice that we had just made to the cattle gods and the craftsmen who had labored to cure such a fine product.



“Well, you know where that is.”

A few minutes went by, and the server came back to the kitchen, stating that my presence was requested at the table. Incensed at this point, I removed my apron and rolled up my sleeves, fully expecting a battle with our friends whom we could not dissuade from ordering the more affordable steaks.

I approached the table with a smile from ear to ear (my father had taught me to kill them with kindness), and the table started clapping. Confused, I kept up the charade of gracious professionalism, fully expecting a lambasting at the hands of the diners.

But, no, they told me that they were the best steaks that they had ever eaten. They were shocked at how moist and delicious the morsels were, and raved about them as I stood there confused and flummoxed. They even tipped me at the table, slipping an Andrew Jackson into my hand as though I was a maitre d’ who had just gotten them the best table in the house.

And a little piece of me died that day.

In the end, I’ll cook your food however you like. But if you like your steak like this, stick to the grilled cheese, please. It hurts us to do your evil bidding.

Seared NY Strip Steak

Serves 6

6 ea. 14 oz. New York Strips
Flaked kosher salt, as needed
Coarse black pepper, as needed
Granulated garlic, as needed
1 rosemary sprig

2 thyme sprigs

1 c. Compound butter (recipe follows)

1. Let steaks slack out of refrigeration for 10 minutes.

2. Season steaks liberally. This can be done a few minutes before the steaks hit the pan.

3. Get a cast iron pan super-hot on a high heat and put a respectable chunk of clarified butter in it. Place the steaks and herbs in the buttery inferno.

4. Sear the steaks while basting the tops with the clarified butter. I prefer to cook one side, flip the steak to cook the other, and then repeat two more times. This will prevent the steak from curling and will yield a more evenly cooked product.

5. Remove the steak when at the temperature of your liking

6. Top with half of the compound butter and let the steaks rest for 5 minutes

7. Plate the steaks, spooning the melted butter on the steak and then topping with the last half of the com-

pound butter

Garnish with burgundy mushrooms, frizzled leeks or just stick with the compound butter. Either way, it will be a win.

Garlic Compound Butter

Makes a little more than 1 pound

1 lb. salted butter, softened

2 scallions, minced

6 cloves garlic, minced

1 Tbsp. Coarse black pepper

1 Tbsp. Sherry vinegar

1 Tbsp. Minced parsley

1 Tbsp. Minced basil

1. Simply combine everything in a bowl and mash together with a wooden spoon

2. Lay out a piece of parchment paper and glop the butter mixture into the middle

3. Carefully roll the butter like a fat cigar until it resembles a roll of icebox cookie dough that you buy in the store with a 2-inch diameter.

4. Place in the refrigerator and chill until set.

5. Unwrap and slice. Voila

—Paul Suplee is a Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College and owner of boxcar40.

Visit him at www.boxcar40.com.

