



Pines directors vote 4-3 to re-do election

Rogers resigns from board, says threats, confrontations precipitated her decision

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 7, 2021) A contentious Ocean Pines Board of Directors meeting last Thursday resulted in a 4-3 vote to re-stage the 2021 election with three candidates — incumbent Frank Daly,

Stuart Lakernick and David Hardy.

The split-vote decision creates a new ballot without former candidate Rick Farr, who is suing the association in Worcester Circuit Court after initially being deemed eligible but was later disqualified to run for office.

Association President Larry Perrone, who attended the meeting virtually and told the other directors he might have been exposed to covid-19,

introduced the motion to hold the election again.

“We will not be taking comments on the litigation,” he said of the board’s involvement with Farr in court.

Former Director Slobodan Trendic said the situation is unfortunate for all parties, especially association members.

Trendic, noting that the bylaws and other governing documents don’t

necessarily agree on candidate eligibility, recommended the board adhere to association governing documents while considering the trio of motions being proposed.

“You’ve got to reflect on your own regulations as opposed to just voting based on your opinion,” he said.

Director Colette Horn said the current election debacle was not previously contemplated.

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Ocean Pines Elections Committee members, from left, Steve Habeger, Mary Ann Whitcomb, Bob Windsor and Carol Ludwig, listen to Association President Larry Perrone outline the recent 4-3 vote to re-do the contested board election during a meeting last Friday.

AGH committee to guide search for president

National firm will recruit candidates through fall

By Mallory Panuska
Staff Writer

(Oct. 7, 2021) Seven people are officially poised to vet the next person who will lead operations at Atlantic General Hospital and Health System.

According to a news release issued this week, hospital officials have named local health care and community professionals to a committee who will lead the search for Atlantic General’s next president and chief executive officer. The release said officials will hire a national search firm in the coming weeks, with a goal of assessing candidates through the fall.

“While the board of trustees will ultimately appoint our new president and chief executive officer, the search committee will be instrumental [in] shaping criteria for our candidates and in the review and assessment of applicants” Greg Shockley, the chairman of the Atlantic General Board of Trustees, said in the release.

“With the help of our search committee, we are committed to finding candidates who will lead our AGH caregivers in advancing our coordinated care system as an independent community hospital to provide access to quality care, personalized service

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Elections committee plans do-over

Perrone acknowledges Farr could appeal if he prevails in court case against board

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 7, 2021) Following a split board vote last Thursday in favor of re-staging the contested 2021 elec-

tion, the Ocean Pines Elections Committee convened the next day to hash out plans for the ensuing race.

Association President Larry Perrone told the committee about the 4-3 vote one day earlier to re-do the 2021 election without contested candidate Rick Farr.

“It’s not a new election,” he said.

The split-vote decision creates a

new ballot without Farr, who is suing the association in Worcester Circuit Court.

Farr was originally deemed eligible for the election in early May, but after property ownership status questions surfaced tied to a family trust, that determination was reversed on July 27.

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Perrone: bylaws give directors right to act

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“There really are no regulations that cover this situation,” she said.

Trendic argued Perrone’s motion to re-do the election violates association bylaws, which would require a minimum of four candidates for the two open seats.

“You’re picking and choosing what you will enforce and what you will not enforce,” he said.

Horn said the bylaws requirement for two more candidates than open positions only applies if there are sufficient eligible members to run.

Perrone noted bylaws grant the board the right to do what is necessary for the good of Ocean Pines.

Pines resident Tom Schwartz also opposed holding the election again.

“You shouldn’t do anything, and you should wait for the current situation to resolve itself,” he said. “Where you’re going at this moment is ahead of the ballgame.”

After voting 7-0 to rescind an earlier motion to count ballots, which was passed on July 30 and amended on Sept. 9, the board aired various perspectives on Perrone’s motion for a new contest.

Director Camilla Rogers, who in her role as association secretary deemed Farr ineligible on July 27 after originally approving his candidacy on May 11, said community feedback on the matter was extensive.

“In all candor, I would like to do the right thing, but I’m confused what the right thing is,” she said.

Observing that the court decision from Judge Sidney Campen could take time, Rogers asked OPA legal counsel Jeremy Tucker what options existed within association bylaws.

Tucker said holding the election anew is standard practice if potential irregularities existed.

“There are no ... perfect solutions,” he said. “None of what has transpired is contemplated by the bylaws.”

Director Tom Janasek said the Farr/board litigation could take months to resolve, with an election re-run also taking a comparable period.

“If in meantime if the judge rules Farr eligible, then we just spent \$20,000 doing an election that’s moot because at that point we count the old votes,” he said.

Janasek voiced support for a motion from Parks to count all previously cast ballots and deem votes for Farr ineligible.

“It’s time to count the votes we have and deem the election done if Rick is deemed ineligible,” he said.

Janasek said it was shameful how some community members disparaged Rogers and association staff for the unanticipated turn of events.

“Nobody did this on purpose,” he said.

Parks voiced opposition for the



Former Director Slobodan Trendic addresses the Ocean Pines Board during a special meeting last Thursday to plot next steps for the contested 2021 election.

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election do over based on cost, time and legal aspects at play.

“We already invested money in the first election,” he said.

Parks said it was vital to remember Farr’s litigation is still pending.

“We may get a judgment that says candidate Farr is eligible,” he said. “We need to account for that.”

Horn said both Janasek and Parks are looking to avoid making decisions based on assumptions about the court outcome.

“I feel either option does the same thing,” she said.

Horn expressed concern that re-running the election would establish precedent.

“I’m very loath to set a precedent of that nature,” she said.

Horn suggested the board look at tightening up the candidate validation process to avoid similar situations in the future.

The just concluded board contest should be deemed invalid, Horn said.

“There was kind of a tainting of the water in the midst of the election, so people’s minds changed about how they would have voted,” she said. “There were fewer choices later in the election.”

Horn also acknowledged the court could disagree with the association re-staging the election.

“We all want to do the right thing,” she said. “It’s not easy sitting up here to know what the right thing is because there are competing interests in this community.”

Horn said doing the election over leans more heavily to “doing the right thing.”

Parks said costs to count already cast votes would be significantly less than holding another contest.

“One solution will cost us expenses

and time,” he said. “Another solution would cost us some embarrassment if we had to unseat a director.”

Parks said “saving face” would be far cheaper than spending up to \$20,000 for another election.

Janasek also championed the ballot count option.

“We have ballots sitting in a box and my opinion is let’s count them up,” he said. “It’s not easy to get people to count.”

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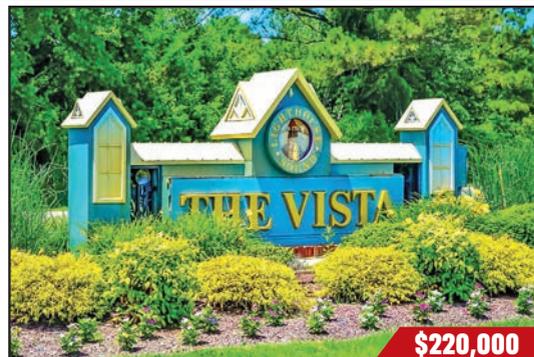
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Rogers says family, pets were threatened

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ple to run for this board.”

Perrone said financial impacts should not factor into the decision.

“It could be years until the issue is resolved,” he said. “I don’t think we can sit and do nothing.”

Perrone also agreed with Horn that earlier ballots were tainted after Farr’s eligibility came into question. Parks, however, disagreed.

“When Rogers initially qualified Farr, people took that and made a decision,” he said. “Those votes were cast legally.”

Parks said any muddying of the electoral process did not occur until after the contest was nearly completed.

“The election was not tainted from the get-go,” he said. “We made an egregious mistake and we have to correct it.”

Daly opted to vote in favor of holding another election despite being an involved party.

“Some people lost their vote and that’s why we need a new election,” he said.

Janasek then questioned Daly’s call to vote on the motion.

“Should Daly be able to vote on a motion that says he gets to run against one less candidate?” he said.

Tucker said there were no specific

legal statutes to prevent Daly from voting, but the move would likely be raised in future court proceedings.

“I can’t say you don’t have the right to vote,” he said. “Legally, it’s not the definition of conflict of interest, but my recommendation to Frank given pending litigation is to abstain from voting.”

Rogers expressed conflicting emotions.

“I feel an overwhelming need to heal the community,” she said. “When I can’t walk into the Food Lion without being accosted, there’s something horribly wrong.”

After passing Perrone’s election motion by a 4-3 vote, the board deadlocked 3-3 on Parks’ motion to hold an official ballot count.

Parks said his proposal was an attempt at transparency.

“It’s not the boards’ election, it’s the communities’ election,” he said. “Hiding the outcome, despite the fact there was some questions about eligibility ... obfuscates the whole issue,” he said.

Parks said Judge Campen made a “not so subtle hint,” he would like to see votes counted.

“I believe he thinks it is relevant,” he said. “If we continue to withhold this information, we are not acting in the best interest of the association

membership.”

Perrone, however, disagreed that Judge Campen ordered votes be counted.

“He made it clear he was not going to instruct Ocean Pines what to do,” he said. “In fact, his order just called for us to preserve the ballots.”

Parks agreed Campen’s order was to retain ballots.

“Probably because it would be relevant to count them as the case moves forward,” he said. “I also suspect if trial goes to discovery it will become public knowledge.”

Horn said the community has expressed a clear preference.

“I’ve heard from many people in the community ... would prefer we re-run with three eligible candidates,” he said. “I’m also hearing loud and clear ... that their sentiments have changed, and they want that reflected in the way they vote in a re-run election.”

Parks questioned Horn’s take on public sentiment.

“I’ve talked to people as well and there’s two sentiments that are clear,” he said. “We want this over as soon as possible and don’t care who wins.”

Parks also countered Perrone’s claim regarding ballot counting.

“I didn’t say the judge told us to count the votes, but he hinted the

votes probably should be counted,” Parks said. “He said, ‘I can not tell you what to do, it’s your business, but do the right thing.’”

Janasek said the hundreds of residents he’s spoken to have not backed re-staging the election.

“The people I talked to ... state they wanted the election ballots counted and the thing over,” he said.

The board voted 3-3 on Parks motion, with Daly abstaining after voting on the previous measures.

Opposing the ballot count motion were Directors Frank Brown, Horn and Perrone.

