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Halloween treat seekers parading on Washington Street in Berlin get lured in by festooned freaks channeling the spirit of Jerry Garcia. See more pictures on pages 22-23.

New meters would reduce water expense

Percentage of losses much higher than average rate

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 4, 2021) Berlin officials received the final results of a water fund rate study on Monday, and confirmed what they suspected: the town's water and sewer systems need updated meters to capture lost revenues.

Jean Holloway, from Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Inc. (SERCAP) in Delaware and eastern Maryland, presented the final report for a study initiated over two years ago.

Holloway last presented findings to the mayor and Town Council in December 2020, and once again highlighted a large variance between gallons pumped and gallons billed.

Holloway said in 2020 Berlin produced and treated, but received no revenue, for 42.6 million gallons of water.

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'Hero' bartender saved customer

Quick action with defibrillator available helps keeps heart attack victim alive

(Nov. 4, 2021) Quick thinking on the part of a local bartender – and a well-placed defibrillator – helped save a life on Sunday at the Ocean Pines Clubhouse Bar and Grille.

A male patron, whose name was not released, appeared to have a heart attack on Sunday, when bartender Rob Ruszin and manager Judie Scotti sprang into action.

Scotti said she was coming back into the building at around 1 p.m. when she noticed a customer in distress.

"He was on the floor, and it sounded like he was having some breathing issues," she said. "Rob was on the phone with 911. They told him to roll [the man] on his back and then he handed me the phone."

Ruszin, who worked as a lifeguard for several summers and received defibrillator training while in college, tried to administer CPR. Scotti said that man started turning blue, was not breathing and did not have a heartbeat.

"I ran and grabbed the AED [Automated External Defibrillator] out of the hallway and ran back, and Rob hooked him up and followed the directions and shocked



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Ocean Pines Clubhouse Bar and Grille bartender Rob Ruszin and manager Judie Scotti leaped into action after discovering a patron was suffering a heart attack on Sunday.

him," Scotti said. "At that point, Rob was doing CPR on him, and he started getting color back."

Ruszin said the whole incident, from the time the man slumped over until the time he used the defibrillator, See TWO Page 7

Pines committee begins work on setting budget

First look at what group wants to keep next year

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 4, 2021) The Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee examined a number of initiatives last week as work gets underway to estimate revenues and expenses for fiscal 2022/2023.

General Manager John Viola and Director of Finance and Operational Logistics Steve Phillips reviewed current and pending capital projects for FY22/23 during the Budget Commit- See PRELIMINARY Page 7



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Quick thinking on the part of Rob Ruszin, bartender and Judie Scotti, manager of the Ocean Pines Clubhouse Bar and Grille, on Sunday saved a male patron's life as he appeared to be having a heart attack.

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Pines Environmental Cmte. talks geese, water testing

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 4, 2021) In addition to considering water test results at the North and South Gate ponds, the Ocean Pines Environmental and Natural Assets Committee last Wednesday also examined the viability of planting geese-detering grass seed.

Committee Chairman Ken Wolf said results are still forthcoming from the bacteria tests taken late last month at Pines ponds.

General Manager John Viola said lab results could take at least three weeks.

"Some of these tests do take awhile," he said.

Providing technical perspective during the meeting on bacteria testing and efforts to deter resident geese from congregating next to ponds was Worcester Department of Environmental Programs Director Bob Mitchell.

Mitchell said the state employs DNA tests for water quality characterizations in certain watersheds.

"It's a qualitative test not a quantitative," he said. "Meaning you're looking for certain items and precursors for bacteria."

By contrast, Mitchell said quantitative tests would reveal variable bacterial levels.

"We do the beach monitoring and we can close the beachheads," he said. "Bathing beaches that you can reach by public transport and by foot or bike." Mitchell said beach water tests are triple-sampled and lab-analyzed.

"We don't do instantaneous testing on test tubes," he said. "These are cultured samples that are done."

Pines ponds differ from beaches, Mitchell said.

"These are not watersheds or water bodies," he said. "They receive stormwater and they're not designed to ... swim and recreate in."

Mitchell said continued water testing for ponds is costly and unlikely to reveal new data.

"It's going to tell you what you al-

ready know," he said. "You know you have geese."

Mitchell also said he doubted that discharge from the Ocean Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant has contributed to bacteria levels in the ponds.

County officials and public works crews examined gravity and force mains to confirm neither were potential contributors, Mitchell said.

"Both force mains that come by the North Pond are brand new infrastructure that's been tested," he said. "The likelihood that's failing is pretty low."

Mitchell said if a leak did occur the results would be evident.

"It would be a huge amount of matter into the pond," he said. "Your nose would know it and driving by you would see it visually."

In lieu of further testing, Mitchell recommended focusing reducing geese populations.

"You know what your sources are," he said. "If you can control your sources, you can control their inputs to your ... ponds."

Mitchell said numerous towns and municipalities have kept geese from flocking by water in residential areas by allowing natural vegetation to grow.

"It provides cover for predators," he said.

Wolf, who has previously espoused the same approach, concurred that overgrowth around water areas prevents geese from grazing.

"The state ... they tell you that's the golden bullet, that's what you should be doing," he said.

The committee also conferred with Viola about turf grass formulated for wildlife deterrence at the North Gate Pond.

Wolf said now former board liaison Tom Janasek proposed installing a test area of "FlightTurf," during the director's meeting last month.

FlightTurf, which was developed roughly a decade back, is distasteful to fowl and costs about \$2,600 per acre without installation.

Viola said the plan sounded viable

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Worcester Department of Environmental Programs Director Bob Mitchell explains water testing details with the Ocean Pines Environmental and Natural Assets Committee last Wednesday.

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Consultant says 200 meters not reading properly

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The “non-revenue” water accounted for 25 percent of production, which equates to more than \$200,000 at a rate of \$4.80 per 1,000 gallons.

Holloway said a “non-revenue” figure of 10 percent would be ideal, with 15 percent deemed acceptable.

While acknowledging that other factors may account for a percentage of losses, Holloway said the primary cause is insufficient metering.

Holloway recommended replacing 200 water meters that are not reading properly or under-registering to ensure accurate billing.

“The current tiered-base charge used is because they could not come up with a uniform rate based on the type of metering you have,” she said.

Holloway said meters over a decade old are often not capable of registering until usage hits 1,000 gallons and commonly result in lost revenues.

Cost savings derived from eliminating manual meter checks would likely cover the upgrade costs within the first year, Holloway said.

Rate structures were also highlighted by Holloway, who said even



Jean Holloway, from Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, speaks to Berlin Town Council members, and Mayor Zach Tyndall presents the final report for a water fund rate study on Monday.

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with meter replacements, both the town’s water and sewer systems would continue to operate at a loss.

“I’m not making an actual rate recommendation tonight,” she said. “I’m making a recommendation that you change the structure.”

Holloway said present water rate structures are inequitable, with users paying more or less than their actual share.

“From what I’ve seen of your num-

bers, your lower end users are overpaying and your higher end users are underpaying in terms of equitability,” she said.

Holloway also recommended instituting interim rate measures for the remainder of FY21-22 to start accruing funding in capital reserves for infrastructure needs.

“Start with interim measures to build up the capital reserves and you restructure the rates as soon as you

can get meters in,” she said.

Councilman Jack Orris said the process would take years.

“This is a multi-pronged approach to a situation that’s been going on for decades,” he said.

Holloway concurred, saying, “It took more than a year to get here, so it will probably take more than a year to get out of here,” she said. “Your staff is probably the main reason the system has lasted this long.”

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Berlin DNR meeting slated for Heron Park rained out

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Nov. 4, 2021) Following Berlin Mayor Zach Tyndall's recent cancellation of a meeting with Maryland Department of Natural Resources representatives to discuss state help for Heron Park, town officials took another swipe at developing a partnership with the state agency on Friday.

Bad weather, however, blocked a visit to the site.

Tyndall and council members Shaneka Nichols, Jack Orris and Troy Purnell met DNR Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio and Special Advisor Bunky Luffman at Town Hall to discuss state grant programs that could help pay for the 63-acre park's development.

Berlin bought the former Tyson poultry plant property on Old Ocean City Boulevard for roughly \$2.5 million in 2015 from Berlin Properties North, whose principals include Councilman Purnell. The town is paying \$200,000 a year on that debt through 2045.

"Mother Nature just didn't want to cooperate with us," said Tyndall, who cancelled a Sept. 10 site visit because of scheduling conflicts.

Most of the park falls into the "passive use" category and provides refuge for birds, turtles and other wildlife, and visitors who want to experience nature.

"It's a nice little spot where you don't feel like you're really in town,"

he said.

Tyndall said Berlin is examining partnerships with a number of state agencies besides DNR.

"We're applying for the Department of Housing and Community Development and a Strategic Demolition Fund for the front parcel," he said.

Berlin officials are issuing a request for proposals on Nov. 1 for parcels 57 and 410, which combined account for approximately 16 acres of the overall site. Were these sections to be developed privately, they would return to the tax rolls and provide some revenue for the town.

Regardless of potential uses for parcels 57 and 410, Tyndall stressed that the town is seeking to preserve the larger park area in its natural state.

"We still want to protect that passive use area for recreation, birding and things of that nature," he said.

Tyndall also asked about the DNR's recent acquisition of the nearby 437-acre former Bay Club Golf Course property and an adjacent 236-acre farm plot for roughly \$4.2 million.

"Any news on that front or ways we can partner would be excellent," he said.

Haddaway-Riccio said the state is only just beginning to figure out what kind of approach it wants to take with the 673 acres located off Libertytown Road.

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Pines Environmental Cmte. mulls water testing needs

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"It sounds good when you talk about a test area," he said.

Viola said Golf Superintendent Justin Hartshorne and Public Works Director Eddie Wells did research.

Hartshorne said site preparation requires removing any present plants.

"They recommend spraying the area with a roundup product so you kill everything," he said.

Seeding and fertilizing would follow, with total costs estimated between \$6,000-\$10,000 per acre.

Further, Hartshorne said doing a small test section would accomplish little.

"A test plot is good, but the geese are going to move right outside of that and feed," he said. "They're still going to be in that localized area."

Wells said the unsavory seed would deter feeding and nesting but would not repel the birds.