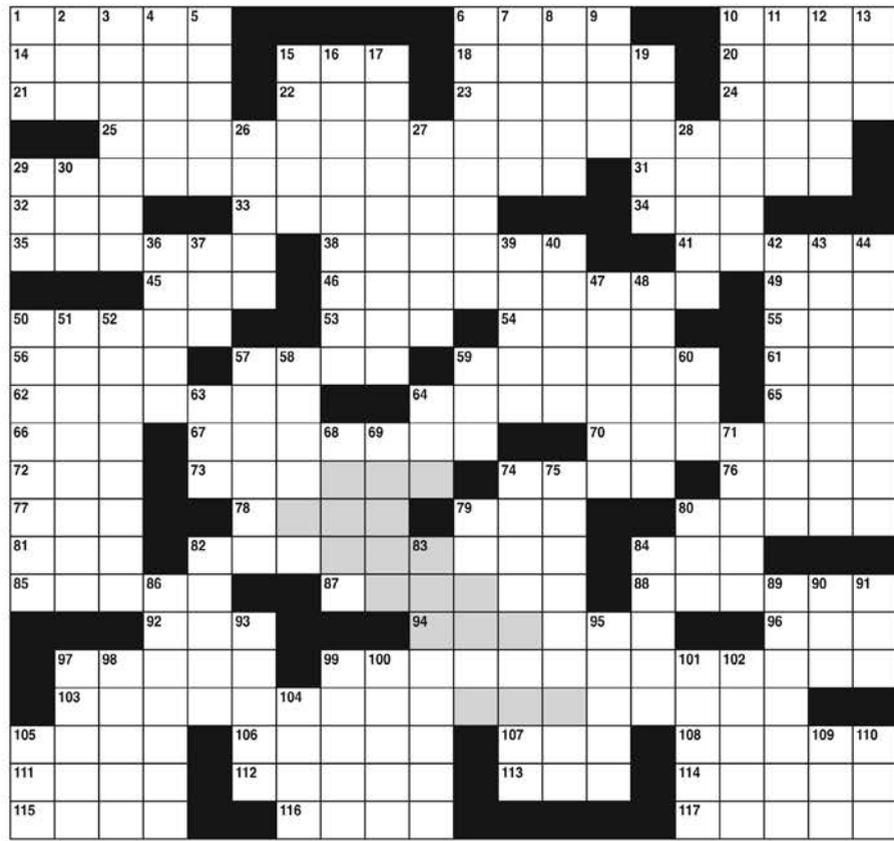
Puzzles

A RARE FIND

BY JOHAN VASS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Johan Vass is a restaurant worker in Stockholm, Sweden. Though he has never been to the United States, he has been solving American crosswords for many years. He says his personal best times for New York Times puzzles range from 3:21 on a Monday to 10:36 on a Sunday. Somewhere along the way he started constructing crosswords in English — which is quite a challenge for someone coming from another language and culture. Johan says this one took him two months to make. I'm honestly in awe. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not express, in a way
 - 6 Second person in the Bible
 - 10 One of the Blues Brothers
 - 14 "History of the World, ___" (Mel Brooks film that doesn't actually have a sequel)
 - 15 Grp. with Bills and Chargers
 - 18 Bridal adornment at Indian weddings
 - 20 Buckets
 - 21 Goggle
 - 22 Bird that went the way of the dodo (before the dodo)
 - 23 Mr. ___, scheming socialite in "Emma"
 - 24 See 105-Across
 - 25 Popular action film franchise ... or what trying to find the item in this puzzle can be described as
 - 29 "There's no use" ... like trying to find the item in this puzzle?
 - 31 "The ___ Holmes Mysteries," young adult series made into a 2020 film
 - 32 Hosp. procedure
 - 33 Keys
 - 34 Architect Maya
 - 35 Foreign correspondent, maybe
- DOWN**
- 2 Collectible records
 - 3 ___ milk
 - 4 Packs tightly
 - 5 Areas in many malls
 - 6 Eldest of the von Trapp children
 - 7 Benefits
 - 8 En pointe, in ballet
 - 9 Pizza chain since 1943, familiarly
 - 10 Weapon for Samson against the Philistines
 - 11 Whatsoever
 - 12 "North" or "South" land
 - 13 Undoing
 - 15 Faulty
 - 16 Subway fare
 - 17 Impact equally in the opposite direction
 - 19 Actor Elgort of "The Fault in Our Stars"
 - 26 Taints
 - 27 Sheepish response to "Where did the last cookie go?"
 - 28 How checks are written
 - 29 Hellion
 - 30 "Boyz N the Hood" protagonist
 - 36 Run an online scam
 - 37 Feel rotten
 - 39 Bona fide
 - 40 Big brush maker
 - 42 Starting point on a computer
 - 43 Won over
 - 44 See 50-Down
 - 47 Become rigid and inflexible
 - 48 Slides
 - 50 With 44-Down, making futile attempts ... and an extra hint to this puzzle's theme
 - 51 Small black-and-white treat
 - 38 1976 greatest hits album with a palindromic title
 - 41 Site of Hercules' first labor
 - 45 What's-___-name
 - 46 Experimental offshoot of punk
 - 49 Echidna's prey
 - 50 Service with nearly two billion users
 - 53 ___ reaction
 - 54 Deep cut
 - 55 Liquor store requests
 - 56 Frees (of)
 - 57 Quiet summons
 - 59 Greases
 - 61 What's at the center of some court battles?
 - 62 City of Angels
 - 64 Danger for an exterminator
 - 65 Scratch the surface of
 - 66 Certain customizable computer game character
 - 67 Kick starter?
 - 70 America of "Ugly Betty"
 - 72 [Batman punches a bad guy]
 - 73 Overtime name for China
 - 74 They have big mouths
 - 76 Over
 - 77 More than umbrage
 - 78 Two-wheeled carriage
 - 79 "Anchorman" anchorman
 - 80 Simple earrings
 - 81 Duck Hunt console, for short
 - 82 Walking with flair
 - 84 Odd article of clothing to wear with a tank top
 - 85 Reached
 - 87 Man's name that anagrams to HYENAS
 - 88 Did a Don Corleone impression, maybe
 - 92 Consonantless "yes"
 - 94 Actress Atwell of the "Avengers" movies
 - 96 Product whose sizes have letters
 - 97 Clickable images
 - 99 "As you can imagine ..."
 - 103 Item hidden somewhere in this puzzle (where is it?)
 - 105 With 24-Across, Emmy winner for "Once and Again"
 - 106 Writer Horatio
 - 107 Word before an explanation
 - 108 Boxer Ali
 - 111 Bookmarked things
 - 112 Vowelless "yes"
 - 113 Personal datum: Abbr.
 - 114 Long-gone
 - 115 Site that competes with Amazon Handmade
 - 116 Affliction also known as a hordeolum
 - 117 Mean