Tucker said despite the failure to approve the vote count motion, the court has ordered all ballots be preserved in a secure location.

At the conclusion of the meeting Rogers announced her resignation from the board.

“This has been very difficult for my family,” she said.

In addition to being accosted in public, Rogers said angry residents threatened her family and pets.

“I would ask the community to examine how you treat the board moving forward,” she said. “We’re volunteers and we make mistakes.”

The board has scheduled a meeting on Oct. 11 to discuss replacements for Rogers seat.

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Parks Commission walks through Henry Park

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 7, 2021) Berlin Parks Commission members and town staff conducted a walk-through inspection of Henry Park during its meeting last Tuesday.

Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen and Public Works Superintendent Jimmy Charles took lead roles during the site review of the 3.5 acre greenspace located at 123 Flower Street.

Charles said work is underway to revamp the park basketball courts, including a multi-color painting scheme being completed by volunteers with We Heart Berlin.

Charles said public works crews recently confirmed that newly acquired bounce pads fit court parameters, with backboards and rims also slated for replacement.

Commission members also inspected playground equipment, including a tot lot intended for ages 2-5.

Charles said the children's slide and climbing apparatus were power washed earlier this year.

"It's older but still in good shape overall," he said.

The equipment dates to 2005 and was funded through the Community Parks and Playgrounds program.

Commission members considered installing new lower-hanging swing seats after concluding the present height is challenging for young children.

The group also inspected an even larger multi-function playset intended for children over 5 years old.

In addition to picnic and playgrounds areas, Henry Park also features a garden patch by the fence bordering Route 113.

Charles said the greenery section needs attention.

"When I look at it, I can see it's overgrown," he said.

Bohlen said the assortment of native plants was in-



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Berlin Parks Commission members, from left, Laura Stearns, Patricia Dufendach and Bruce Hyder accompany Public Works Superintendent Jimmy Charles and Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen for an inspection of Henry Park last Tuesday.

stalled by the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

"We're not supposed to have to do anything," she said.

"One of the things with projects like that is emphasized when these groups want to come in is, they would have to maintain it."

Commission members agreed a mulching and weeding schedule should be established to thin growth.

Bohlen advised commission members to communicate what resources are required to address site needs to the mayor and Town Council.

Turning to upcoming events, Bohlen highlighted a

"Glow Walk," scheduled on Nov. 5.

The outdoor activity is being hosted by the Parks Commission and produced in conjunction with the Worcester County Health Department's "Just Walk Worcester," program.

The free walk event, which starts and ends in Stephen Decatur Park, gets underway at 5 p.m.

Bohlen said up to 10 volunteers are sought to staff various points along the 4.5 kilometer walk and guide participants.

The next Parks Commission meeting is scheduled on Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m.

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Berlin resets Ethics Commission members

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 7, 2021) New faces were added to Berlin's three-member Ethics Commission following a swearing-in ceremony conducted by Mayor Zach Tyndall during the Town Council meeting on Sept. 27.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood, who serves as commission staff liaison, said new members Brian Robertson, Tom Sholtis and Mary Velong have been installed for three-year terms.

"The three former members resigned," he said.

Fleetwood said members Jane Bridgel, Bill Burke and Milt Warren opted to leave the fold after each serving for roughly a dozen years.

"All three have indicated they enjoyed being members and found the experience rewarding," he said.

Ethics members, who are appointed by the mayor with approval from the Town Council, are restricted from running for or holding elected positions while serving.

Fleetwood said the fresh slate was appointed after applying and being



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Berlin Ethics Commission members, from left, Brian Robertson, Mary Velong and Tom Sholtis are inducted for three-year terms by Mayor Zach Tyndall during the Town Council meeting on Sept. 27.

interviewed for the roles.

"An alternate member is allowed but has not been appointed at this time," he said.

Town Attorney David Gaskill is tasked to assist with commission duties.

An Ethics Commission chairperson is selected annually by group members for a one-year term.

"One of the main things the commission does every year are financial disclosure statements," he said.

Ethics Commission meetings are held as needed, with one annual requirement each fall to review financial disclosures from elected officials, required town staff and select board or commission members.

"They don't meet too often," he

said.

Under Berlin Town Code the Ethics Commission is required to certify with the Maryland Ethics Commission that the municipality is in compliance with general provisions by Oct. 1 each year.

Members are eligible for re-appointment at the conclusion of each three-year term.

Pair of Pines staff members test positive for coronavirus

(Oct. 7, 2021) Two Ocean Pines Association employees recently positive for covid-19, the association reported this week. A second aquatics department staff member tested positive last week.

"The employee has not returned to work and will not until it is safe to do so consistent with CDC protocols," according to OPA General Manager John Viola. "We notified the local health department of the situation and will cooperate fully with public health officials. In addition to reporting the positive test to the health department, we were able to determine who had close contact with the employee in question and communicated directly with those individuals.

We understand the employee had no close contact with residents.

Because of the second positive case in aquatics, the OPA Sports Core Pool will be closed for 10 days and will reopen on Oct. 9 and an extensive disinfecting process is conducted.

In addition, an employee of the golf maintenance department also recently tested positive.

"The employee has not returned to work and will not until it is safe to do so consistent with CDC protocols," Viola said. "We notified the local health department of the situation and will cooperate fully with public health officials. We understand the employee had no close contact with employees or residents."



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Election planning begins as court proceedings continue

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After Circuit Court Judge Sidney Campen issued a postponement during a motion hearing last Monday, the board held a special meeting three days later to consider several election-related motions.

Prior to narrowly approving the new election, the board voted unanimously to rescind an earlier motion to count the ballots of the preceding contest.

Perrone attended the meeting on Friday as a temporary board liaison following the resignation of former committee representative Camilla Rogers one day earlier.

Despite proposing the new election, Perrone said the court proceedings continue.

"We don't know what will happen," he said.

Perrone also acknowledged that Farr could appeal the election results if the court declares he should have been eligible.

"Our feeling is it won't be quick," he said. "Discovery scheduling and taking depositions could take months."

Perrone also noted association insurance deductibles would cap legal fees at \$25,000.

Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said the task at hand was developing an election plan.

"On one hand it's easy, on the other hand it's very difficult," he said.

Habeger said the ballot mailing list used in July would be replicated, along with any updated addresses.

After asking the board to issue a letter by Monday to direct the committee's actions, Habeger said the group would begin preparing new ballots and mailers.

"I would like an Oct. 15 goal for posting packages," he said.

Habeger said the target date might be slightly delayed but should still provide a six-week window for a ballot deadline on Dec. 4.

The committee agreed to meet on Oct. 8 to complete election materials.

Habeger said assembling mailings would require roughly five days and print production time would need to be confirmed.

To eliminate any confusion between the "old and new" election process, different opaque envelope colors will be selected, with all materials marked "re-do."

"It will send a message 'this is different,'" he said.

AGH committee to oversee president recruiting effort

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and education to care for the residents of and visitors to our community."

The position opened suddenly on Sept. 3 when longtime President and CEO Michael Franklin abruptly left. Hospital officials did not provide any other details about Franklin's departure, just simply that his last day was Sept. 3.

Franklin served in the leadership role for nearly 17 years.

When Franklin left, the hospital board appointed Dr. Sally Dowling, the current vice president of medical affairs, to serve as president; and Kim Justice, the vice president of planning and operations, as CEO.

According to the release, the members of the recently appointed search committee are Charlotte Cathell, the

secretary of the board of trustees and a member of the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation serving as chairwoman; trustee board member Aaron Finney, who also serves on the finance and information technology steering committees; Dr. Oswaldo Nicastró from Atlantic General Primary Care in Ocean Pines; And West McCabe, a registered nurse and director of emergency services at AGH; Dr. Stephen Waters, a primary care physician at Townsend Medical Center in Ocean City; Janet Mengal, a past president and current board member with the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary; Jonathan Bauer, the vice president of information systems at the hospital; and Michael Marshall, the president and CEO of Marshall Hotels & Resorts in Salisbury.

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Car enthusiasts flood Main Street in May during the Cruisin' Berlin gathering which returns for an autumn run this Sunday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cruisin' Berlin steers back to Main Street this Saturday

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 7, 2021) Main Street in Berlin will be shut down on Saturday to display hotrods, muscle cars and vintage vehicles during the semi-annual "Cruisin' Berlin," event that takes place from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vehicle registration is \$10 and submitted on arrival with Main Street parking reserved for Cruisin' participants.

The Berlin Chamber of Commerce sponsors the event, which also will feature music, trivia and prizes.

Berlin Chamber Deputy Director Steve Frene said the annual car show returned in full force this May after throttled back last autumn because of the pandemic.

"It was the first of the events we held on a scaled-back version," he said.

While last October the gear-head gathering was at half speed, this weekend will rev back up.

"This will be a full-on event," he said.

On tap to provide musical accompaniment and conduct trivia contest is DJ Papodowop.

Frene said the Cruisin' event last October drew roughly 100 muscle cars.

"In May, we were up to 300 cars and hope for the same this weekend," he said. "We're looking for a record attendance."

Frene said the event gives an opportunity for car enthusiasts to talk shop, while the autumn timeframe provides those less interested in engine chatter a first glance at newly arrived fall fashions at numerous Berlin boutiques and merchants.

"For many people it's the first weekend of Christmas shopping," he said.

The fall installment of Cruisin' Berlin also draws a crowd of out-of-town visitors lured in for one last shindig as summer drifts into memory.

Vehicle registration is available on a first come, first served basis with Cruisers restricted from departing parking spaces until 2 p.m. for safety reasons.

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Showell Elementary annual Fall Festival this Saturday

(Oct. 7, 2021) Showell Elementary will host its annual PTA sponsored Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 9, on school grounds from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The family friendly event is open to the public. Children's wristbands will be sold at the door for \$20 and include unlimited access to all activities, hayrides, games, touch a truck, petting zoo, inflatable obstacle course, pirate ship bounce house, dunk tank, Scholastic book fair.

There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50 raffle, as well as carnival games, a moon bounce, balloon animals, candy, and prizes.

Raffle tickets will be available up until the drawing at 2 p.m. Must be present to win 50/50 raffle only; raf-

file basket winners will be contacted via phone.

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Wor. Arts Council Gallery highlights Ewers and Hall

(Oct. 7, 2021) The Worcester County Arts Council will feature two local artists and gallery members, Charlie Ewers and Rudelle Fay Hall, in October.