"They will still land in it and they'll walk through it to get to the fresh water

pond," he said. "You're still going to get droppings, but they won't stay there as long because they're not feeding."

Viola said planting seed on roughly four acres surrounding the North Gate ponds could cost between \$45,000-\$60,000, while covering the nearly seven acres around the South Gate Pond could run over \$100,000.

Viola said FlightTurf has worked at a number of airports, but the success might not translate to the Pines.

"That's a big area when you do an airport," he said. "If we just do a small area they're going to sit outside that small area."

Hartshorne said early autumn is the best time to seed the ground.

"We can revisit this next year," he said.

Wolf agreed, while noting the goal is to find a reasonable way to get the geese to relocate.

"We'd like to treat the geese humanely and have them go someplace else they're going to be happy," he said.

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DNR Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, top left, speaks to Berlin Mayor Zach Tyndall, Town Council members and assorted stakeholders regarding state help for Heron Park on Friday.
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DNR secretary stops off in Berlin to discuss partnering

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“It’s really in the early stages of planning,” she said.

Haddaway-Riccio said one focus for DNR officials is connecting parks to nearby downtown or urban areas.

“We’re also squarely focused on connectivity,” she said. “We would be happy to work with the town on that.”

Tyndall said the ideal scenario would be if DNR would assist with creating a path of some kind to connect Heron Park and the Bay Club property.

“The boundary of town limits is literally in eyesight of the Bay Club property,” he said.

Economic & Community Development Director Ivy Wells reviewed an online map of Heron Park with Haddaway-Riccio.

“The park stretches back to Route 113,” she said. “The front part of Heron Park is just a small part of this.”

When Tyndall asked if any way exists to tie Bay Club lands into future Heron Park plans, Haddaway-Riccio replied that a clear channel of contact should be established.

“If you want to identify a main point of contact, we can get them in touch with our team and make sure everybody’s talking,” she said.

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Preliminary work begins on Pines budget

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tee meeting last Wednesday.

Speaking this week, Viola said the committee is scheduled to review the proposed FY22/23 budget during a series of meetings held from Jan. 4-7.

"They gave us their list of expectations for the budget process," he said. Among them is "They want the Matt Ortt Companies there."

Among capital expenditures discussed last week were replacing mailbox clusters long in need of repairs. "There are some people on there that want to get that done," he said.

Last November, the Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee decided a proposal to rehabilitate three mailbox sites for between \$60,000-\$70,000 was too expensive, but agreed that repairs were needed.

Last year, association officials estimated costs for pedestals at \$35,000, with roughly \$20,000 for mailboxes and about \$10,000 in con-

crete work per cluster.

"We did do a test sample of a cluster," he said.

The committee also looked at payment details to install a pair of T-docks at Mumford's Marina.



John Viola

"They also asked how I was looking to pay for the T-docks," he said.

Viola said when the marina addition was first broached earlier this year, revenue that exceeded the budgeted figure was considered for funding.

"We had the favorability, but we had not realized it yet," he said. "We held off on how we could pay for the T-docks."

At this point budget year, budget-beating revenue has been confirmed as sufficient to cover the \$70,000-\$80,000 outlay.

"We're asking to request the board do a transfer from the surplus last year," he said.

Committee members were also updated on the permit process for an expansion of pickleball courts at the Ocean Pines Racquet Sports Center.

"We told them we were close," he said.

Viola said state officials had one minor permit question with no issues anticipated.

"The pickleball courts we have as new capital in the budget," he said.

Other topics covered by the committee included the in-progress DMA reserve study.

"We've already gone over this with Budget and Finance," he said.

In 2015, the OPA board paid Design Management \$31,800 to ascertain the level of reserves it should maintain based on assets.

The current update follows an earlier revision completed in 2018

Viola described the latest reserve study as "DMA Lite," with costs of roughly \$16,000, or about half of the initial investment in 2015.

"The DMA study is a main tool for analyzing the budget," he said.

Viola said association office manager Linda Martin was assigned lead on the project.

Martin has worked on the reserve study update with Viola, Phillips, Accounting Manager Julia Johnson and the Budget Committee.

Martin will continue heading the effort during a related work session scheduled on Nov. 10 with DMA officials.

"It will be set up like a budget review where I'll have every department head in to discuss any questions," he said. "It's for the community if they have any questions."

Viola said the reserve study would be presented to the board during its November meeting.

Two minutes felt like forever in saving victim

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lasted about two minutes.

"It felt like forever though!" he said. "[The defibrillators] really do save lives. It was nerve-wracking, but the fire chief came and thanked us afterward. And throughout it, everyone stayed calm and worked together. Everyone helped out."

Soon after the resuscitation, EMS workers transported the man to TidalHealth, in Salisbury.

"I got an update that he was doing well in Salisbury, so I was very happy about that," Scotti said. "Rob did a great job. He was quick and responsive, as well as myself, but I feel like Rob did most of the work. Together, we made it work."

Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department Chief Steve Grunewald said the man was alert and responsive when EMS arrived. And Ruszin, he said, was a genuine hero.

"He saved the guy's life - there's no doubt in my mind whatsoever. He did a fantastic job," Grunewald said. "It was absolutely fantastic work in a stressful situation by the staff at the clubhouse. Without the quick thinking of the bartender, the outcome could have been drastically different."

"It also speaks to the importance of these AEDs in public buildings," he continued. "That AED just paid for itself. It saved that gentleman's life. But the big hero is the bartender - he stepped in and went beyond his normal job duties, and he saved this per-

son's life."

Aquatics Director Kathleen Cook maintains defibrillators across all Ocean Pines facilities, and supplies information to staff on how to use them. That includes the Administration Building and Community Center, all five pools, all three restaurants, and the Golf Club, Marina and Racquet Sports Center.

Studies have shown that quick use of a defibrillator can drastically increase a person's chance of survival.

A National Institutes of Health report said the survival rate was 74 percent for victims who received their first defibrillation within three minutes, while those who received their

first defibrillation after three minutes have a survival rate of just 49 percent.

Additionally, an American Heart Association study showed that cardiac arrest victims who received a shock from a publicly available AED had far greater chance of survival and being discharged from the hospital (66.5 percent) than those who did not (43 percent).

Cook said she tests all the units monthly, and last checked the Clubhouse Bar and Grille defibrillator just a week ago.

"I'm just thrilled that it was there and that it worked," she said. "[The defibrillator] would have never shocked him unless he needed it, so

the guy was in trouble. So, hats off to Judie and Rob. They handled it flawlessly."

General Manager John Viola said he was proud of the team and gratified that their training and knowledge paid off.

"Their quick actions probably saved a life on Sunday. As a resident, that's extremely comforting," he said. "We purchased defibrillators last year for all of our facilities, and many of our staff are trained to use them in case of an emergency. Going forward, that will continue to be a priority, and we'll ensure these devices are working and that our team members know how to use them."



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Ocean Downs sports betting getting closer

Approval from state gaming board launches application process for on-site license

By Mallory Panuska
Staff Writer

(Nov. 4, 2021) As itchy-fingered sports bettors wait for Maryland to catch up with its closest neighbors and begin offering lines on live games in casinos and on mobile apps, Ocean Downs Casino is moving closer to getting in on the eventual action.

Members of the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission recently determined that the Berlin gambling facility met the qualifications to obtain a sports wagering license. The decision officially launched an extensive application process with the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission, which is responsible for awarding the licenses.

“There is an extensive sports wagering facility license application that was completed and submitted with the \$1 [million] A-2 license application fee,” Ocean Downs General Manager Bobbi Sample said in an email of the steps taken to receive the recent approval. “We also completed an affidavit of [minority business entity] participation and an affidavit requesting that the [Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission]

employ the approved alternative licensing standards since our parent company already operates sports wagering in other jurisdictions.”

Churchill Downs Incorporated is the casino’s parent company.

Sample added that casino officials submitted proof of a \$3 million bond, which was also required.

And while the recent approval was a positive step, Sample said the road to clinching an official license is long.

“We are pleased, but understand that this is the first step, not the last step, to opening,” she said.

Officials are working on a long checklist detailing the casino’s programs and procedures to ensure all are in compliance with the regulations to obtain a license.

Ocean Downs is seeking an A-2 sports wagering license, which Sample said will allow for on-site betting inside the casino building. She said officials anticipate transitioning existing automated betting kiosks into sports wagering stations.

Online wagering, Sample added, requires a separate application with a \$500,000 price tag. That process has not yet begun.

In response to the news that Ocean Downs, as well as Hollywood Casino in Perryville, received the go-ahead to pursue sports betting licenses, Gov. Larry Hogan released a statement

pushing members of the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission to approve their applications quickly.

“No one is pushing harder than I am to get sports betting up and running here in the State of Maryland,” he said in a news release. “Our administration has now cleared five licenses for sports betting, implementing the referendum approved by voters and the law passed by the General Assembly. With Marylanders looking forward to betting on the NFL and March Madness, we now expect the legislature’s Sports Wagering Applicant Review Commission to swiftly approve these licenses.”

Ocean Downs and Hollywood Casino are two of 17 entities designated to conduct sports wagering operations, pending a review of their qualifications to receive licenses. Horseshoe Casino Baltimore, Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland in Hanover, and MGM National Harbor in Forest Heights were also recently cleared to seek licenses.



MALLORY PANUSKA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
A screen within the online Fan Duel sports betting app shows lines on pre-season NFL games. While mobile sports betting is still a ways away, Ocean Downs Casino recently got the go ahead to move forward with an application to add sports wagering to the gambling offerings at its location near Ocean Pines.

OP committee set to discuss design study at work session

(Nov. 4, 2021) The Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee will host a working session to review the updated Design Management Associates Inc. (DMA) reserve study at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 in the clubhouse meeting room.

The final draft of the updated reserve study comes after several months of challenging work and research by DMA, the budget and finance committee, and Ocean Pines employees, including all the department heads. The study was originally commissioned in 2015 and completed in 2018.

“This is a valuable financial tool when we prepare our budget and to

evaluate our reserves. I had this as a key objective for this fiscal year and our entire senior management team participated, and the effort was led by Linda Martin,” General Manager John Viola said.