- 52 Batman portrayed on '60s TV
- 57 Google Photos precursor
- 58 Workers in forges
- 59 Murder weapon in "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
- 60 What "/" may mean
- 63 Key used to get out, but not in
- 64 Man's name that means "king"
- 68 Palindromic leaders
- 69 Doctor's order
- 71 They may be fixed
- 74 Highland beauty
- 75 The titular bad guy in "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"
- 79 Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 80 Singer with the 2016 platinum album "This Is Acting"
- 82 In good shape
- 83 "Know what I'm talkin' about?"
- 84 Secret rendezvous
- 86 Like child's play
- 89 Block where Sesame Street can be found?
- 90 Notable period
- 91 It's constantly breaking around the world
- 93 "The straight path"
- 95 German steel city
- 97 Like neon
- 98 Bar rooms?
- 99 It never occurs above the Arctic Circle during the summer solstice
- 100 One may be sworn
- 101 Claw
- 102 Seat of Florida's Marion County
- 104 Eugene O'Neill's "Desire Under the ___"
- 105 Go after
- 109 Word before ride or slide
- 110 Which card to pick from a magician?

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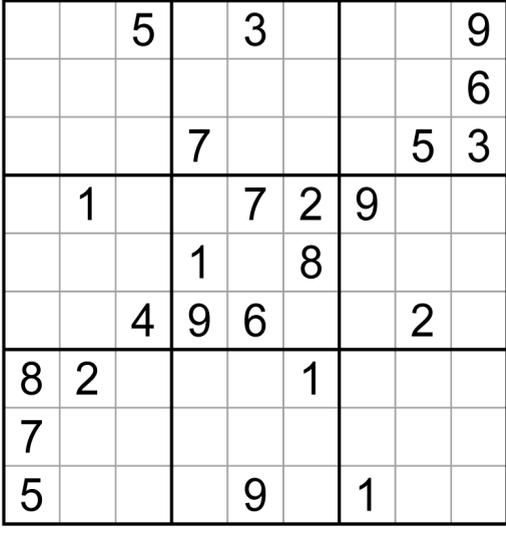
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HARD - 97

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.



Answers to last week's puzzles

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



Calendar

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Thurs., April 29

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

The Lower Shore Enterprises, Inc. will be bringing its large paper shredding truck to the ODCD parking lot located at the southeast corner of S. Philadelphia Avenue and Dorchester Street in downtown Ocean City. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Only paper products may be brought for shredding. Paper clips and staples are fine. Businesses bringing paper to shred are asked to provide a donation to the Lower Shore Enterprises. There is no charge for this service. Info: 410-289-7739.

ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS

Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of Zumba. This is a webinar style program, meaning you can practice your moves without being seen. Register: worcesterlibrary.org under events.

BIKERS WITHOUT BORDERS BIKE NIGHT

Greene Turtle West, 9616 Stephen Decatur Hwy, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Meet and greet your local bikers. Come have some food (for purchase), good times and great fellowship. Learn about the many volunteer activities and charitable organizations the members of Bikers Without Borders Foundation support. Please follow all established guidelines regarding social distancing and the wearing of face coverings. Joe Bauman, bikerswithoutbordersfoundation@gmail.com, 302-841-7696, <http://www.facebook.com/bikerswithoutbordersfoundation>

VIRTUAL THERAPEUTIC ART WORKSHOP

Self Portraits will be offered to Addiction Recovery Community free of charge, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Participants will create a self-portrait drawing through imagination and pencil-drawn spiral forms as a means of exploration and self-expression. All materials will be provided. Register: <https://flowcode.com/p/pbP09SGa>.