Exhibited artwork is on display until Oct. 31 in the Worcester County Arts Council's Gallery, located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. All artwork is available for sale.

The Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet the artists during an open-to-public reception on Friday, Oct. 8, from 5-7 p.m.

Selected pieces of artwork, donated by each of the featured artists, will be offered in a silent auction this month to benefit the Worcester County Arts Council's scholarship program. Visitors are encouraged to stop by to place their bids.

In addition to the featured artists' exhibit, various media artwork by more than 25 artists and Co-Op members is also on the gallery display.

For further information about October Featured Artists, visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org

For more information, contact Anna Mullis, executive director, at anna@worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council 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.

OPA Board meeting Oct. 11 weighs replacing directors

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 7, 2021) Membership changes are looming on the Ocean Pines Board, as an Oct. 11 special meeting was announced Tuesday to consider removing Director Tom Janasek and replacing recently resigned Director Camilla Rogers.

At the conclusion of last Thursday's special meeting on how to proceed following the contested 2021 board election, Rogers announced her resignation and said it was due to the personal abuse she was subjected to by members of the community after then candidate Rick Farr was disqualified in late July.

Rogers attracted the ire of numerous residents due to her role as association secretary tasked with oversight of candidate qualifications.

Janasek landed on the hotspot because of an email chain that Director Collette Horn deemed offensive following the meeting on Sept. 30.

Director Doug Parks took issue with board President Larry Perrone, who attended the Sept. 30 meeting virtually because of his recent exposure to coronavirus. Despite that, he

was seen directly afterwards consorting with Horn.

After questioning the duo being spotted having a drink outside the Golf Clubhouse at the conclusion of the meeting, Horn replied around 6:30 p.m. to "clear up speculation."

"I own the fact that I asked [Perrone] if I could buy him a drink on the clubhouse patio," she wrote.

Horn characterized Perrone as a "friend," and source of support and collaboration.

Janasek retorted within minutes.

"Are you serious, I'm sharing this email with the press," he wrote. "How deep are you up Larry's a—?"

Horn responded, "be sure that you also share with the press your vulgar and inappropriate email to me."

Perrone chimed in that if Parks or Janasek wanted to publicize the email exchange to "have at it."

The Oct. 11 meeting agenda includes a motion by Horn to remove Janasek, along with a motion from Perrone to enter closed session to discuss potential replacement directors.

The board is also slated to appoint a new association secretary to fill the void left by Rogers.

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Pines owners' survey quickly tops 1K mark

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 7, 2021) Returns are rolling in quick for the Ocean Pines property owners' survey with more than 1,200 responses received in less than three weeks.

On Sept. 15, the board of directors approved disseminating the 15-question survey developed by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Committee Co-Chairman Bernie McGorry said initial community response has been solid.

"We're off to a great start," he said. "They're coming in better-than-expected."

McGorry had previously set a minimum benchmark of 1,000 responses with equal representation from full and part-time residents.

"We're probably 40 short of part-time people," he said. "We want to get up to 500."

Despite eclipsing the thousand threshold, McGorry encouraged all Pines residents to complete the online survey, which is also available in hard copy, before the Nov. 15 deadline.

"We'd like to hear from everybody," he said. "I don't want somebody to think, 'They already met their goal, so I don't need to fill out the survey.'"

While the bulk of surveys have been completed digitally, hard copies are

also being distributed.

"If they want a hard copy, it's available," he said.

McGorry said several thousand survey "reminder business cards" featuring a phone-scan QR code have been printed and placed at multiple locations, including the Sports Core Pool, Yacht Club, Golf Course, Ocean Pines Library, the Administration Building and Community Center.

"That was my attempt at trying to get it where families might be showing up," he said.

Additionally, a tally of 300 hard copies have been split between the Administration Building, the CPI office and the Parke with collection boxes at each site.

"If they prefer, they could ask for a hard copy and we'll send it to them," he said.

Pending marketing efforts include the upcoming edition of the Ocean Pines Newsletter, which will feature a survey phone-scan QR code on the front cover.

McGorry said newsletters would be arriving in the next several weeks.

"We think we'll get a good response, particularly from the part-timers, off of that," he said.

The rate of response has exceeded the committee's initial estimates.

"We didn't know we would get this

quick of a response," he said. "We set the deadline for Nov. 15, so there's plenty of time."

McGorry said survey data would help current and future board members understand areas of highest community interest.

"It helps you to prioritize what's most important," he said. "Should the board or community focus on spending money on infrastructure or amenities?"

In terms of amenities, McGorry said the next consideration would be either funding improvements to existing offerings or exploring new options.

"I'm starting to see some results already that it seems there was an emphasis on improving current amenities versus emphasizing looking at new," he said. "We tried to list what new amenities they might be interested in."

While still yet to top the number of responses for the last community survey in 2018, the current effort is on pace to accrue greater numbers at a lower cost.

"The previous survey had 1,800 people, but it was all hard copy and they mailed it out," he said. "We're doing this at a fraction of the cost because most of it's online."

McGorry also believes the data will be put to use, unlike what happened in 2018, when the information was gathered and, apparently, ignored.

"When the last survey was done, it took them forever to do and they didn't really do much with it," he said. "I'll give you my word, something's going to be done with it."

To access the survey, visit survey-monkey.com/r/OPPropertyOwnerSurvey.



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Police investigating Furnace Town vandalism

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 7, 2021) Authorities are investigating a case of vandalism and theft that sacked the Furnace Town Historic Site north of Snow Hill, causing its closure for the duration of its tourist season.

On Sept. 22, state troopers responded to a report of theft and malicious destruction of property at Furnace Town, according to a statement from the Maryland State Police. "According to a preliminary investigation, the front gate to the property was open, glass on the back door of the gift shop had been shattered and the power appeared to be turned off," the statement read.

Six buildings — the blacksmith shop, broom house, museum, church, woodworkers shop and visitor center — sustained damage and \$250 from a cash register and donation box was taken.

The furnace itself was not harmed. "It's heartbreaking. It's shocking. It's senseless," said Furnace Town Executive Director Claudia Nagle. "But I'm guessing that a lot of people may say that when their property is victimized in that way. Sometimes you can say, 'Oh they did it because of the money or they wanted it for this piece of art,' but this doesn't seem to

have any rhyme or reason. It's just devastation and damage to an historic site. It's our heritage."

Nagle estimated that the damages could eclipse \$30,000, owing to the niche market for historical-item repairs. Some of the property damaged dates back to the 18th century.

"You can't just pop in a window from Lowe's or Home Depot," Nagle said. "The repairs are pretty expensive."

The damage and forced closure have left Furnace Town in an even more precarious situation than it was left with because of the covid-19 pandemic.

Fortunately, Nagle said, they will be able to go on with a planned, family-friendly Halloween event on Oct. 23 and the weddings they've scheduled since those are outdoor events, but it's a setback nonetheless.

"It has really cut our season short," Nagle said. "This is one of our busiest times."

The police investigation is not going to have the benefit of surveillance footage to review, either.

"It's difficult because we don't have high-speed internet out here," Nagle said. "We do have security but we are restricted in terms of how much we have and can have, but we're looking for ways to address



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Furnace Town Historic Site north of Snow Hill was vandalized in late September, leaving six buildings with significant damage. Authorities are currently investigating the incident that Furnace Town officials are estimating will cost \$30,000 or more to repair.

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Though the investigation is pending, Nagle said her hunch was that it wasn't a case of delinquent teenagers having a laugh.

"It really doesn't make a lot of sense, but we don't have any leads right now," she said. "(The police) have the crimes investigation unit here. They took fingerprints and all kinds of things because of the scope of the damage ... it was extensive damage. They were on the property

for a significant period of time. It just seems like a little more than just a kid prank."

Furnace Town volunteer Eddie Dean is offering a \$1,000 reward for anyone who offers information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the incident. It can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/eddie.dean.908>.

The Worcester County Bureau of Investigations has taken over the case from the Maryland State Police.

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The Worcester County Commissioners gave the Stephen Decatur Middle School addition project the final blessing needed before construction can start next month. The project will add 12 classrooms, four science labs and prep rooms, restrooms, lockers and additional storage space, as well as doing away with nine portable classrooms. Construction is expected to wrap up in December 2022.

Decatur Middle project gets county blessing

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 7, 2021) The Worcester County Commissioners approved the bids and project construction costs for the Stephen Decatur Middle School addition on Tuesday, the final step before the project can begin.

“We’re very excited that this addition will be moving forward with the commissioners’ unanimous approval today,” said Louis Taylor, superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools.

Construction can break ground on

the 25,000-square-foot, \$11.09 million project in November and completion is estimated by December 2022.

The addition to the Berlin school passed through multiple pre-construction phases, most recently receiving bid approval from the Worcester County Board of Education in September. In July, the commissioners approved a steel bid package for the project.

The project will also receive \$4.8 million in funding from the Maryland Interagency Commission on School Construction, which was announced

in May, according to a memo to the commissioners from Taylor.

While no commissioner opposed the project, Commissioner President Joe Mitrecic lamented the cost of the project, considering that it would have only cost around \$1 million had the addition been a part of the original school design.

In 1997, when the school was built, a group of petitioners effectively put the additional square footage on ice.

“So we can thank that group who petitioned us for adding \$10 million to the cost?” Mitrecic asked Taylor.

The superintendent replied it wasn’t his place to say.

Afterward, Taylor was optimistic that the school will realize its full potential by adding 12 classrooms, four science labs and prep rooms, restrooms, lockers and additional storage space, as well as doing away with nine portable classrooms.

“While we wish the initial construction of the school met the enrollment needs for the region, we are not looking back, but forward, as we design the space to better reflect the workspaces today’s students need,” Taylor said.

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SpaceX launch homecoming of sorts for Zender

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 7, 2021) After spending the past year shuttling SpaceX Inspiration4 crew members around the country for astronaut training, Ocean Pines resident Kurt Zender, a corporate pilot employed by billionaire space-flight sponsor Jared Isaacman, relived childhood memories of Cape Canaveral rocket launches when he attended liftoff for the first all-civilian orbital mission last month.