Finance Director Steve Phillips added that the updated study, “is important in order to ensure that OPA has adequate reserves (general, bulkheads, drainage and roads) on hand to replace existing assets/infrastructure at the end of their useful life.”

Following the working session, the association will host a presentation for the Ocean Pines Board later in November.

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The crowd stands and salutes while LTC Richard Tanner (USMC) performs Taps to close the Veterans Day Tribute at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines in 2019. The event was held virtually in 2020, but returns to in person next Thursday.

Ocean Pines, Ocean City to mark Veterans Day Nov. 11

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 4, 2021) Day and evening celebrations are planned next Thursday to commemorate Veterans Day at the Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines and American Legion Post 166 in Ocean City.

The patriotic celebrations will begin in Ocean Pines at 11 a.m. at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial.

After plans last year got shifted during because of the covid-19 pandemic, the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation this year returns to its traditional in-person ceremony that typically attracts large crowds.

The Worcester County Veterans

Memorial is located off Route 589 between Cathell and Manklin Creek roads in Ocean Pines.

Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said organizers are ecstatic to return to the customary program after being restricted last year.

“Veterans Day observances gives us the opportunity to say, ‘thank you for your service.’” she said.

Gilmore said the community should remember both the sacrifices made by military members, as well as the countless hours family members stress about their safe return home.

“We invite you to join with us as we honor and recognize the sacrifices of all who have served to protect our freedoms,” she said.

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Leonard garners quick community support for burns

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 4, 2021) Community support has poured in quickly for former Salisbury University lacrosse player Dennis Leonard, who faces a long path to recovery after suffering burns to 96 percent of his body from a gas fire accident last Sunday.

Erik Miller, a past lacrosse teammate and good friend, organized an online fundraiser on behalf of Leonard's wife, Bronwyn.

Miller was encouraged after a GoFundMe page established five days ago with a fundraising goal of \$10,000 quickly topped that mark and currently sits just over \$25,000 from nearly 200 donors.

"It's overwhelming," he said. "We doubled the \$10,000 goal is just over 24 hours."

Leonard was flown to Johns Hopkins Medical Center's ICU Burn Center in critical condition after the Oct. 24 accident.

Miller said the first dose of positive news came following surgery on Oct. 27 where doctors reported the front of Leonard's body would not require skin grafting.

Doctors have estimated Leonard could be hospitalized for up to eight months.

Bronwyn Leonard, and the couple's children, Rife and Brittyn Lyra, will continue making regular trips form the Eastern Shore to comfort Dennis while recuperating at Bay View Hospital in Baltimore.

His wife said the family really appreciates all the support," he said.

Speaking this week, Miler said his old cohort is charting a course to recovery, with continued progress following his most recent surgery this Monday

"He came out really well from that," he said. "When he was a player, he was tough as nails."

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Dennis Leonard, pictured with his wife, Bronwyn, and children, Rife and Brittyn Lyra, is charting an extended course to recovery after suffering extensive burns from a gas fire accident last Sunday.

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OC, OP plan Veterans Day events

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This year's Ocean Pines program features Vice-Commander of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center Col. Craig M. Harmon as guest speaker.

Musical accompaniment honoring each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces will be provided by the Delmarva Chorus.

Spectators are encouraged to bring chairs, as only limited seating will be available. In the event of wet weather, the event will be relocated inside the Ocean Pines Community Center. For more information on the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, visit www.opvets.org.

Later that evening, the American Legion Synepuxent Post 166 will hold its 75th annual Veterans Day ceremony from 5-7 p.m. at its 24th Street location.

Second Vice-Commander Bob Paul said the annual affair will include a few surprises this year.

"We have several members receiving continuous service awards," he said.

Paul said American Legion national representatives would be present to distribute the honors to four members with at least a half century in the organization.

Leading the pack is Dennis Shoemaker with 60 years, followed by a trio of 50-year members: William Baker, Sam Villani and Samuel Lud-

lam.

To set the tone for the observance marking the armistice that closed out WW1 in 1918, guest speakers will include veterans from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Following the flood of memories from surviving veterans, the American Legion Unit 166 Junior Auxiliary will perform a wreath-laying ceremony in memory of P.O.W. or M.I.A. service members.

Junior Auxiliary members Emery Busko and Kendahl Parsons will handle wreath duties.

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OP golf members raise \$2,343 for Atlantic General

(Nov. 4, 2021) Working together for a worthy cause, members of the Ocean Pines Men's Golf Association and Ocean Pines Ladies' Golf Association recently raised \$2,343 for the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation during the annual Pink Lady Fundraiser.

The Men's Golf Association held its event on Oct. 7 and the Ladies' Golf Association hosted its fundraiser on Oct. 12, both at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

Organizer Ann Shockley said the funds raised would help pay for mammograms for those who cannot afford them. Susan Morris also helped organize the event.

Both clubs collected donations and offered incentives to donors. The AGH Foundation contributed some gift items to the cause.

"The men enjoyed their morning event, along with closest to the hole contests, birdie and par prizes, and special incentives for those who wore pink," Shockley said. "The women were unfortunately rained out for golf, but rallied together, all in pink, to enjoy breakfast together."

County purchases pipe, pavement

Worcester Commissioners approve over \$1 million in future Public Works projects

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Nov. 4, 2021) The Worcester County Commissioners approved the purchase of corrugated metal and plastic pipe to be used by the Department of Public Works at the modified price of \$36,460.92 on Oct. 19.

The bid was originally placed at \$48,878.88 but due to an overage that was roughly equal to the difference between that bid and the modified bid, the department's roads division took out certain parts of the county's request to put the bid under budget.

Commissioner Chip Bertino asked Public Works Director Dallas Baker if the modified proposal will fulfill the county's needs, or if the costs being taken out will inevitably come up again.

"Is it a pay me now, pay me later situation?" Bertino asked.

Baker said he'd have to wait and see, but that the department is pursuing other avenues for smaller projects in which residents pay for their pipes, thus freeing budget space for the

county's needs.

"Some of the smaller pipes we're talking about pulling out are more for driveway installations and we are working on a policy to allow homeowners to purchase their own pipe and then we'd put them in for them," Baker said. "That gives them the benefit of being able to buy the pipe from whoever's got it available. We're limited because we have to buy pipe from whoever the lowest bidder is. Some people are willing to spend more money to get it in quicker, and that's going to give us an option as well."

Bertino asked if residents or the county would be responsible for the pipes' maintenance. Baker replied if the pipes are new, it's the residents' responsibility. But if they're "already in there," it's the county's responsibility.

"I'd just hate for homeowners to be delayed in their projects if we don't have the inventory," added Bertino.

Commissioner Josh Nordstrom concurred with Bertino and asked Baker if he had any suggestions.

"Have you considered asking for an overage on these two items? I know you were sort of thrown into the fire as far as budgeting here for this year," Nordstrom said. "I would ask, is there money to pay for these

overages that we can give [the] department what they need for these items?"

Baker said he'd like to county to move along with the purchases in front of it, then he could use his time to work with county administration to see where they can find more money.

In another public works decision, the commissioners unanimously approved and accepted a \$1.05 million bid, or \$73.50 per ton, for the FY22 blacktop and surfacing of county roads project from Chesapeake Paving & Sealing Inc., based in Salisbury.

The project will resurface 13.2 miles of county-controlled roads, including portions of Disharoon Road in Snow Hill, Blueberry Road in Whaleyville and Ironshire Station Road and Sinepuxent Road in Berlin.

The bid was actually about \$22,800 more than the lowest bid, which came from a company based in Harford County. The county operates on the understanding that if the lowest bid for a given project is from a company not located on the lower Eastern Shore, and the lowest local bid is within 10 percent of that bid, then the county will go with the local provider.



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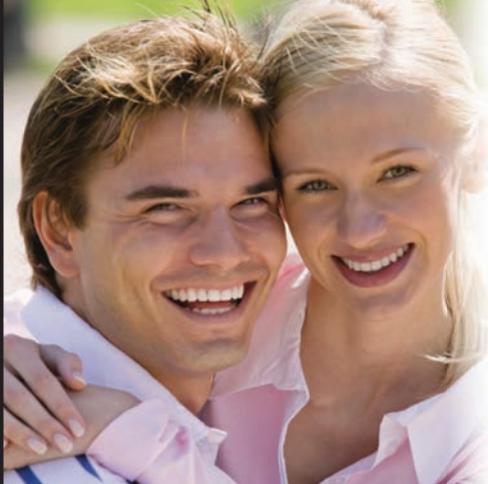
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Local dock dog takes home top honors at national event

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Nov. 4, 2021) Bishopville resident Teresa Hastings and her high-flying 3-year-old German shepherd Halo captured top honors at the Dockdogs National Championship held from Oct. 12-17 in Dubuque, Iowa.

Hastings said Halo took first place in the extreme vertical jump category, along with finishing fifth in the "Big Air," or long jump.

In 2007, Hastings joined the Delmarva Dockdogs club, and since then has attended a number of world championships.

"It's so much fun," she said. "Obviously, you have to love dogs."

Also making the trek to Iowa as part of Hastings' "Team Angel Wings," was 8-year-old yellow Labrador retriever, Linen.

"I have four dogs, two of which did compete," she said. "One of my dogs is retired [from] jumping and the other one hates water."

Dockdog contests are held for three categories; big air, extreme vertical and speed.

Halo's victory carried extra significance based on her breed.

"There are not a ton of German shepherds competing," she said. "You'll see more Labradors and Belgian Malinois."

The dockdog competition was fierce, with canines from the U.S. and Canada converging to seek glory in Iowa.

"There were 700 dogs competing," she said. "There are four pools active at the same time."

Although not a top finisher this year, Hastings said Linen made another return visit to the national gathering.

"This was Linen's third national competition," she said. "She competed in a category called 'Veteran Dogs.'"

In addition to "Veteran Dogs," canines from 9-10 years of age are classified as "Legend Dogs," with older ages falling into the "Hero," category.

"We had a Hero Dog walk and there must have been a good 15-20 dogs," she said.

Dockdogs earn a spot at the invitation-only event through qualifying competitions held throughout the year.

"Halo went ... with an invitation to all three disciplines, which in itself is really incredible."