Fri., April 30

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Fridays - Columbus Hall, behind St. Luke's Church, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required while moving around inside. 410-524-7994

Sat., May 1

RIDE FOR THE FEAST

Ride for the Feast, 10659 Hiners Lane. Moveable Feast's largest fundraiser of the year, Ride for the Feast, will return this year with both an in-person one-day ride and virtual Move for the Feast option! The event raises critical funds to provide

healthy home-delivered meals for people experiencing food insecurity due life-threatening illness. Participants can ride 100, 62, or 40 miles along Maryland's Eastern Shore, or customize their own challenges from home via the Strava app. Visit rideforthe Feast.org to learn more and register, and help Moveable Feast meet its \$800,000 fundraising goal! Moveable Feast is an organization that raises donations for the preparation of meals, groceries, and nutritional counseling and services for men, women, and children who are living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other illnesses. Supporting 15 of Maryland's 24 counties, they provide a variety of services and programs, including meal delivery, community partner meals, medical nutrition therapy, medical transportation, and community gardens. Learn more at mfeast.org. Moveable Feast, info@mfeast.org, 4103273420, <https://rideforthe Feast.org/>

3RD ANNUAL MAY DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Participants will be placing beautiful baskets of fresh flowers in their front yards so that the judges from the Ocean Pines Garden Club can judge each entry, beginning at 9:30 AM. At approximately 1 p.m., certificates and ribbons will be delivered. All participants will receive certificates of appreciation and winners will receive ribbons.

FREE COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

The 14-mile ride will start at 4:00 PM at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, and then finish at the racquet center. Participants must be ages 12 and older and an experienced rider. Helmets are required. All participants will receive blinking bike safety lights and discounted treats from Sweet Shack. Register in advance: 410-641-7052. Day-of registrations starts at 3:30 p.m., at the site of the event.

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Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., May 2

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Sundays through September - Located in Downtown Berlin, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. This is a producers market only featuring produce, flowers, baked goods, art and homemade products. <https://www.berlinmainstreet.com/farmersmarket/>

BIKERS WITHOUT BORDERS BIKE BLESSING

Powellville Fire Hall, 5085 Powellville Rd, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Bikers Without

Borders Foundation would like to invite you to participate in our 2021 Annual Bike Blessing. The event will be led by our very own Chaplain Jeff "Buster" Bowden who will pray over and bless each individual motorcycle and rider/passenger. The blessing will be conducted in a manner to ensure everyone's safety in regards to Covid-19. We are asking attendees to socially distance and to wear facial coverings during the event. There is no entry fee but please bring non perishable food items that will be used for our food bank. Food will also be available for purchase to support the Powellville Volunteer Fire Company. Joe Bauman, bikerswithoutbordersfoundation@gmail.com, 302-841-7696, <http://www.facebook.com/bikerswithoutbordersfoundation>

Mon., May 3

OUTDOOR STORY TIME 'SEEDS AND PLANTS'

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 10:30 AM. Bring a blanket for an outdoor story time about seeds and plants. Weather permitting. Program-to-go seed planting kits will be distributed. For ages 2-5 years.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Meeting in-person and via conference call. Reservations required for in-person: Rose Champion, 443-880-8884. For call-in option, dial 605-472-5789, wait for voice command, then press 944874. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169.

AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting via conference call, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Dial 978-990-5451, wait for voice command, then press 3753651. Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Discussion and education related to diabetes is provided. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education, 410-208-9761

Tues., May 4

MIDDLE SCHOOL ZOOM BOOK CLUB

Meeting via Zoom, 11:00 AM. The group will be discussing the book, "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events. For ages 12-14 years.

NOTES ON THE BEACH: THE NEW BROADWAY

Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 PM. Learn the influence modern choreographers, special effects and the Disney phenomena had in creating new trends. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events.

Wed., May 5

NEW TEEN BOOKS

Held via Facebook, 10:30 AM. Join Miss Susan as she showcases some new books for teens. No registration required.

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Meeting via Zoom, 6:00 PM. Join Jen Dindinger, Watershed Restoration Specialist with UMD Sea Grant Extension, to learn about basic stormwater management practices and how to overcome some common barriers to installing them. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under events.

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ONGOING EVENTS

RESTAURANT WEEK

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Held on June 16 on the Newport Bay Course at Ocean City Golf Club. Proceeds benefit GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity). GOLD is seeking teams of golfers, sponsors and donors. For registration and information, call 410-474-3414 or go to www.WorcesterGOLD.org.

15TH ANNUAL FRANK CONLON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Held on June 10 at the Ocean City Golf Club. Cost per player is \$105 and includes greens fees, range balls, beverages, a continental breakfast and lunch. The format is a Captains Choice with prizes. Proceeds benefit the "Semper Fi & America's Fund." Register by text 410-430-7181, visit www.firststatemarines.org or email websergeant@firststatemarines.org.

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