Isaacman chartered the SpaceX flight, which blasted skyward from the Kennedy Space Center on Sept. 15, to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Selected to accompany Isaacman were Hayley Arcenaux, a physician assistant at St. Jude's and childhood bone-cancer survivor, Chris Sembroski, an aerospace data engineer, and geoscientist Sian Proctor.

Following an initial donation of \$100 million by Isaacman, the three-day space flight that reached altitudes topping 360 miles, has to this point raised roughly \$160 million for the world-renowned cancer institute.

Zender, a 30-year aviation veteran who began flying for Isaacman in 2009, was inspired to shoot for the sky by his father, Fred, who worked for NASA and took him to witness Space Shuttle sendoffs at Kennedy Space Center.

"He was contracted from RCA to NASA and ran tracking stations," he said.

When not traveling on assignments at NASA tracking stations along coastlines in the Atlantic and Pacific, Fred Zender would occasionally bring his son to Cape Canaveral.

"All my friend's fathers worked for NASA," he said. "As a kid, I remember looking at that shuttle runway and thinking I wanted to be able to take off."

Zender and his family relocated from Atlanta, Georgia to Ocean Pines in 2008. The following year, he was hired by Isaacman's flight charter company, 26 North Aviation, to train pilots on the newly leased Gulfstream G100 twin-engine business jet.

"When I first met him, we were going to fly, just the two of us," he said.

Isaacman, also a seasoned pilot with thousands of air hours, invited Zender to hop onboard a Russian fighter-trainer jet without disclosing the pair was part of a larger death-defying public display.

"It turned out it wasn't just us, it was an airshow team," he said.

Isaacman is CEO of Shift4 Payments, a payment-processing com-

pany handling \$200 billion annually with \$300 million in revenues, which was started in 1999 as United Bank Card.

In 2012, Isaacman co-founded Draken International to train U.S. military pilots. Headquartered in Florida, Draken's fleet of fighter jets is among the largest privately owned collections worldwide.

During the past decade, Zender has globetrotted repeatedly while flying Isaacman to points far and wide, including a mountaineering expedition in Antarctica.

"You're literally landing on a glacier and it moves 60 meters a year," he said. "Every year we have to get new coordinates for the end of the runway."

Zender said Isaacman hatched plans for the recently completed civilian mission during a phone call with SpaceX on an unrelated topic over a year ago.

"He was on a call with SpaceX ... and he just mentioned, 'Hey, if you guys ever want to send a civilian crew in, I'm on board,'" he said. "They said, 'You know, we are thinking about that.'"

In 2002, Tesla automaker Elon Musk founded aerospace manufacturer Space Exploration Technologies [SpaceX] to minimize space travel costs in hopes of colonizing Mars.

The recent SpaceX civilian-flight plans were kept under wraps until



PHOTO COURTESY JEANNE ZENDER

Kurt and Jeanne Zender are joined by their sons, Kolten, 15, and Vaughn, 17, during liftoff for the SpaceX Inspiration4 orbital mission on Sept. 15.

they were revealed in a Super Bowl commercial in February.

"It was pretty tight-lipped," he said. "I didn't know."

Once word was out, Zender was quickly enlisted to help during months-long pre-flight preparations.

"We were basically running the astronauts around to all the different facilities to train," he said. "They trained just like the astronauts did in the sixties."

Zender said the four-member crew spent the entire time from flight announcement to commencement preparing for high altitudes.

"They were in a simulator for three straight days where they didn't get out because they were simulating the actual launch, orbits and splash-down," he said.

Although completed on an expedited time schedule, the Inspiration4 training regiment was identical to NASA astronaut preparations, Zender said.

"There's no difference between the training except that it would be more difficult for them because they don't have some of that aeronautical background," he said.

For Zender, being in the employ of a philanthropist businessman provides intangibles beyond monetary considerations.

"I'm helping him and he's helping people," he said. "It's very humbling"

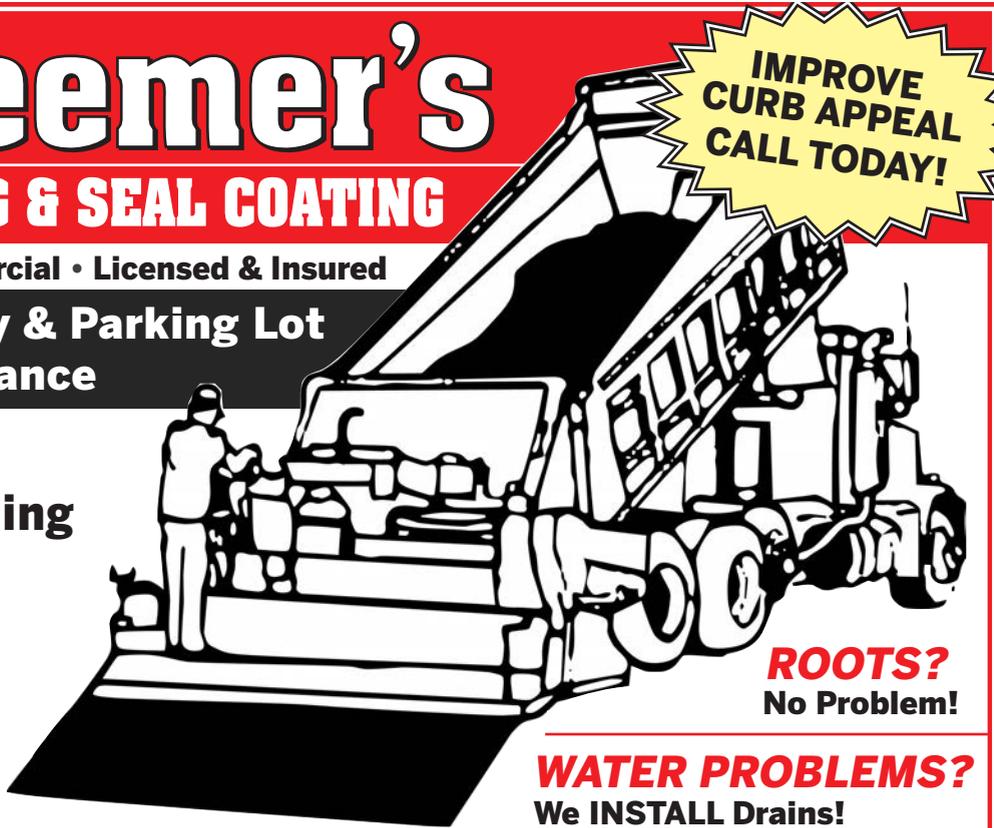
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Inspiration4 crew assisted in prep by Pines resident

Continued from Page 14 working for him.”

Isaacman’s recent \$100 million donation to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is the latest in a long line of charitable ventures.

“When he was teenager, as soon as he made some money, he started giving back,” he said. “I want to work with somebody like that because he’s just a good human.”

Aware that he might be able to earn more because of his flying skills, Zender prefers to remain under Isaacman’s wing.

“I know there’s places where I could go and make more money, but I really enjoy the flying, working for him and the fact that I could be part of something that is making a difference in the world,” he said.

Zender replicated his earlier father-son bonding experiences last month when his wife, Jeanne, and teenage sons Vaughn, 17, and Kolten, 15, attended the Inspiration4 blastoff.

“It was sort of an amazing thing as a kid with a dream about that and sort of a closure thing,” he said. “I’ve been there for launches with my dad and here I was at a launch with my boss.”



Kurt Zender adds commentary to an Inspiration4 crew poster, which is eventually destined for the Smithsonian Museum, during the liftoff ceremony at Cape Canaveral on Sept. 15.

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Community Briefs

Dean’s list

Several Worcester County residents were named to the dean’s list for their respective colleges or universities.

Full-time Southern New Hampshire University students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the dean’s list, and include Christian Davenport and Taylor Hershey, both of Berlin.

Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences recently announced that Brianna Wesche has been named to the dean’s list for the spring semester.

Wesche is a native of Berlin, and is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy.

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Worcester GOLD looks to fill VAULT

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She will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus in 2026.

The dean's list recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

Gavin Hentschel of Berlin, is among the nearly 1,100 cadets and students recognized for their academic achievements during the spring semester at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina.

The dean's list is a recognition given to cadets and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.20 or higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete) and no grade below C for work in a semester.

New students

James Madison University, located in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, recently welcomed the class of 2025 to campus, including Taylor Barrett of Ocean City and Alyson Thiel of Ocean Pines.

The incoming freshman class represents an accomplished, diverse group of individuals who hail from 35 states, the District of Columbia and 11 countries around the world.

Nonprofit seeks donations for 'Vast Amount of Useful Little Things' to aid clients

(Oct. 7, 2021) Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is seeking donations to fill its VAULT (Vast Amount of Useful Little Things).

GOLD's VAULT is located in the Worcester County Department of Social Services where its community partners, who are caseworkers in the county, can grab basic needs items for infants and children, vulnerable adults, children in foster care, those who are homeless, and families living with low-income.

GOLD stocks new items to meet the urgent needs of those it serves. These items are available at no cost thanks to the graciousness of the community.

Those interested in donating new items to GOLD's VAULT should visit www.WorcesterGOLD.org or email worcestercountygold@gmail.com.

Worcester County G.O.L.D., Inc. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, provides financial aid and basic needs items for



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Nonprofit agency Worcester GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) is requesting community support to fill its stockpile of basic needs items for children and vulnerable adults.

Worcester County residents living in poverty and low-income circumstances.

It believes no member of the community should suffer without access to basic needs like housing, utilities, food, clothing, and items for children and vulnerable adults.

In addition to emergency services,

GOLD offers special programs like summer activities for At-Risk Youth, school supplies for students, Thanksgiving turkey meals, and Helping Hands for the Holidays.

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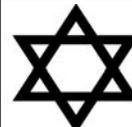
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Wor. Arts Council Grants Committee seeks applicants

(Oct. 7, 2021) The Worcester County Arts Council Grants Review Committee is seeking applicants for local art events and projects to be held in Worcester County for the period of Jan. 1 to June 30, 2022.

The Worcester County Arts Council's Community Arts Development Grants program is designed to assist local, nonprofit community-based groups to produce and present arts activities in Worcester County.

This program is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council.

The deadline for applications submission is Oct. 15.

In the first six-month grant cycle, the Worcester County Arts Council has awarded \$26,924 in the Community Arts Development Grants program to 10 art projects and events to be presented by local nonprofit organizations in Worcester County.