After embarking on the dog jumping pursuit years ago, Hastings quickly adapted her home pool to serve as a proving ground.

"We have an indoor pool and took the diving board out to build a dock," she said. "I can practice all three disciplines."

Hastings' most recent athletically inclined dog, Halo, has proven a quick study.



PHOTO COURTESY TERESA HASTINGS
Eastern Shore brethren Halo, left, and Linen journeyed to Dubuque, Iowa, for the Dockdogs National Championship earlier this month, with the 3-year-old German shepherd capturing awards in two competitions, including the top spot for extreme vertical jumping.

"She's a good dog to work with, not to mention she's beautiful and friendly," she said.

By contrast to Halo's first nationals, Linen's return visit was a somewhat different experience, Hastings said.

"She's active but for the first time in her life I noticed she's starting to slow down a little bit," she said. "It's bittersweet."

Regardless of diminishing energy levels, Hastings said Linen's jumping technique remains a sight to behold.

"When Linen hits the water it's bizarre, because she hits it a little flat," she said. "There's such a splash of liquid of each side of her that it looks like angel wings stretching out."

The Iowa meet coincided with another Delmarva Dockdogs competition held in Rehoboth Beach, which Hastings husband, John, attended in her absence.

"We were sending pictures back and forth the whole time," she said. "My husband was selling T-shirts for the club."

After the couple shuttered both of their long-running businesses, Paco's Paradise and the Krugerand in the Village of Fenwick, roughly five years ago, Hastings now has more time to devote to dog jumping.

"I'm doing a lot more traveling," she said. "Way more than I used to."

In fact, Hastings has already begun plotting the next dog adventure.

"We're already planning next year," she said.

Regardless of rivalries, Hastings said Delmarva Dockdogs members share a special bond.

"Our slogan this year is we are not a club, we are family," she said. "You spend so much time with these people that you're happy to see others winning."



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Volunteers came out in mass early last month to take part in planting vegetation around Bainbridge Pond in Ocean Pines to close out the latest round of upgrades to reduce flooding and bolster water quality.

Helping hands beautify OP Bainbridge Park

(Nov. 4, 2021) Dozens of local people pitched in at Bainbridge Park in Ocean Pines early last month to help plant vegetation around the pond area.

The planting was among the final phases of Bainbridge Pond improvements to bolster water quality and re-

duce instances of flooding in the area.

Participating were the Ocean Pines Public Works Department, the Ocean Pines Garden Club, representatives from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program and Vista Design Inc., and local college students and other volunteers.

Richard Polk, principal for Vista

Design, said the new aquatic landscaping – including 50 trees and 50 bushes – would help remove nutrients and supply stability for the pond.

“It will foster a robust buffer for the improved pond, and also provide some shading through the trees for the water, to keep it from getting so hot in the summertime. It will also provide a habitat for animals,” Polk said.

Polk said the sunny weather in early October was perfect for planting.

“It’s still warm enough and the water tables are coming back up, and that will provide exactly what these trees and vegetation need,” he said.

Polk said the trees and bushes would go around the perimeter of the pond, and some additional landscaping would be done around the newly planted aquatic benches.

“Those were installed in the pond and the new vegetation will help hold that aquatic bench in place and provide a habitat for small animals. It will also help filter the water and remove more of the nitrogen phosphorus that

we’re trying to capture,” he said.

Polk said the plantings were part of the water quality grant awarded by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

“It is really one of the latter phases,” he said. “The improvements were done this summer, and now the landscaping is going in to help preserve and further enhance the water quality improvements that were done,” he said.

Polk added that Vista and Maryland Coastal Bays would watch the area over the winter.

“I don’t envision any issues, but if there are we’ll come back out and do maintenance in spring,” he said. “At that point, we’re just going to monitor the longtime health of the area and make sure that everything stays stable.”

For Ocean Pines residents, Polk said the work would produce better quality water and some reduced flooding.

“It is a water quality project, and it

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does that through nutrient uptake in the plants as well as sedimentation of small particles in the plants. It does prevent a lot of the nutrients – phosphorus and nitrogen – from reaching the St. Martins River,” Polk said.

“What it means for the residents is, if you’re downstream of it, you are having better water quality,” he continued. “We’ve also made improvements in the amount of water that leaves here during a storm event, and we’ve given Ocean Pines the ability – if they know a large storm is coming – to pump this pond down in the days leading up to that event, thereby storing more of that water during a large storm to prevent flooding downstream.”

Maryland Coastal Bays Executive Director Kevin Smith said his organization has been involved with the project from the start, including working with Worcester County and state officials to secure grant funding.

“We went over the plans with them and it’s been a collaborative process with the county and Ocean Pines, to get this thing done,” he said. “Getting the money to get the work done in the pond was the big thing, and we were successful with that.”

Smith said Maryland Coastal Bays also aided in similar activities with the Town of Berlin, including stormwater improvements there a few years ago.

“We like working with communities like Ocean Pines and the Town of Berlin to help get some of their stormwater management issues done. Obviously, that’s a big need in the area and it’s not going to go away,” he said.

“What we’re hoping in Ocean Pines, is that we’re going to be able to retain some more water here and get better water quality leaving Ocean Pines and going to the coastal bays. So far, it looks great.” Smith continued. “We’ve got a lot of volunteers here today and it’s a great day for it.”

Ocean Pines Public Works Director Eddie Wells said about eight members of his staff took part in the planting.

“Public Works is doing their part to help out, and we’ve been involved throughout the whole process, starting all the way back with the planning,” he said.

Wells said the improvements at Bainbridge have already started to pay off.

“It’s doing what it’s supposed to do in improving the water quality – that’s the main thing,” he said. “This is basically the last phase, and after this we just have a little bit of paving to do.”

Berlin sponsors no-charge bulk waste pickup in Nov.

(Nov. 4, 2021) The Town of Berlin will hold free curbside bulk waste collections in November.

Collections are for improved, occupied residential properties and collection date is according to regular trash collection schedules.

For those neighborhoods that have Tuesday and Wednesday trash collection, bulk waste collection will be on Wednesday. For Thursday trash collection customers, bulk waste collection will be on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Anyone placing items for collection must submit a request to the town, either by phone or online, by no later than 4:30 p.m. the day before their collection day.

A form is available online at berlinmd.gov under “Departments/Public Works” or call 410-641-2770, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. A maximum of four items will be collected.

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local retailers and a limited supply is available at Town Hall.

Additional regulations may apply. Details are available online or may be emailed or picked up at Town Hall prior to collection day.

There are also several holidays in November that will affect regular trash or recycling collection.

For Veterans Day, Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11, and trash collection will be postponed to Friday, Nov. 12, along with regularly scheduled recycling collection.

Town Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26, and Thursday and Friday trash collection will be changed to Wednesday, Nov. 24 along with regular Wednesday collection.

There will be no recycling collection on Friday, Nov. 26.

Fall yard waste collections will be scheduled for December.

For more information about special collections, visit the town website at berlinmd.gov and go to the Public Works page under Departments.

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Meet OPA Board members Peck, Wheatley

(Nov. 4, 2021) Ocean Pines welcomed two new board members recently, with the appointment of Amy Peck and Josette Wheatley. Both will serve until the 2022 election.

Amy Peck

Peck described herself as a “Baltimore girl who grew up vacationing in Ocean City.”

“I worked my way through college working ‘down the ocean’ and have fond memories of working at Phillips North,” she said.

Years later, she and her family bought a home in Ocean Pines.

“Once my kids started public school in Baltimore County, we made the wise choice of buying a home here in 2002,” she said. “We were looking for a summer home where my young sons and I could live when school wasn’t in session, and we just fell in love with Ocean Pines and all that it offers.”

Before retiring, Peck worked as an early childhood educator, running her own licensed daycare center, and working with Baltimore County Parks and Recreation as a teacher and director for its Tiny Tots program.

“My husband continues his career as a scientist with the U.S. Army Corp

of Engineers,” she said. “My sons attended Baltimore County Public Schools and received full tuition scholarships to Towson University and UMBC, and the oldest will receive his Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from Duke.”

Prior to moving to Ocean Pines, Peck earned HOA experience while serving as the association secretary of the Pine Valley Valleywood Community Association in Timonium. She also started the Greater Timonium Community Council, worked with land preservation groups in northern Baltimore County, and volunteered with the Cromwell Valley and Baltimore County recreation and parks departments.

Peck said she brings a unique perspective to the Ocean Pines board, because of her varied background.

“I have been a part-time resident, a resident with young children, an empty nester, a retiree now almost full-time here, and an employee,” she said. “Many residents come up to me saying, ‘I know you from somewhere,’ and it is usually from the pools. Before being appointed, I loved working the front desk for Aquatics in the summers and spreading my love for what this community offers.”

She’s also a familiar face in Ocean Pines politics, as someone who frequently attended board meetings and often wrote letters to the association’s governing body.

“My approach to something I don’t understand is to research it endlessly,” Peck said. “When I first heard about effluent being used to irrigate, that’s what I did – I researched and I asked any expert I could find questions.”

On the Board, Peck will serve as liaison to two advisory committees: Racquet Sports and Environment and Natural Assets.

“I’m super excited to be liaison for the Environment and Natural Assets Committee,” she said. “It’s been a pleasure talking with members of the committee who share the same passion for the environment that I do.”

“I will also serve as liaison for Racquet Sports,” she continued. “Our racquet center, certified instructors, and state-of-the-art courts are the best on the East Coast. The investment Ocean Pines has made in pickleball is paying off.”

Looking forward as a new Ocean Pines Board member, Peck described herself as being fiscally conversative, but not afraid to invest in the future.

“I see the value in investing money to improve our amenities and the customer experience, and in the end the

growth in revenue that that investment gives us. I take that same approach with maintaining our current facilities,” she said.

“During the next nine months, I am focusing on continuing our positive revenue growth and improving communication with the homeowners,” Peck continued. “I’m excited to work together as a team to continue projects in place but also I like to look forward long-range keeping in mind the 50-year history of Ocean Pines. I’ve often been called the ‘cheerleader’ of Ocean Pines, because I’m very vocal about how much I love it and how much there is to do. I’m going to do my best to serve.”

Josette Wheatley

Wheatley is originally from Moncton, a city in southeastern New Brunswick, Canada.