Application form and grant guidelines are available on the Arts Council's website, www.worcestercountyartsCouncil.org.

For grant technical assistance, contact Anna Mullis, executive director at

anna@worcestercountyartsCouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council 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.

Pines Holiday Craft Fair held Nov. 6

Annual Winter Wonderland event slated for Community Center beginning at 9 a.m.

(Oct. 7, 2021) The Pine'er Craft Club will hold its 10th annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

The event is free and open to the public.

"We are excited to host the event this year after having to cancel in 2020, because of the covid-19 pandemic," Nancy Burkett, the event chairperson, said.

Local crafters and many Craft Club members will be there to display and sell their wares.

"We have a wide variety of items, many with a holiday theme, including jewelry, pottery, paintings, soap and bath products, pet products, American doll clothes, candles, stained glass, pillows, and cross-stitched items," Burkett said. "All items are handcrafted and make wonderful gifts for the holidays."

"We'll also have some unusual, one-of-a-kind things," she continued. "We'll have fabric decorated plates, quilted items, gourd houses, wood-carved ducks and birds, and so much more."

The event will also feature local artists such as Jim Adcock, who is well known for painting landscape scenes of Ocean Pines, Berlin, Ocean City and other surrounding areas.

Burkett recommended that shoppers come early, as many items sell out quickly.

"This is a popular event, so the earlier the better," she said. "We'll also have a bake sale of all home-made goodies. The bake sale is usually sold out by noon!"

Additionally, breakfast and lunch items will be available for sale by the Kiwanis Club.

The Pine'er Craft Club will donate proceeds from the Winter Wonderland Holiday Craft Fair back to the Ocean Pines community. Active since 1974, the Craft Club has donated more than \$170,000 to groups like Ocean Pines' Recreation and Parks, Police and Fire departments, and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.



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Eagle Scouts installed by American Legion

Pair of Troop 261 members honored during induction ceremony after covid delay

(Oct. 7, 2021) In 2019, two local young men achieved the coveted Eagle Scout rank of the Boy Scouts of America.

Then, in early 2020 when covid hit, Kurt Leinemann of Ocean City, and Gabriel Bradley of Ocean Pines, could not be installed as Eagle Scouts with the formal ceremony that normally is held for the occasion.

Finally, on Aug. 22, Leinemann, now 19, and Bradley, 20, of Boy Scout Troop 261, were celebrated during a two-hour Eagle Scout Court of Honor at American Legion Post 166, in Ocean City.

The Post is a sponsor of the troop and supports it with monetary donations and the use of its facilities for programs such as the Eagle Scout ceremony.

The main hall of the post was packed with well over 100 family, friends, scouts and members of the American Legion post, to witness the ceremony.

Among them was Jeorg Leinemann, Kurt's father, one of the scout



Eagle Scouts Gabriel Bradley of Ocean Pines, left, and Kurt Leinemann of Ocean City, were recently recognized during a ceremony at the American Legion Post 166, in Ocean City.

leaders present at the proceedings and the first scout in Troop 261 to have earned Eagle Scout status.

Helping to install the two young men was their Scoutmaster, Kenny Nichols, who announced at the event

that he was stepping down from the post after leading the troop since 2008.

Nichols was born and raised in Ocean City and now lives in Salisbury. He was honored by the two new Eagle Scouts when they were given an opportunity as part of the program to recognize with a special pin a mentor who was pivotal in their lives. Both chose Nichols.

Leinemann is a graduate of Worcester Prep in Berlin and is now attending the University of Maryland, College Park. Bradley is a Stephen Decatur alumnus who is taking classes at Wor-Wic Community College. Both have been a member of Troop 261 since 2012.

As part of the ceremony, the two Scouts received numerous accolades from elected officials. Gov. Larry Hogan sent a message and proclamations were presented to them from State Sen. Mary Beth Carozza, Del. Wayne Hartman, and U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen.

The Vietnam Veterans of America also presented them with its National Eagle Scout Medal, created in 2019 in response to periodic requests from scouting for a tribute to Eagle Scouts on behalf of Vietnam veterans.

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Semper Fi Bike Ride hits Ocean City Oct. 17

Second annual Boardwalk fundraiser hosted by First State Marine Corps League

(Oct. 7, 2021) The second annual Semper Fi Bike Ride will take place on Sunday, Oct. 17 on the Ocean City Boardwalk.

Staging for the ride will start at 8 a.m. in the south end of the Ocean City inlet parking lot, and riders can register as late as 11 a.m.

The First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League is inviting the whole community to come out in support of this nonprofit fundraising event.

Bring a bike or rent one from Bike World on Caroline Street.

Riders can decorate their bikes in a fun way. There are prizes for the oldest, youngest bike rider and best decorated bike.

It is not a race, but a fun family friendly ride, which will run from the inlet to the end of the Boardwalk at 27th Street and back.

This fundraiser is a patriotic ride to support the Semper Fi & America's Fund that benefits combat wounded and critically ill veterans and their families. Riders of all levels are invited to join.

This year's ride has been expanded to embrace the serious cyclist. Avid riders will be able to do a 40-mile ride and/or a 63-mile ride from the Ocean City inlet to the Indian River inlet and beyond to Gordons Pond and back.

Along the route there will be hydration station with support staff for the riders. Once again, this is a ride not a race, and participants can do it at their pace.

Visit BikeReg.com and click on Semper Fi Bike ride to learn more.

This event promotes physical fitness, along with Ocean City being a bike friendly community. Before and after the

ride there will be music and games.

Electric Bike riders are welcome to participate, and there will be a specific route for them.

To register and for more information on the Boardwalk ride, visit www.firststatemarines.com. Riders that sign up for this event online or on site will receive two tickets for a \$3,000 Electric Bike Give away.

Registration/donation for this event is tax deductible.

For more information, email websergeant@firststatemarines.org or call Bob Broderick at 410-353-0033.

FY22 Mini-Grants through Beach to Bay Heritage Area

(Oct. 7 2021) Beach to Bay Heritage Area announces guidelines and criteria for the FY22 Mini-Grant program. Made possible through financial support from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, BBHA mini-grants assist local heritage-related nonprofit organizations in developing new heritage and preservation-related programs, activities, products and events.

Maximum mini-grant awards capped at \$2,500. Visit the Mini Grants page at www.beachesbayswaterways.org for the application, guidelines and more information.

If an applicant is new to the mini-grant program, a workshop will be offered, which will be a requirement to the grant.

BBHA matching mini-grants program is designed to assist heritage-related sites and organizations, as well as municipalities, within the certified heritage area to develop new and innovative programs, partnerships, exhibits, tours, events, and other initiatives that are consistent with the regional themes and activities suggested in the Heritage Area Management Plan.

Mini-grant proposals that include collaborative partnerships and enhance preservation, the stewardship of historical, cultural, and/or natural resources and economic development through heritage tourism are encouraged.

Examples of eligible projects include new heritage tours, maps, interpretive brochures, podcasts, and other heritage-related publications; educational public programs, exhibits, and/or events; and heritage tourism-related website development. Oral history projects are also eligible.

Heritage tourism-related programs for K-12 students, home-

Obituaries

CALVIN MARTIN Baltimore

Calvin Martin, 71, of Baltimore, died on Sept. 25, 2021, at his daughter's home in Ocean Pines.

He was born on Aug. 28, 1950, in Baltimore, Maryland. He was the son of the late Margaret and Edwin Thrasher.

Calvin had many jobs in his years from driving an 18-wheeler, driving a tow truck, reposing cars and finally working for Alliad Contractors of Baltimore driving a truck.

Calvin loved to go to the flea market and restaurant depo to buy in bulk. One



Calvin Martin

was never enough. And to come to the ocean to visit his daughters and grandsons.

Calvin was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, many aunts and uncles, cousins and in-laws.

Calvin is survived by his two daughters, Beverly Martin and her partner, Gary Hardy, and Kimberly Martin; two grandsons, Aaron and Kevin Mumford and his wife, Courtney; his four siblings, Sherry Marston, Billy Coats and partner, Pam, George Coats and his

wife, Darlene, and Margaret Driscoll and her husband Brian; his special aunt, Joyce Kilgor and a close friend, Joe Johnson, and many other family members.

There will be a memorial on Nov. 14, 2021. Please contact Beverly for the information.

Calvin will be missed by everyone.

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(Left) Competing in the Ocean Pines Pickleball Club's Pink Ribbon Classic, from left, are Ken Haus, Phil Joynes, Julie Woulfe and Jack Panas. (Right) Working the net during the fundraising event that raised more than \$17,000 for the American Cancer Society are Dave Reed and Lynn Casey.

Pickleball tournament nets \$17,000 for ACS

(Oct. 7, 2021) The Ocean Pines Pickleball Club helped raise more than \$17,000 for the American Cancer Society during the fourth annual Pickleball Pink Ribbon Classic, held Oct. 1 at the Ocean Pines Racquet Center.

Nearly 100 players on 12 courts participated during the event, and three dozen players received gold, silver and bronze medals. The event also featured 27 volunteers, 22 sponsors, and 51 additional donations.

"The Ocean Pines Pickleball Club worked very hard on organizing this event. With 96 players and many levels, we had to carefully group the brackets to make the best fit possible," Tournament Director Chris Shook said. "We also could not have asked for a more beautiful day. The weather was definitely on our side."

Shook also credited tournament sponsors and volunteers.

"Once again, Chick-fil-A came through by providing the players with

a delicious lunch. Wockenfuss provided chocolates, and we even had homemade cookies in the players' boxed lunches, and Southside Deli provided a platter of subs to help keep the volunteers going throughout the day," she said. "The volunteers worked very hard and did a wonderful job keeping the event running smoothly.

"Overall, it was a great event and a fun day for a great cause," Shook continued. "Our request for those who read this: please have all of your screenings completed! Early detection saves lives, so don't be afraid of 'E.D.'"

Tournament organizers wish to thank the following volunteers and sponsors:

Pickleball Club volunteers: Frank Creamer, Claire Walker, Julie Woulfe, Karen Leshko, Gail Blazer, Eileen Carl, Joanne Poremski, Mike Mullen, Ken Haus, Jack Shook, Linda Horst, Joan Ford, Kathi & Neil

Gottesman, Janet Wolfing, Gail Keiling, Dolores Knerr, Glenda Eichelberger, Patty Felix, Beth O'Malley, Lynn Killian, Nancy Bandiere, and Dave Reed

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Pines election contest goes into extra innings

People who like post-season playoffs because they are more intense than routine games should follow the OPA Board of Directors post-election competition if heightened gamesmanship is their thing.

At stake is control of a board that seems to have little these days, as members try to plunk each other with high, hard and inside pitches.

Fans of conflict are probably enjoying this, but casual spectators must be exhausted, given all the extra innings that have been played since the Aug. 11 voting deadline.

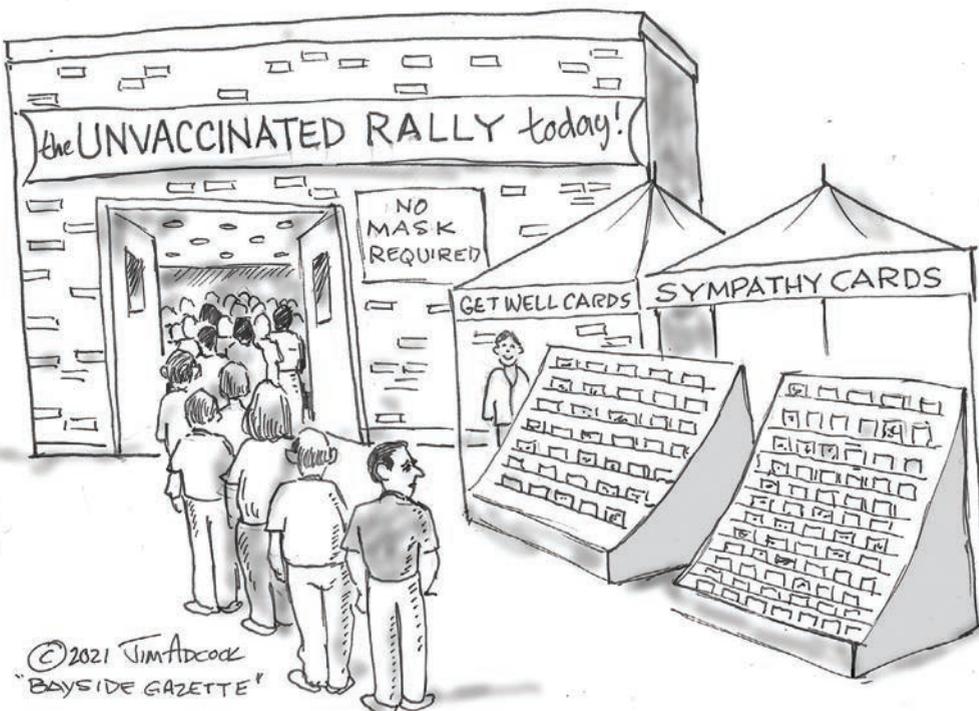
Game highlights so far go like this: candidate Rick Farr is disqualified midway through the election. Circuit Court Judge Beau Oglesby blocks the counting of ballots on Aug. 11. Judge Sidney Campen on Aug. 30 rejects Farr's request for an injunction and says the OPA can count the ballots.

A week later, the board agrees not to count the ballots until after a Sept. 27 motions hearing before Judge Campen. That hearing decides nothing as regards Farr's eligibility, but the judge does say the board can proceed with the election process.

The board votes 4-3 on Sept. 30 to conduct a new election without Farr on the ballot. Director Camilla Rogers takes herself out of the game because of threats and insults aimed at her for finding that Farr was ineligible to run. President Larry Perrone does not attend the meeting in person, citing his possible exposure to covid-19, but does have drinks in public with Director Collette Horn shortly after the session..

Director Tom Janasek responds to an email about that by adding an offensive comment directed at Horn and it somehow goes public. A special meeting is set for Oct. 11 to hear Horn's motion to throw out Janasek for being offensive. The board also will decide who it wants to fill the unexpired portion of Rogers' term.

Considering all the above, all that can be said using the baseball metaphor is a tip of the hat goes out to the association's crew for maintaining the OPA's operations and keeping the grounds in shape while board members concentrate on trying to score.



Worcester offers school's out camps

(Oct. 7, 2021) Worcester County Recreation and Parks is offering school's out camps throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

The camps will take place at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill.

Families can now register their children for a day of fun where participants will play various sports, games, make crafts, and take part in

other activities.

The camp days are as follows: Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Jan. 28, April 1, and April 4.

The camp program is open to students in grades kindergarten through eighth. All campers are asked to bring their own lunches. A snack will be provided.

There are two time frames to choose from: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for ex-

tended care at \$40 per child and \$35 for each additional child; or 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at \$35 per child and \$30 for each additional child.

For more information, contact Derek Jarmon at 410-632-2144, ext. 2509 or djarmon@marylandscoast.org.

To view other youth programs and one-day events, visit www.playmaryland-scoast.org.

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AGH Foundation 'Yappy Hour,' Oct. 17

(Oct. 7, 2021) The Atlantic General Hospital Foundation is adding a new event to the festivities leading up to the big Penguin Swim plunge on New Year's Day: the Puppy Penguin Swim and Yappy Hour.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, from 1-3 p.m., dogs will have the opportunity to play in the water at Ocean City's Residence Inn by Marriott, 300 Seabay Lane, while the adults partake in Yappy Hour drinks and food.

Entry is \$20 per dog (one per person). Pups will each get a free gift, with a compli-

mentary drink for their adults. Learn more and register at www.agh.care/puppieswim, or call 410-641-9671.

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DePalma qualifies for golf nationals in April

(Oct. 7, 2021) Worcester Preparatory School freshman Michael DePalma placed first in the Boys' 14-15 Division of the Drive, Chip and Putt (DCP) Oak Hill Regionals on Sept. 19 in Rochester, New York, qualifying him for nationals in Augusta, Georgia, in April.

DePalma started golfing with his dad and grandfather at the age of 9. He quickly realized his passion for the sport one short year later, and started playing golf competitively.

By the time DePalma reached sight grade he had won a number of tournaments, realizing that golf was about to become a major part of his life.

DePalma started playing for Worcester Prep in the seventh grade on the middle school golf team, and is now playing at the varsity level.

Besides competing on the school

team, he also plays in the Under Armour Junior Tour's Eastern Shore League, where he has won several tournaments in the past couple years, and in the Hurricane Junior Tour, where he will be competing in New Jersey and North Carolina this fall.

In 2019, DePalma was watching the Drive, Chip and Putt tournament with his family when his parents and grandparents started to encourage him to compete.

"This was my first and only time trying for this tournament," DePalma said. "I had zero expectations with how I would do in the tournament, I just wanted to see how well I could do."

During the event, each golfer is given three attempts, and DePalma scored the highest in his division with 68 in Drive, 40 in Chip and 45 in Putt, resulting in a

total score of 153 for first place.

"I am very proud to have tried my best and was able to perform under the pressure of each competition and qualify for the final round at the Masters," DePalma said. "Each competition brought strong golfers to compete against. It feels really good to be among the many thousands that started this summer competing and now I am one of only 10 remaining in the 14-15 age group. I can't wait to go to Augusta to see where the Masters is played and be able to compete myself there."

Moving forward, DePalma plans on improving his golf game by playing competitively, as well as for fun with family and friends. He dreams to play golf in college when he graduates from Worcester.

"It has been amazing to watch Michael grow in the game of golf, in his ability, confidence and love of the sport," said DePalma's mother, Errin. "We are very proud of the composure and maturity he has shown while competing in the Drive, Chip and Putt, as well as during the interviews he has done afterwards."

A joint initiative founded in 2013 by the Masters Tournament, United States Golf Association and The PGA of America, Drive, Chip and Putt is a free nationwide junior golf development competition aimed at growing the game by focusing on the three fundamental skills employed in golf.

By tapping the creative and competi-



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tive spirit of girls and boys ages 7-15, Drive, Chip and Putt provides aspiring junior golfers an opportunity to play with their peers in qualifiers around the country.

Participants who advance through local, sub-regional and regional qualifying in each age/gender category earn a place in the national finals, which is conducted at Augusta National Golf Club the Sunday before the Masters Tournament and is broadcast live by Golf Channel.

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Fri-Mon, 11am-4pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2BR/3BR/4BR+	Condos, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate



Snapshots



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

TOUCH-A-TRUCK DAY

Chase Owens, 7, receives heavy equipment guidance from Claude Littleton with Public Works on Sunday during Berlin's "Touch-A-Truck" event.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Children delighted in working gears and pedals on heavy machinery during the "Touch-A-Truck" event held at Stephen Decatur Park in Berlin on Sunday.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

PROCLAMATION

Worcester County Commissioner Diana Purnell presents a proclamation on Sept. 7, to Pamela Gregory, executive director of the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, recognizing Sept. 13-17, as United Way Week in Worcester County. The commissioners and county staff took part in the "Together We Live United" campaign that week and set a goal to raise \$10,000 in employee contributions for the United Way of the Eastern Shore, which works with 33 partners in Worcester County to aid residents during their times of need.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FAREWELL

Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club President Bill Hickey, left, shakes hands with longtime Optimist, Lew Frey, center, who is moving away. They are pictured with Incoming President Charlie Smith. Frey served as president of the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club and was on the board of directors for many years.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club presented scholarships to four Worcester County High School students. Pictured, from left, are Steve Gragert, scholarship committee; Nancy Bradford, scholarship chair; Maeve Donahue, Trent Ortega, Joseph Serpe, Silas Cascio, and Rotary President Cliff Berg. The Rotary Club meets every other week at the Resident Inn in the Marriott Hotel, 300 Seabay Lane, Ocean City. For more information, email ocbertlinrotaty@gmail.com.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

HELLO THERE

Elaine VanderClute introduces her grandson, Quaid Wist, 1, to cockapoo, Maddy, 2, last Sunday at the Berlin Farmers Market.

Calendar

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

Thurs., Oct. 7

24TH ANNUAL ENDLESS SUMMER CRUISIN'

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Also Ocean City Inlet Lot. Featuring vendors, celebrities and special guests, entertainment and car shows in and around Ocean City. \$10 for adults.

<https://specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin>, 410-798-6304

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free clinic for those having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

FREE FLU CLINIC

St. Mary Star of The Sea Parish - Holy Savior Church, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 month of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine. This free clinic is for those ages 13 and older. No appointment is required. 410-641-9FLU, <http://www.agh.care/flu>

STORY TIME 'OPPOSITES'

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. Take-home activity included. For 2-5 year olds. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MERRY MAKERS 'HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ten spaces available. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events" or 410-208-4014.