She and her husband, Bob, raised four children in Howard County, Maryland before moving to Ocean Pines full time in 2019.

The family purchased a home in the community in 2014 to be closer to family. Wheatley said her in-laws live next door and have been homeowners since 1996.

Wheatley’s professional background See PINES Page 17



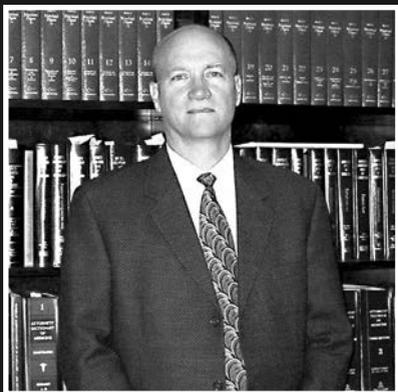
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Wor. Library Board seeking volunteer for open position

(Nov. 4, 2021) The Worcester County Library Board of Trustees is seeking a Worcester County resident to volunteer for a board vacancy representing Snow Hill including areas beyond the town limits.

The Library Board is composed of seven members who reside in the various communities and towns in the county. Candidates should be passionate about the important role the Worcester County Library plays in the community.

Members are appointed by the Worcester County Commissioners to

a five-year term with a two-term limit. The Board of Trustees meet monthly with the exception of July and August to set policy, advise the director of the Worcester County Library, and approve the library’s budget.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and are open to the public.

For more information or to express interest in the board position, contact Jennifer Ranck, director of the Worcester County Library, at 410-632-2600 or contact@worcestertlibrary.org.

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Pines welcomes pair of new directors seated for interim

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ground includes 25 years in civil engineering, with much of that time spent as a Maryland State Highway consultant working for an engineering firm in Ellicott City. Today, she runs American Engineering Solutions, which is certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation as a woman-owned small business.

“My husband and I have been business owners for the past eight years, providing drafting services for new home construction and renovation plans, including permitting for both residential and commercial projects within Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C.,” she said. “My experience includes storm water management, roundabouts, and bridge and road designs,” she said.

Since moving to Ocean Pines, Wheatley has been an active volunteer. She previously served on both the 50th Anniversary Committee, and the Communications Advisory Committee, where she served as the committee secretary.

“I have learned that the committees

are the pulse of our community, and the people who volunteer are passionate in our success,” she said. “In the past, I was president for my homeowner’s association in Howard County for four years. During those years, we worked on creating a financial reserve for our aging infrastructure. I also served as a liaison of CERN, a community emergency response network, which worked closely with our communities.”

As an Ocean Pines board member, Wheatley hopes to be a unifying force. She will serve as the association secretary, and the liaison to the Communications and Elections committees.

“My focus for this year is to help bring the board of directors together and to meet the needs of the community,” she said. “I intend to listen to the community and get their voices heard. This includes the drainage issue – as it affects so many of our neighbors – as well as the proposed Northgate roundabout, and the environmental impact on our ponds, canals and our overall water quality.

“Promoting our community is also a top priority,” she continued. “We live in an amazing part of the world, where the beauty is impeccable and so are the people who live here.”



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Worcester hires Pusey to permitting position

(Nov. 4, 2021) The Worcester County Commissioners appointed Gary Pusey as the new deputy director within Development Review and Permitting (DRP).

Pusey stepped into his new role on Oct. 8.

“Gary is a dedicated leader with a wide range of planning experience to bring to Worcester County,” DRP Director Jennifer Keener said. “He will be a valuable asset to our team, and I look forward to working with him.”

Pusey, brings more than 35 years of planning experience to this position.



Gary Pusey

He has served as the planning director for Somerset County since 2010, where he oversaw planning, zoning, environmental regulations, housing programs, grant management, and building permit issuance and inspections.

Prior to taking on that role, he served as the chief of long-range/transportation planning with the City of Salisbury and Wicomico County Government from 2002-

2010, where his planning activities included preparing and updating the comprehensive plans and other planning studies.

“Worcester County has long had a reputation for implementing high-quality planning efforts, which I believe is attributable to the efforts of the County Commissioners, Planning Commission and staff members, with valuable input from the public,” Pusey said. “I look forward to being a part of that process, and hopefully I can contribute to those efforts.”

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geography and regional

planning from Salisbury University and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

The DRP deputy director is responsible for assisting the director with all aspects of development, review, permitting, and other functions, including staff supervision, and coordinating planning studies and documents, including the upcoming review of the Worcester County Comprehensive Plan.

Pusey has lived on the Lower Eastern Shore for most of his life and enjoys a variety of outdoor activities.

Tustin wins county engineer of year

(Nov. 4, 2021) Retired Worcester County Public Works Director John Tustin earned a state nod in October when he was named the 2021 County Engineer of the Year by the County Engineers Association of Maryland (CEAM).

Tustin, who dedicated his 36-year career with Worcester County Government (WCG) to expanding and improving public services and championing modernization of the progressive maintenance programs for county-owned buildings and grounds, received this award for his lasting contributions to Worcester County, the



John Tustin

State of Maryland, and the CEAM.

During his career with WCG, Tustin spearheaded numerous infrastructure projects that have played an important role in shaping

Worcester County.

In 1986, Tustin played a key role in acquiring, designing and developing a 724-acre property for the Central Landfill in Newark where he later oversaw the development of five landfill cells.

He initiated the recycling program in

1992 and oversaw the design and construction of Samuel Bowen Boulevard, the cap and closure of three old landfill sites in Pocomoke, Snow Hill and Berlin, and headed pump station upgrades in Ocean Pines and multiple wastewater treatment plant expansions.

He also coordinated upgrades and improvements to all of the Worcester County boat ramps.

Tustin was involved in the design and construction of the 1988 County Jail expansion, the construction of Healthway Drive, the Worcester County Health Department office in Berlin, and the Ocean Pines Library

MADD hosts awards event Oct. 19

More than 100 honored including members of OC, Pines police departments

(Nov. 4, 2021) Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Mid Atlantic) along with Sponsors State Farm, Rory Unfinished Business, Azrael Franz, Allstate, Walmart, M&T Bank, and the Noah A. Leotta Foundation hosted its Annual Law Enforcement

Recognition Awards on Oct. 19 at the Embassy Suites Hotel Hunt Valley, Maryland.

This year’s awards ceremony, held statewide, recognized more than 100 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, agencies and community groups for their dedication to impaired driving enforcement and prosecution. While the event was hosted in-person, it was also live streamed for those unable to attend.

“We understand the sacrifices that each of you make to protect our citizens and to keep our roads safe,” said Roderick Howard, Regional Executive Director of MADD Mid Atlantic.

Honored from the Ocean City Police Department were Cpl. Chris Snyder, Patrolman First Class Nathan Kutz and Yovanny Ramirez, and Joshua O’Ferrall from the Ocean Pines Police Department.

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Andre Esztergomi, left, defeated Rick Tying in the Men's 4.5 Over 40 bracket during the Mid-Atlantic USTA tournament in Ocean Pines, Sept. 25-26. (Right) Steven South took top honors in the Men's 4.0 Over 18 age bracket.

Snow Hill Seafood Festival Saturday to back chamber

(Nov. 4, 2021) Every year, for the past 10 years, the Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce has hosted its annual Oyster Roast in late winter/early spring.

The event features all-you-can-eat oyster-themed delicacies from an array of local chefs and restaurant. This format, coupled with bottomless beer and live entertainment, has made the Snow Hill Oyster Roast one of the most anticipated events in the area, with tickets regularly selling out.

In response to the extremely high demand of this event, the chamber will be hosting a new event in November that mirrors the successful format of the Oyster Roast.

On Nov. 6, from 1-5 p.m., the Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce will host the town's first Seafood Festival. Much like the annual Oyster Roast, seafood-themed dishes will be available from vendors throughout the downtown area. Menu items include a raw oyster bar, steamed shrimp, a fish fry, crab soup, and many other seafood delicacies.

Tickets are priced at \$50 and are available on the Chamber's website, www.snowhillchamber.com/seafood-festival.

"Ever since I first took this position, I have heard non-stop talk about how amazing the annual Oyster Roast is," Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joe Laque said. "With how quickly tickets to the Oyster Roast have sold out in previous years, it only made sense to host a similar event in the fall to allow more people the opportunity of experience such a beloved event."

Proceeds from the Seafood Festival will help increase the chamber's operating budget, thus allowing the organization to expand benefits offered to members.

Pines Racquet Center hosts USTA

Mid-Atlantic tournament, held Sept. 25-26, drew more than 20 players

(Nov. 4, 2021) Some of the top men's singles players in the Mid-Atlantic region played in a United State Tennis Association tournament, Sept. 25-26, in Ocean Pines.

The tournament helped determine ratings for the National Tennis Rating Program.

Racquet Sports Manager and Tennis Pro Terry Underkoffler said more than 20 top players took part in the event.

"Some amazing tennis was played on our courts," he said. "The players were amazed at the quality of our complex and extremely complimentary of the condition of our courts."

Tournament results:

Men's 3.5 Bracket:

David Nazari (Ranked No. 1 in Maryland) of Montgomery Village defeated Jonathan Marcus of Ashburn, Virginia 6-2, 6-0, to capture the title.

Men's 4.0 Over 18 Bracket:

In a rematch of last year's final, Steven South (Ranked No. 3 in Virginia) of Virginia Beach narrowly defeated Brian Sherry (Ranked No. 1 in West Virginia) of Morgantown in a thriller, 6-0, 6-7, 7-5.

Men's 4.0 Over 40 Bracket:

In a three-hour marathon that fea-

tured some points that had rallies of 30 or more shots, nationally-ranked no. 1 Chris Carlton narrowly defeated Narayan Rao (Ranked No. 2 in the Middle States region) 7-6 (3) and 7-6 (3).

Carlton also won the Mid-Atlantic region last year, which qualified him for nationals. He then won the nationals tournament in Orlando, this past winter.

Men's 4.5 Over 40 Bracket:

Andre Esztergomi (Ranked No. 1 in Maryland) defeated Rick Tying 6-2, 6-4, to take the bracket.