INTERACTIVE STORY TIME: 'FLOWER GARDEN'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Learn about making a flower garden for someone special. "Flower Garden" by Eve Bunting. Take home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

POCOMOKE BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'THE BOOK OF DELIGHTS' BY ROSS GAY

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2-3 p.m. Lively discussion facilitated by Cynthia Hanagud and Gail Samis of Salisbury University. Copies of the book are available at the library and on hooplaidigital.com. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS

Worcester County Library - Berlin

Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman. These classes uplift and improve mood. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

SNOW HILL FARMER'S MARKET

Thursdays through October - Sturgis Park Pavilion on the Pocomoke River, noon to 5 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 8

24TH ANNUAL ENDLESS SUMMER CRUISIN'

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OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'NORMAL PEOPLE' BY SALLY ROONEY

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2-3 p.m. Lively discussion facilitated by Kelley Rouse and Nancy Mitchell of Salisbury University. Books are available at the Ocean Pines branch. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-632-2600

MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$14 for one crab cake sandwich, green beans, baked potato and Cole slaw; \$24 for a two crab cake platter; and \$10 for a single crab cake sandwich. Baked goods available. Carryout only. 410-641-1137

ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION

Worcester County Arts Council's Gallery, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin, 5-7 p.m. Come meet the artists and bid in the silent auction. Selected pieces of artwork are offered in a silent auction to benefit the council's scholarship program. www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

FAMILY BONFIRE ON THE BEACH

130th Street Beach, Ocean City, 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$3 for youth, \$5 for adults 18 years and older and \$15 maximum per family. Pre-registration is requested. Children 15 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Weather permitting. 410-250-0125

SUNFUNOC - NEON CAR SHOW

Trimper's Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., 7-9 p.m. Also featuring \$3 rides, food and games and 50% off video games at Marty's Playland.

<https://www.trimperrides.com/events/upcoming-events>, 410-289-8617

Sat., Oct. 9

24TH ANNUAL ENDLESS SUMMER CRUISIN'

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Also Ocean City Inlet Lot. Featuring vendors, celebrities and special guests, entertainment and car shows in and around Ocean City. \$15 for adults.

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2021 CRUISIN' BERLIN

Main St. Berlin, 2 S. Main St., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration is from 7-10 a.m. Trophies awarded at 2 p.m. Registration fee is \$10. Music and trivia provided by DJ Papopdoowop. 410-973-2051

FREE FLU CLINIC

James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, 10226 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 month of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine. This free clinic is for those ages 13 and older. No appointment is required. Drive-thru.

<http://www.agh.care/flu>, 410-641-9358

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Speaker will be Ron Fisher, known for his weekly newspaper column, "Fish Tales" and is also dock master of the Ocean Pines Marinas Also, a review any fishing regulations. All welcome. 410-641-7662.

FESTA PICCOLA - A MINI FEAST

St. Andrew's Parish Hall, 14401 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Ravioli and meatballs, meatball and Italian sausage subs, minestrone soup, homemade tomato sauce, homemade meatballs, basket raffles and desserts. Carryout only. www.sonsoftalyoceancity.com

SHOWELL ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Showell Elementary School, 11318 Showell School Road, Berlin, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Children's wristbands cost \$20 and sold at the door. Includes all activities, hayrides, games, touch a truck, petting zoo, inflatables, dunk tank. Raffle baskets, 50/50 and scholastic book sale.

DOWNTOWN POCOMOKE'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Downtown Pocomoke City, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Music, food, pumpkin painting, petting farm, sidewalk vendors, bounce house, hay rides, corn pit, kids costume contest, Trick or Treat at businesses and Antique Car Show. www.Downtown-Pocomoke.com

4TH ANNUAL BEARDS ON THE BEACH COMPETITION

Seacrets, 117 49th St., Ocean City, 12 p.m. Those who are unable to attend can submit two photos and a 15-second video for whichever category or categories they would like to enter. Send to bmsofoc@gmail.com. <https://www.facebook.com/BMSofOCMD/>

SUNFUNOC - BBQ COOK-OFF

Trimper's Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. Benefits Diakonia. Cost is \$10. Also featuring \$3 rides, food and games; 50% off video games at Marty's Playland; and face painting.

<https://www.trimperrides.com/events/upcoming-event>, 410-289-8617

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

Sun., Oct. 10

24TH ANNUAL ENDLESS SUMMER CRUISIN'

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring vendors, celebrities and special guests, entertainment and car shows in and around Ocean City. \$10 for adults.

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RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR BUS TRIP TO SEE 'QUEEN ESTHER'

The bus will leave from Stevenson UMC at 8 a.m. on Nov. 6 to arrive at Sight & Sound Theatres® for the 3 p.m. showing of "Queen Esther." Cost is \$100 and includes bus, lunch and show. Reservations: 443-614-2518.

3RD ANNUAL HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour some of Ocean City's oldest homes, churches and establishments. An educator will be at each location. Tickets cost \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers: www.ocmuseum.org.

SUNFUNOC - ROASTJOHN CONCERT

Trimper's Rides of Ocean City, 700 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. Also featuring \$3 rides, food and games and 50% off video games at Marty's Playland.

<https://www.trimperrides.com/events/upcoming-events>, 410-289-8617

GERMANTOWN SCHOOL COMMUNITY HERITAGE CENTER CELEBRATES WORCESTER COUNTY HISTORY WEEK

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 2-5 p.m. The school was built in

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1922 and educated African American students prior to integration. See a classroom replication and learn about Rosenwald Schools. 410-641-0638, <https://thegermantownschool.org>.

HISTORY PANEL - WORCESTER COUNTY HISTORY WEEK

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 2-4 p.m. Featuring guest speakers with a long history in Ocean Pines. Hear first-hand accounts of the speakers' experiences as Ocean Pines has evolved. Free, open to the public. www.oceanpines.org

HOMECOMING HARVEST - WORCESTER COUNTY HISTORY WEEK

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 2-5 p.m. Food, live music, children's activities, time capsule, MAC firetruck, research family genealogy and record oral histories. www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyHistoryWeek

ROOFTOP FUNDRAISING PARTY

Spain Wine Bar atop the Cambria Hotel, 13 Saint Louis Ave., Ocean City, 5-8 p.m. Featuring authentic Spanish tapas and paella, open bar, live music, a raffle and artwork created at the event. Tickets cost \$125 per person and are available at ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

The Worcester County Commissioners join with representatives from the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, Governor's Commission on Suicide Prevention, and Worcester County Health Department on Sept. 7, to proclaim September as Suicide Prevention Month in Worcester County. Pictured, in front, from left, are Christen Barbierr, Jessica Sexauer and Kim Klump; second row, Lisa Shockley, Meaghan Kauffman and Sandy Kerrigan; third row, commissioners Diana Purnell, Bud Church, Jim Bunting and Joe Mitrecic; and in back, commissioners Joshua Nordstrom, Ted Elder and Chip Bertino.

Mon., Oct. 11

FALL PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pose with a display of fall flowers, pumpkins and hay on the boardwalk in front of the museum's shark display. Staff will be on hand to take family photos. www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyHistoryWeek

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (T.O.P.S.) - GROUP #169

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

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00-9:00 p.m. All ladies that love to sing invited. Contact Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol Ludwig, 302-242-7062.

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30-11:30 a.m. Learn about life on the farm through stories, songs and crafts. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

BOOK SIGNING AND READING WITH MARIA GROSSKETTLE

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Featuring Maria Grosskettler's newest book, "Tracks." Free admission. She will also share her experience of researching Berlin history. www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyHistoryWeek, 410-632-2600

OCEAN PINES PLAYERS THEATER COMPANY BRINGS 'HISTORY TO LIFE'

Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Regular admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children 4 years and older and free to members and those with military ID. www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyHistoryWeek

TED TALK: IDEAS ABOUT CAPITALISM

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2-3 p.m. Elena Coelho facilitate this discussion after watching TED speakers reimagine the conventions of Capitalism. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Macky & Pam Stansell House Coastal Hospice, 1500 Ocean Parkway,

Ocean Pines, 3:15-4 p.m. Provides discussions and mutual support, along with education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and treatment. Reserve: Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765 or kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org.

DELMARVA HAND DANCE

Tuesdays - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, 5:30-9:00 p.m. Show proof of vaccination or wear a mask. A picture on your phone of your vaccination card is acceptable. delmarvahanddance@gmail.com, <https://delmarvahanddancing.com>

Wed., Oct. 13

ZOOM WITH YOUR BABY

Babies under 2 years and their caregivers join for songs, rhymes and stories, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Optional: have a scarf and rattle/shaker handy for interactive rhymes. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-632-2600

CRAFT TIME 'LEAF SUNCATCHERS'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Make colorful fall leaves to catch the sun on your windows. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

PRESERVING THE PAST

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 11 a.m.-noon. Join Assistant Curator Cara Downey and Local History Librarian Alec Staley in learning

how to preserve old photographs and paper. Registration is required: www.ocmuseum.org.