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Commendations to staff, admin in saving a life

Cool heads in a moment of crisis prevailed at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club Sunday, as bartender Rob Ruszin and manager Judie Scotti saved the life of a heart attack victim by deploying a defibrillator and administering CPR.

To hear them tell it, they weren't that calm when they discovered a customer on the floor and not breathing that afternoon, but their swift actions and focus on the moment suggest that any nerves they might have felt were banished by their understanding that a man's life was in their hands.

They did what they had to do without hesitation in exceptionally stressful circumstances, proving that people can be capable of extraordinary acts even though they might not know it beforehand.

Just as vital as Ruszin's and Scotti's immediate response was in their lifesaving effort, equally critical was the availability of an automated external defibrillator (AED), without which this story would not have ended well.

As Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department Chief Steve Grunewald emphasized, having AEDs conveniently located in public buildings can mean the difference between life and death.

Fortunately, the Ocean Pines Association administration understands that and last year obtained defibrillators for all its facilities. This equipment is not inexpensive and buying enough to outfit multiple locations costs thousands of dollars.

Still, as was demonstrated last Sunday, that's a small price to pay when someone's life is at stake.

We applaud the administration for recognizing the need for AEDs and implementing that policy. We also offer the highest praise to the club staffers, Ruszin and Scotti, for knowing what to do in this emergency and doing it efficiently and without hesitation.

Equipment can be purchased, but having the right people at the right time with the right equipment is, as they say, priceless.



"Grandad has saved enough daylight in his lifetime to light up Ocean Pines for the entire Winter."

DNR: Crab pots permitted in Pines

State officials clear up confusion about canal restrictions

(Nov. 4, 2021) Crab pots, both commercial and private, are permitted in Ocean Pines canals, according to a spokesperson for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The only restrictions for crab pots, generally recognizable in the water because of their bright orange floats, are in the Yacht Club Marina area.

The DNR's regulation unit said, "Commercial watermen are allowed to fish in tidal waters. So, aside from those channels, water less than four feet at mean low tide, and upstream of these non-tidal lines, they can use crab pots" in Worcester and Wicomico counties, the Pocomoke River bridge on Whiton Crossing three miles south of Powellville, the

Wicomico River from Isabella Street in Salisbury, the Beaverdam Creek dam just upstream of Route 13, Nassawango Creek from Furnace Road, and Barren Creek from the Route 50 Bridge.

"Anyone who owns waterfront property (or their tenant/guest) can set their two pots (maximum of two pots xaper property) in the Ocean Pines canals, as well as the commercial guys, because there is nothing preventing anyone from doing that now," the spokesperson said.

According to DNR, one caveat for placing a crab pot is that the person placing the pot(s) must own the waterfront. "If the waterfront is owned by the HOA, the adjacent property owner/tenant/guest cannot set pots," the spokesperson said.

Additionally, the water must be at least four feet deep at mean low tide.

"As far as nonresidents – if they're property owners/

tenants/guests on a waterfront property, they'd be able to set pots just the same as residents," the spokesperson said.

Additionally, the Department of Natural Resources said the closest "crab pot free areas" that do not allow crab pots are:

(28) Isle Of Wight Bay—Eastern Channel, 50 yards channelward of a line southward from day marker "13", C "11", R N "10", G C "9", R N "8", G C "7", R N "6", C "5", C "3", R N "2", C "1", Fl. R 4 § 14 ft. 3M "2", G "1A" to U.S. Route 50 Bridge;

(29) Isle Of Wight Bay—Western Channel, 50 yards channelward of a line southward from Fl. R 2.5 § "14", R N "12", R N "10", R N "8", R N "6", C "1";

(30) Isle Of Wight Bay—100 feet channelward of a line from Ocean Pines Yacht Club easterly to Fl. R 2 § 6 ft. "4", Fl. G 2 § 6 ft. "3", Fl. 2 § 6 ft. "2";

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OP Winter Wonderland Holiday Fair, Saturday

(Nov. 4, 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 homemade 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.

Wor. Humane Society holds Boardwalkin' for Pets, Sat.

(Nov. 4, 2021) Support the Worcester County Humane Society and the 21st annual Boardwalkin' for Pets walk-a-thon on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. noon.

Participants are encouraged to bring their four-legged friend or adopt a shelter dog for the day. Meet at the Ocean City inlet on the boards and register to be eligible for prizes.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Contests being at 10:45 a.m. Walk the entire length of the boardwalk or to 12th street. Refreshments will be provided at 12th and 27th streets, provided by Pepperidge Farm Distributors, and Layton's of 16th Street.

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A \$25 donation will get participants a dog walk bandana. Raise \$50 and receive a T-shirt. A \$100 donation earns walkers a tumbler.

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Register in advance at <https://worcestercountyhumanesociety.networkforgood.com/projects/137007-2021-boardwalkin-for-pets>.

In addition, the humane society is offering its 11th annual cash raffle. All proceeds will benefit the animals at the Berlin no-kill shelter.

Drawing will be held Nov. 13. Chances cost \$5 each or get five for \$20. Need not be present to win.

First prize is \$2,500, second is \$1,000, and third through fifth wins \$500 each. Call the shelter at 410-213-0146 for more information.

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Berlin Glow Walk at Stephen Decatur Park set for Friday

(Nov. 4, 2021) This year's Fall Just Walk event in Berlin will be a Glow Walk, starting in Stephen Decatur Park and following a 4.5K route around and through the downtown.

Participants will carry and wear glow sticks for this Nov. 5 evening walk.

The Worcester County Health Department will be on hand with information about the Just Walk Worcester walking initiative and volunteers are also needed to help direct

walkers along the route.

Pre-registration is available at justwalkworchester.org. Day-of registration starts at 4:30 p.m. in Stephen Decatur Park, 130 Tripoli Street, and the walk starts at 5 p.m.

Strollers and friendly, leashed dogs are welcome. All participants will receive a free raffle entry for a Berlin Basket.

For more information and to volunteer, contact Mary Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or mbohlen@berlinmd.gov.

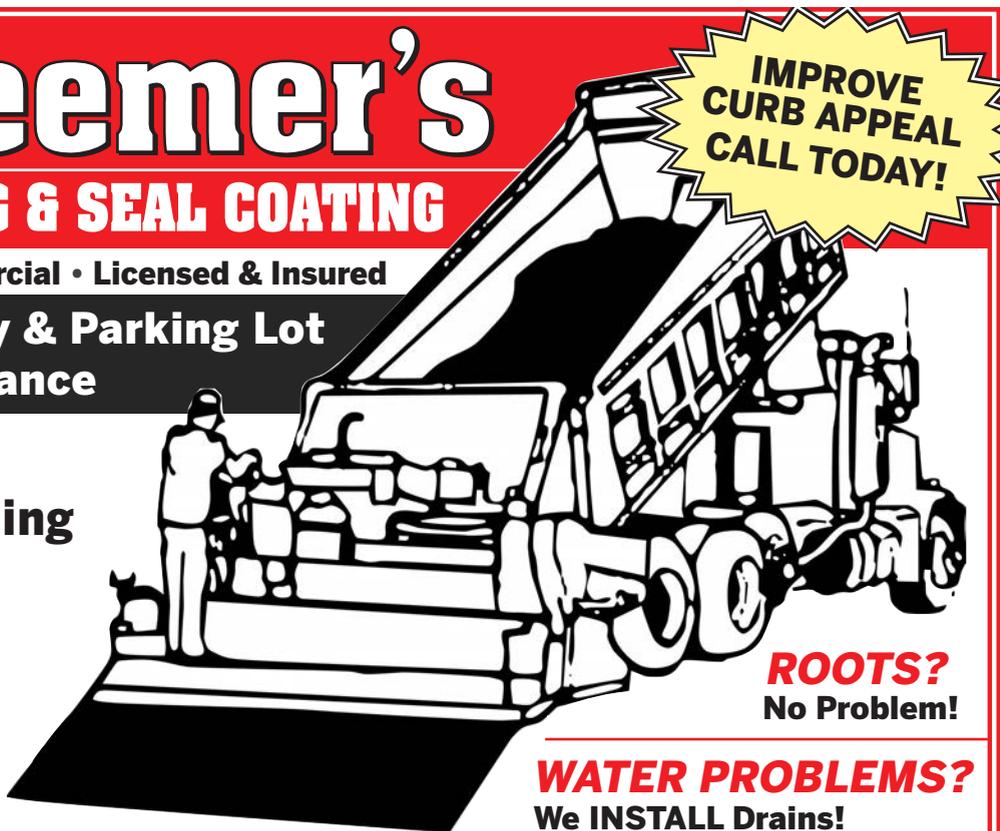
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Children with flapping wings and wagging tails cruise the Ocean Pines Community Center gym in search of sugary snacks during the "Trunk or Treat" event on Friday.



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Costumed children invaded the Ocean Pines Community Center gym for "Trunk or Treat," which was quickly adapted due to soggy conditions on Friday.



Pirates and mermaids left deep sea purviews to distribute candy in Ocean Pines on Friday.

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Youths decked out in princess and canine costumes raid Washington Street in Berlin for sweet snacks on Halloween evening.



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Hordes of kids and parents bombarded Washington Street in Berlin on Sunday to take part in an array of Halloween festivities.



Costume-loving dogs add a furry touch on Halloween night in Berlin while numerous disguises were on display throughout town as youths and parents marked the holiday. GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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Cuisine

Grilled peppers served with spicy mayo

The plot to our own personal story often turns to hokum when we attempt to discern what is necessity

and what is drivel. Do we really need sleep? Yes, but not quite as much as you might think or be led to believe. Do we need to avoid bacon? Not really, but then I guess that completely depends



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

on who we are getting our “learned” information from.

Do we need to spend the vast majority of our lives lost in the muddle of work (usually for someone else) before spending a few golden years in retirement, if we are lucky? I am not one to answer, as it looks like that is the path on which I am traveling.

But most importantly, do we really need the stress of hosting these blasted holiday parties? I mean, really?

Yes, the holiday season is upon us, and I can't think of a better way to act out my “old man” schtick than to gripe about the holiday season being upon us. I'm not sure about you, but while 2020 was a difficult year, 2021 has been a marathon straight into the tar pits. I'm still waiting for Independence Day to “happen,” and here we are planning for Thanksgiving. I cry a little on the inside.

At least we are the lucky ones who can celebrate the holidays, and as long as we remember to help those who might not be in as fortunate a position, then I believe that we have done our due. But, that is neither here nor there. I am griping about hosting holiday parties, after all. I can't lose sight of old-man ramblings.

Why in the hell are the holidays here so quickly? Where did they come from? If I didn't know any better, then I would say that these things happen every year, and I simply haven't figured that out yet. Don't worry, we will get through this together.

On the bright side, at least we can now get our pumpkin spice bacon and scrapple, so that sure is a win for society, isn't it? OK, I will dial in the cynicism and get back to the task at hand: holiday parties.

It has been a long time since I have personally hosted one, so perhaps this is the year to do so. It would be nice to welcome people into my



home, opening the door for all to enter. And with a formidable spread, we would feast and frolic and enjoy ourselves as we try to forget the past two years.

And while I am a staunch traditionalist when it comes to holiday fare, I also know that there is plenty of room on the table when it comes to cocktail hour. There is a certain joie de vivre when I go to a holiday party and the array of starters is vast and flavorful. That's when I know that at least I will have some choices.

One of my favorite (and quite simple) dishes to put on a holiday sideboard is grilled peppers. If you have not had the pleasure, let me assure you that, as long as you pick the correct peppers, you will succeed in this overly simplified yet flavorful device.

Grilling peppers brings out a sweetness in them that is difficult to replicate, and if you do it correctly, a nice char will add an umami element (meaning savory) that counterbalances the sweetness perfectly. Herein lies a caveat. Don't go too spicy.

Avoid the jalapenos and habaneros in your life, and certainly don't reach for some Carolina

Reapers or Ghost Peppers. Most people are not in the mood to be singed at a holiday party, and you certainly don't want anyone calling 911 because they ingested a hot pepper in your strange adaptation of the Mardi Gras King Cake. Instead, stick with sweet and mild peppers. Shishitos are a go-too, with only one out of every 10 or 20 being spicy. The mini-sweets in the grocery store are great, as are the poblano and banana peppers. Mix them up so as to give a diversity of flavor.

Treat your guests to a colorful plate of holiday cheer. Fight the hokum.

Grilled Peppers, Spicy Mayo

serves about 6 for hors d'oeuvres
 1 1/2 # Fresh assorted peppers*
 Cracked pepper and sea salt, as needed
 Olive oil blend (higher flash point), as needed
 1 1/2 c. Duke's Mayonnaise
 Juice of 1 lime
 2 Tbsp (or to taste) Adobo Sauce from chipotles

1. Toss the peppers in the oil and season with salt and pepper.

2. Get a grill raging hot and place the peppers on board.

3. Let them char before turning them and cook for a total of about 5 minutes, depending on the heat of the grill.

4. Pull and allow to rest so that they wilt and are easy to eat.

5. For the spicy mayonnaise, combine the mayo, lime juice and adobo sauce. Whisk well, and if the adobo is not seasoned enough, season it with salt and pepper OR trimix.

6. Serve at room temperature

*When choosing peppers, don't forget to read your crowd. Even if you only have a couple of guests who cannot stand spicy foods, it is still better to choose mild and sweet peppers, as one blast from a stray habanero or jalapeno can ruin their evening. There is enough kick in the spicy mayo

—Paul Suplee is a Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College and owner of boxcar40 and boxcar on main. Visit him at www.boxcar40.com; www.boxcaronmain.com



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

WAY TO GO!

Berlin Little League's Junior All-Star baseball team was honored for winning the 2021 state championship during the Berlin mayor and Town Council meeting on Sept. 23.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BIO CLASS

Jenn Corron's Worcester Prep 10th grade biology class met in the lab to recreate plant and animal cells with gelatin and craft pieces. Baylor Hoen, left, and Kannon Cropper move the pieces to the appropriate parts of the cell.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ON DISPLAY

Ervin and Alice Briddell inspect the variety of historical photos on display at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center recently.

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Calendar

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

Thurs., Nov. 4

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorder Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

ANNUAL COAT & TOY DRIVE

Ocean Pines Community Center Parking Lot, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City will be collecting unwrapped toys, coats, boots, shoes, thermal ware, sweatshirts, sweaters, jeans, gloves, scarves and blankets. djlandissr@gmail.com, 410-641-7330

MERRY MAKERS - FALL DECORATIONS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Make your own fall decorations for the Thanksgiving table. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events" or call 410-208-4014.

STORY TIME: 'DO NOT BRING YOUR DRAGON TO THE LIBRARY'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Come listen to this silly story. Take home activity included. For children ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STEM STORY TIME 'BREATHE LIKE A BEAR'

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join the group for stories, songs and rhymes. Take-home activity included. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

POCOMOKE BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'CIRCE' BY MADELINE MILLER

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Lively discussion facilitated by Cynthia Hanagud and Gail Samis of Salisbury University.

Copies of the book are available at the Pocomoke branch. 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 certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-632-2600

SNOW HILL FARMER'S MARKET

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

BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. Beach Singles, 45 years and older, meet for happy hour. Info: 302-436-9577, 410-524-0649 or BeachSingles.org

Fri., Nov. 5

SCHOOL'S OUT CAMP

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Participants play various sports, games, make crafts and more. Choose 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Derek Jarmon, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2509 or djarmon@marylandscoast.org.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Ocean Pines Community Center - Asateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For ages 13 years and older. 410-641-9358, agh.care/flu

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION FOR NOVEMBER EXHIBIT

OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 5-7 p.m. Featuring a variety of local artists. Meet the artists and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Also at Princess Royale Oceanfront and Coffee Beanery. 410-524-9433, www.artleagueofo.com



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SOLAR

Berlin officials, from left, Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood, Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence, Mayor Zach Tyndall and Councilmember Dean Burrell flip the switch to kick in a newly installed solar array at the electric substation on Schoolfield Street during a ceremony on Sept. 16.

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IPAD BASICS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m.-noon. Drop in with your iPad and your questions. This session is for Apple iPad devices only. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

BERLIN FALL GLOW WALK

Stephen Decatur Park, 130 Tripoli St., Berlin, 5 p.m. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. Carry or wear glow sticks during this 4.5K walk. Pre-register: justwalkworces-ter.org. All participants receive a free raffle entry for a Berlin Basket. 410-641-4314

Sat., Nov. 6

21ST ANNUAL BOARDWALKIN' FOR PETS

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9 a.m.-noon. Bring your dog or adopt a shelter dog for the day. Register to be eligible for prizes. Refreshments for people and canines. Registration starts at 8:30 am. Walk starts at 9 a.m. 410-213-0146

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER & RECRUITMENT

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m.-noon. Stop by the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department's booth and purchase your truck raffle tickets, Green Number Plate Signs and learn about becoming a member of the department. 410-641-8272

10TH ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235

Ocean Parkway, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free and open to the public. Featuring crafters and artists selling their works including jewelry, pottery, painting, bath produces, pet products, stained glass and more. <http://www.oceanpines.org>, 302-233-0761

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Community Church at Ocean Pines - Family Life Center, 11227 Racetrack Road, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Featuring Christmas decorations and trees, linens and things, new and gently used clothing, gifts and potpourri, children's book and toys and a bake sale. <http://www.ccaop.org>, 410-641-5306

DEDICATION CEREMONIES TO HONOR REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS

Beginning at Captain Levin Handy's grave in Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church Cemetery, at 10 a.m., then proceeding to Colonel Samuel Handy's grave at All Hallows Episcopal Church. www.dar.org, www.sar.org, 410-213-8238

CRAFTY SATURDAY: ALL ABOUT ME!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Make and take home some awesome crafts that are all about you and what makes you so unique. For ages 4 years and older. While supplies last. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS

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

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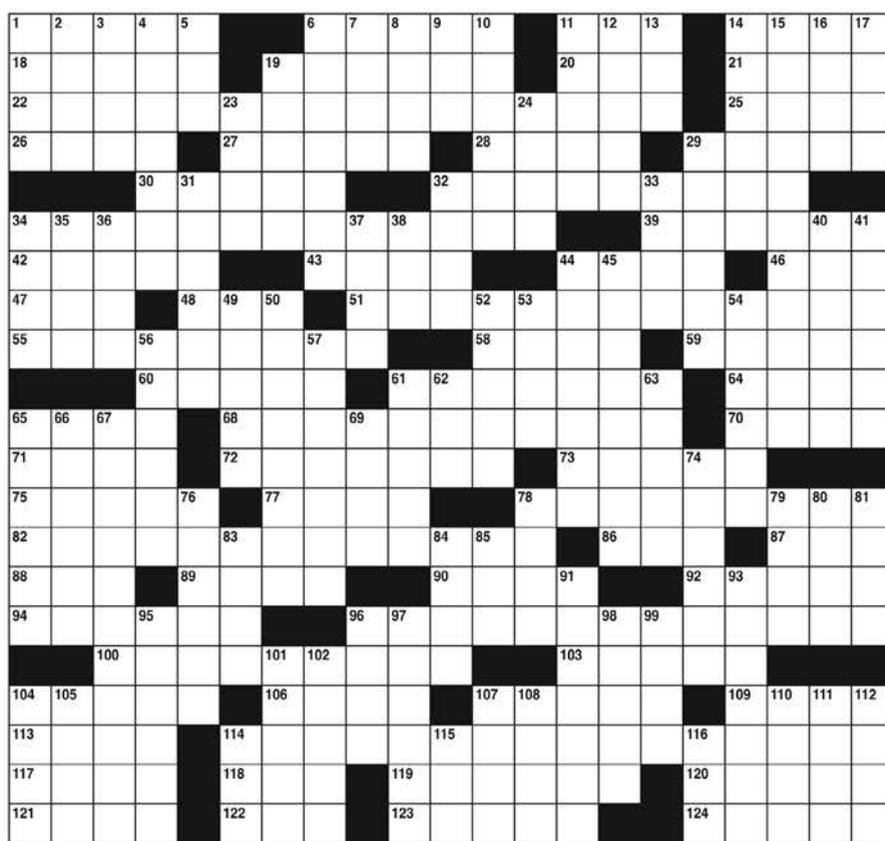
SPORTS NUTS