STORYTELLING BY CHERYL DOUGHTY OF THE POCOMOKE INDIAN NATION

Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 11 a.m.-noon. Regular admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children 4 years and older and free to members and those with military ID. www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org

OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'THE BOOK OF DELIGHTS' BY ROSS GAY

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2-3 p.m. Join in each month for a lively discussion facilitated by Cher Grazier. Copies of the book are available at the Ocean City branch. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

CREATIVE WRITING

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2-3 p.m. Learn a few ideas that will inspire your own writing and re-examine some of your own life experiences. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-632-2600

HISTORY OF LIBRARIES IN WORCESTER COUNTY

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5-7 p.m. Some of the libraries in Worcester County date to the early 1900s. Join Local History Librarian Alec Staley in learning about the history of the local libraries. www.worcesterlibrary.org

Tues., Oct. 12

STORY TIME 'FUN WITH A PARACHUTE'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join the group for some fun play with a parachute. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME "FARM ANIMALS"

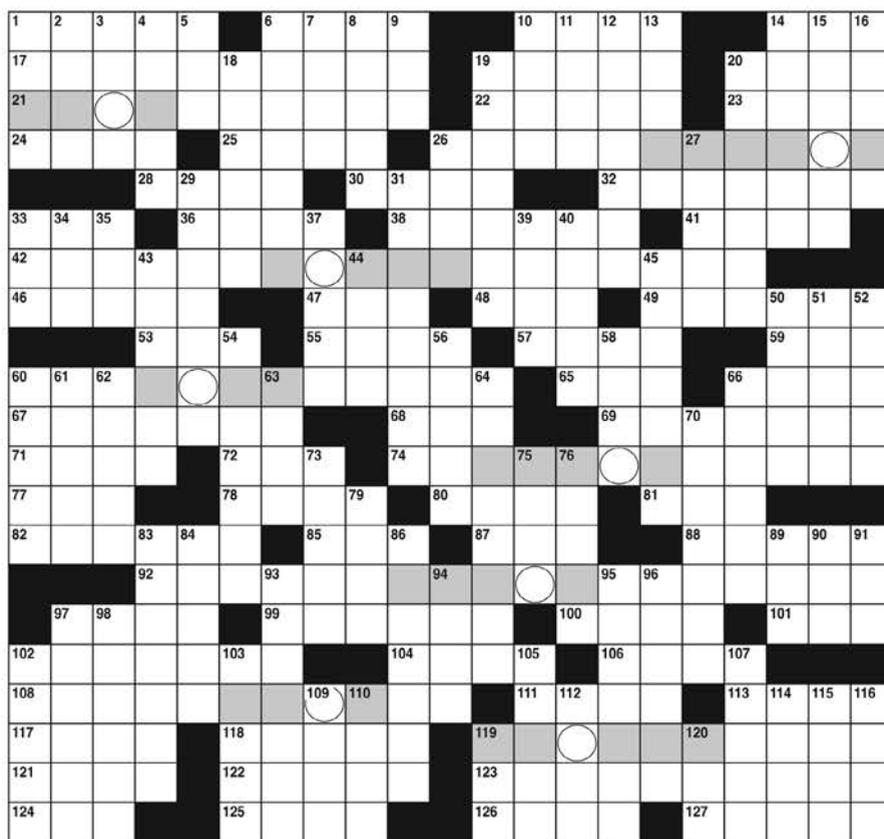
Puzzles

STUDY BREAKS

BY PRIYANKA SETHY AND MATTHEW STOCK / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Priyanka Sethy is a management consultant, originally from India, now splitting her time between the Bay Area and New York City. Matthew Stock works for a math education nonprofit in East St. Louis, Ill. They connected via the Crossword Puzzle Collaboration Directory on Facebook. The theme idea here was Priyanka's. They made the puzzle together via Zoom — including a marathon three-hour session at the start. This is Matthew's eighth Times puzzle. It's Priyanka's debut. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ones with big heads around the office?
 - 6 With 27-Down, island nation near Indonesia
 - 10 What OPEC and NATO are both in?
 - 14 E, in Morse code
 - 17 Inauguration Day activity
 - 19 Five-times-a-day Islamic prayer
 - 20 Word with earth or muscle
 - 21 Function whose output is 45° when applied to 1
 - 22 German : Freundin :: Spanish : _____
 - 23 Google search info
 - 24 Some whiskeys
 - 25 Piece of work
 - 26 Premium membership designation
 - 28 End _____
 - 30 Small row
 - 32 Sashimi selection
 - 33 Holds
 - 36 Language of the 18th-century poet Mir Taqi Mir
 - 38 (0,0), in math
 - 41 Put on an unhappy face
 - 42 It lets you see the sites
- DOWN**
- 43 Hebrew name meaning "ascent"
 - 49 Walks (on)
 - 53 Talk, talk, talk
 - 55 "How _____!"
 - 57 Contents of some banks
 - 59 Hyphenated beverage brand
 - 60 Holders of multiple passports
 - 65 Transcript fig.
 - 66 Give a hoot?
 - 67 Values highly
 - 68 Trouble
 - 69 Soothe
 - 71 [Ignore that edit]
 - 72 Honey _____ (Special K flavor)
 - 74 First openly lesbian anchor to host a major prime-time news program
 - 77 Pond fish
 - 78 Not looking good at all
 - 80 Follow closely
 - 81 Goth relative
 - 82 "What in the ... !"
 - 85 \$\$\$ for old age
 - 87 _____ soap
 - 88 Brutes
 - 92 Ones fighting for change
 - 97 Reindeer in "Frozen"
 - 99 Start of a rendezvous request
 - 100 2019 jukebox musical featuring the song "Proud Mary"
 - 101 Sun-kissed, say informally
 - 102 Funny business?
 - 104 Zip
 - 106 "_____ a Crime" (2016 Trevor Noah memoir)
 - 108 Hempseed product
 - 111 Property claim
 - 113 One might be good or evil
 - 117 Michael _____ of "Ugly Betty"
 - 118 End of an era?
 - 119 Bringing up the rear
 - 121 Tops
 - 122 Kind of syrup that's an alternative to honey
 - 123 Homeland of many Paiute and Shoshone
 - 124 Grate expectations?
 - 125 "Spy Kids" actress Hatcher
 - 126 "So true!"
 - 127 One of two poles
 - 10 Sleeveless undergarment, informally
 - 11 Settled (on)
 - 12 Event with a crowning moment
 - 13 Store
 - 14 Pull out all the stops
 - 15 Not sharp, perhaps
 - 16 Thompson of "Sorry to Bother You"
 - 18 Summer _____
 - 19 Soda cracker, by another name
 - 20 Choice words?
 - 26 Pull in
 - 27 See 6-Across
 - 29 Microsoft's answer to the iPad
 - 31 "I'm so sorry for you!"
 - 33 Trendy
 - 34 Alex and _____ (jewelry chain)
 - 35 Mo. metropolis
 - 37 Early development sites
 - 39 Extended-wear manicure options
 - 40 Added bonus, metaphorically
 - 43 Aerie baby
 - 44 Celia known as the "Queen of Salsa"
 - 45 Words of admission
 - 50 Stop _____ (sign)
 - 51 Muralist Rivera
 - 52 Goof (around)
 - 54 Kind of data distribution with two peaks
 - 56 Finish with



- 58 Tometi who co-founded Black Lives Matter
- 60 Newsroom sights
- 61 "So are we!"
- 62 Used Grubhub or Postmates, say
- 63 _____ Ing-wen, first female president of Taiwan
- 64 Alleged
- 66 Traditional attire for some martial artists
- 70 Ornate tea vessel
- 73 Overdone
- 75 "Howdy!"
- 76 Put in a seat, perhaps
- 79 Lakeside city that's at one end of I-79
- 83 Result of pulling the goalie
- 84 Jane of "9 to 5"
- 86 "Don't misbehave!"
- 89 Q followers
- 90 Letter that rhymes with three other letters
- 91 Phishing target, for short
- 93 Encroach
- 94 Human rights lawyer Clooney
- 95 Like the Dalai Lama
- 96 Part of the joke
- 97 Gawps
- 98 Go away
- 102 Take a dive, perhaps
- 103 W.W. II threat
- 105 Ringing in the new day?
- 107 Katie of ESPN
- 109 Brown or blacken
- 110 "Duh!" in modern slang
- 112 [Nodding]
- 114 Japanese soup ingredient
- 115 Children's author Blyton
- 116 Bird with a reduplicative name
- 119 J.F.K. alternative
- 120 Dallas and Houston are in it, in brief

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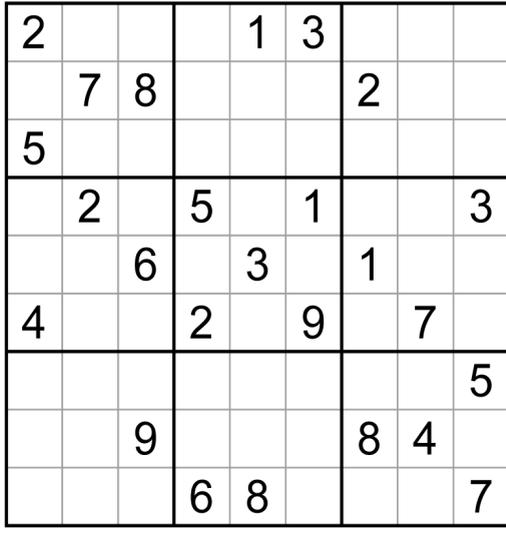


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HARD - 74

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

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



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Email resume and/or a letter of interest to ppmacmgr@gmail.com by October 15th.

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Are you looking for an opportunity to work in a welcoming, relaxed, supportive and spiritually vibrant environment? Come join the staff at Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Berlin MD! Duties include office management, staff and event schedule coordination, worship materials and church newsletter production, church communications and light bookkeeping (including payroll). Must be proficient in Word, Power Point, MS Publisher and Quick Books. Experience with Excel, website design and social media platforms a plus. PT, 12-15 hours/week, flex schedule.
If interested, send resume with three references (two professional/one personal) to: **Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 South Main Street, PO Box 248, Berlin MD, 21811** or email to: info@buckinghampcusa.org (subject: secretary). Resumes will be received until October 15. Interviews will be scheduled in late October/early November. EEO



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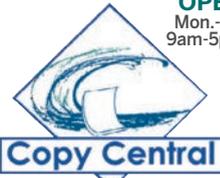
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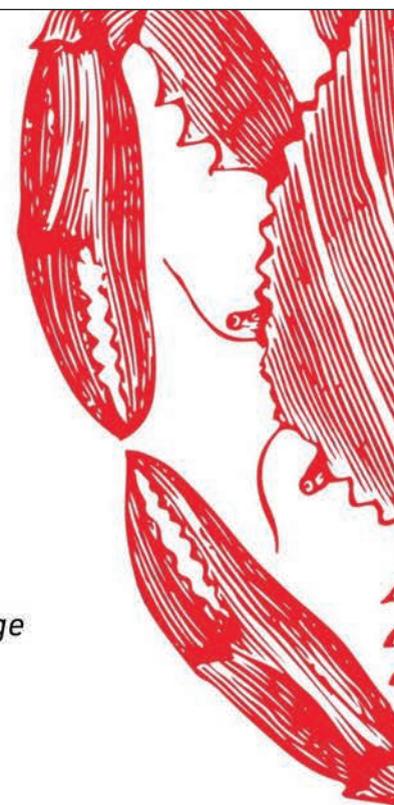
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