BY KATIE HALE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Katie Hale, originally from Houston, is now a stay-at-home mom in London. She and a friend run the Reading Network, an organization that finds new homes for used children's books. A lifelong devotee of both crosswords and sports ("I can happily watch about any sport"), she set out to make a sports-themed puzzle that would be accessible to non-sports fans. This is Katie's third Times crossword and first solo Sunday. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 One known as "the Alive, the Eternal"
 - 6 Checkout option
 - 11 Org. featured in 2011's "Contagion"
 - 14 Tiff
 - 18 ___ Rose, Catherine O'Hara's character on "Schitt's Creek"
 - 19 Chevron subsidiary
 - 20 Language in the Tai family
 - 21 Kind of skirt
 - 22 Your ex's new date whom you just can't stand?
 - 25 Tabloid twosome
 - 26 Lose sleep (over)
 - 27 Off
 - 28 "Su-u-ure"
 - 29 Half of a legal warning
 - 30 There are 24 in a cuboctahedron
 - 32 Make a big stink
 - 34 Kegels, e.g.?
 - 39 Getting up there
 - 42 Poet Rainer Maria
 - 43 "___ yourself"
 - 44 First winner of the Nebula Award for best science fiction novel (1965)
 - 46 It's just passing
 - 47 Therapists' org.
 - 48 Director Craven
 - 51 First square of a crossword?
- DOWN**
- 55 Walking the dog, for instance
 - 58 One might bend over backward
 - 59 Who actually lives in Lapland, some say
 - 60 Accord maker
 - 61 Author of 29 Federalist Papers
 - 64 Laugh and a half
 - 65 Playwright who wrote, "Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything"
 - 68 "I'll be your waiter tonight," e.g.?
 - 70 Raison d' ___
 - 71 Do a certain developer's job
 - 72 Something a mover or a movie might have
 - 73 Threesome
 - 75 The "B" in its name stands for "brush"
 - 77 Oldest independent state in the Arab world
 - 78 Genre for "Booksmart" and "Clueless"
 - 82 Conspiracy theory so wild that it can't be aired?
 - 86 Trident look-alike
 - 87 ___ jam
 - 88 Small bird
 - 89 "I did it!"
 - 90 Southern cooking staple
 - 92 Things you can crack without damaging them
 - 94 Affix with a click
 - 96 Plan to leave at a very specific evening time?
 - 100 Orangish shade
 - 103 Fill with joy
 - 104 Stirs up
 - 106 Doctor Zhivago
 - 107 Where subs are standard
 - 109 Semiaquatic creature
 - 113 Missing
 - 114 Blackjack dealer?
 - 117 Niche mag
 - 118 Stick (out)
 - 119 Product that increases volume
 - 120 "Moonlight" actress Janelle
 - 121 Joie de vivre
 - 122 One doing inside work
 - 123 Chain whose name derives from its founders, the Raffel brothers
 - 124 Orchard products
- ACROSS**
- 10 Actor Menzies who won an Emmy for "The Crown"
 - 11 Fills (in)
 - 12 One hell of a writer?
 - 13 One way for packages to arrive, in brief
 - 14 Protect
 - 15 "Quiet!" rudely
 - 16 Lager alternatives
 - 17 Subdued
 - 19 "It takes a licking and keeps on ticking" brand
 - 23 Herb used in smudging rites
 - 24 Theater award
 - 29 Stars
 - 31 Approached
 - 32 Actress Moreno
 - 33 ___ Kong
 - 34 Melee
 - 35 Abdominal procedure, for short
 - 36 Skin-care brand
 - 37 Dry biscuit used as baby food
 - 38 Op. ___ (footnote abbr.)
 - 40 Any slice of pizza, geometrically
 - 41 Greek goddess associated with witchcraft
 - 44 Archaeologist's workplace
 - 45 Workers' advocate, informally
 - 49 Young partner?
 - 50 Back way, often
 - 52 Winona of "Stranger Things"
 - 53 Work, work, work
 - 54 Texas border city
 - 56 "C'est la vie"
- DOWN**
- 1 Book before Obadiah
 - 2 Converted apartment, perhaps
 - 3 "That's ___"
 - 4 Question after an argument has died down
 - 5 Solo traveling in space
 - 6 Crafts
 - 7 Frequent subjects of Taylor Swift songs
 - 8 Measures, in music
 - 9 Word that can precede or follow pack
 - 74 In with
 - 76 Props for majorettes
 - 78 Bird with an annual 18,000-mile round-trip migration
 - 79 Instrument that's a homophone of 69-Down
 - 80 Crucifix inscription inits.
 - 81 ___ New York (Brooklyn neighborhood)
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 - 104 Boo-oo-oo, say
 - 105 Boo-boo
 - 107 Smear
 - 108 Site for some creative entrepreneurs
 - 110 What Vulcan's forge lay underneath, in myth
 - 111 Sport
 - 112 "___ chic!"
 - 114 Party people, for short?
 - 115 Repeated word in the U.S. postal creed
 - 116 Rapsallion

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- 57 "Ay" follower
- 61 "Now We Are Six" author
- 62 Crush, as a test
- 63 German denials
- 65 Members of a certain den
- 66 Enter without permission
- 67 A wood frog's ability to freeze itself in winter and an octopus's ability to change color, for two
- 69 Vaccine holder
- 74 In with
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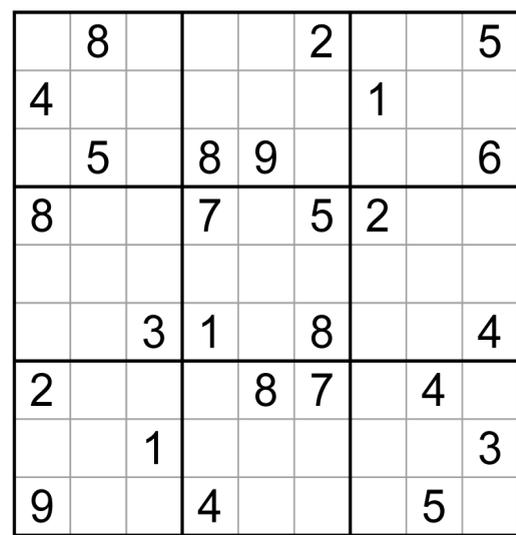
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Answers to last week's puzzles

2	6	5	9	8	3	1	7	4
1	8	9	5	4	7	3	6	2
7	3	4	6	1	2	9	8	5
4	2	6	1	9	5	8	3	7
5	9	3	4	7	8	2	1	6
8	1	7	3	2	6	5	4	9
3	4	2	7	5	1	6	9	8
9	5	1	8	6	4	7	2	3
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DRIVE-THRU FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, 36536 Mount Pleasant Road, Willards, 11 a.m. A \$14 platter includes 4 pieces of fried chicken, string beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, apple-sauce, roll and cupcake. Stay in car and use east driveway. 410-835-8542

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.

Mon., Nov. 8

HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Participants will receive guided instructions for several craft projects with a holiday theme. For ages 18 years and older. Cost is \$20 for Ocean City residents and \$25 for non-residents. 410-250-0125

MONTHLY MOVIE MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Watch an exciting movie based on an acclaimed book each month. Light refreshments provided. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

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

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

Tues., Nov. 9

STORY TIME 'PUMPKINS'

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Crafts, songs and stories about pumpkins. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME 'FAIRY TALES'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Join Miss Susan as she shares stories on her flannelboard. Take-home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ADOPT A HOUSEPLANT

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, noon to 2 p.m. Bring in a cutting of your favorite plant to share or a houseplant you've been wanting to rehome. Take something new to spruce up your space. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

TUESDAY CRAFTERNOON

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Making teddy bears. They are hand-sewn and decorated over several weeks (Nov. 9, 16, 23 and 30) using a variety of materials, patterns and techniques. Register: 410-641-0650, www.worcesterlibrary.org.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Macky & Pam Stansell House Coastal Hospice, 1500 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 3:15-4 p.m. Discussions, mutual support, education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Reserve: Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765, kkinnikin@atlanticgeneral.org.

MOVIE TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4-6 p.m. Classic '80s action movie starring Tom Cruise. Limited to 10 participants. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-632-2600

ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

American Legion #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin. 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Kennedy Painter, PhD, Associate Professor at the University of Maryland, College Park. He is studying oysters and the habitat here. Open to the public. <https://acsportfishing.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., Nov. 10

STEM STORY TIME 'THE TOOTH FAIRY'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Learn about healthy brushing habits. A fun activity is also included. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'THE NIGHT CIRCUS' BY ERIN MORGENSTERN

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Join the group 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

HERBAL DELIGHTS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Join Therapeutic Herbalist Michaela Eggers for an hour of delights that herbs provide for us. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-632-2600

LISTENING SESSION FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch Porch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3 p.m.

All are welcome to attend and participate. Held in the library meeting room if inclement weather. Katherine Munson, kmunson@co.worcester.md.us or 410-632-1220.

STEM MAKING ICE CREAM WITH SCIENCE

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:30 p.m. Make your own ice cream in 20 minutes or less. Concepts will include chemistry, freezing, phases of matter, solutions and emulsions. For students aged 8-12 years. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600

ZENTANGLE FAUX STAINED GLASS

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 p.m. Create a faux stained glass project to take home. Choose a design and use Sharpies to make a colorful zentangle. For ages 8 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OCEAN PINES CHAMBER AWARDS BANQUET

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford Landing Road, 5:30-9 p.m. With a travel theme, the group will celebrate those community leaders who truly stood out over the past year (or so). Also welcoming new directors. Sponsorships and tickets: OceanPinesChamber.org. 410-641-5306

ONGOING EVENTS

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES

Bus will leave Stevenson United Methodist Church, Berlin at 8 a.m. on Nov. 6 and arriving at Sight & Sound at 2:30 p.m. for the 3 p.m. show of "Queen Esther." Stopping for lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant. The bus will return to the church at approximately 11 p.m. Cost is \$100 and includes bus, lunch and show. Pat Oltman, 443-614-2518. Checks to be made out to Stevenson Women and can be mailed to: Stevenson Women, 123 N. Main Street, Berlin, MD 21811. Reservations due Oct. 10.

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