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Final judgment still looms in Farr case

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 18, 2021) Closing arguments were delivered on Monday with no judgment delivered in the lawsuit filed by Ocean Pines Board of Directors candidate Rick Farr over his last-minute disqualification tied to property ownership questions.

Farr was declared ineligible to run on July 27, even though now former Ocean Pines Board member and Secretary Camilla Rogers certified Farr's candidacy on May 11. An "anonymous tip," however, suggested that Farr was not a property owner at the qualification deadline of Jan. 1.

Farr entered Monday's trial in Worcester Circuit Court with a full head of steam after a long-delayed ballot count con-

ducted last month revealed Farr led the pack with 1,629 votes, followed by Frank Daly with 1,571, Stuart Lakernick with 1,511 and David Hardy with 941.

Judge Sidney Campen ordered the association to count ballots at the last court hearing in October. The court also halted an attempted redo election the board had approved by a 4-3 decision on Sept. 30.

OPA legal counsel Jeremy Tucker, the first of three witnesses to testify on Monday, told Farr's attorney Bruce Bright his involvement began



Rick Farr

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Bylaws com. prepares for report to directors

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 18, 2021) In addition to reviewing work group efforts to propose governing document updates, the Ocean Pines Bylaws and Resolutions Committee last Friday discussed other language tweaks related to board candidate eligibility, property ownership and director removals.

Committee Chairman Jim Trummel said the bylaws work group held its most recent meeting on Nov. 3.

Trummel said a status review sheet was divided between specific bylaws updates marked in green on which a consensus has been reached,

with three topics listed in red that need further defining.

"In effect, we're given the go-ahead to put out proposals and a format for review by the board of directors," he said.

Issues still unsettled involve board oversight of the Architectural Review Committee, the search committee and associate membership status.

Trummel said advice from legal counsel is needed for the ARC issue, while the other topics are slated for discussion at a board of directors meeting.

At this point, the committee should create a final list of proposed bylaws changes with

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after being contacted by Rogers on July 28.

"I was not consulted on the decision to [initially] qualify Farr or other candidates," he said.

Tucker, who began representing the association in December 2017, told Bright the situation arose after an unidentified party alerted General Manager John Viola in July that a board candidate was not a property owner of record.

"Did you verify the identify of the tipster?" Bright said.

Tucker said the situation was unprecedented in his experience.

"No, I didn't think that was relevant," he said.

Bright said both the association's charter and declaration of restrictions make reference to equitable and legal ownership.

Bright said the association requires a board candidate to be an equitable owner, while a member could meet either definition.

Tucker agreed with Bright's assessment that if a member is eligible to vote and listed as a property deed grantee they qualify for board candidacy.

"Your position in the context of a LLC in Ocean Pines is members can't run for the board?" Bright said.

Tucker said his interpretation of qualifying as an owner of record would be having the individual's name listed on public records.

Bright introduced Farr's candidate application, noting the section asking for additional documentation if the person is not listed as property owner.

"It refers to OPA records and doesn't specify Worcester County land records," he said.

Tucker agreed that county land records are not part of the OPA membership database.

Bright asked if members of property ownership partnerships could run for the board.

"Probably not," Tucker said.

Bright continued in that same vein.

"Have you considered if equitable owners can serve on the board?" he said. "Farr is an equitable owner of a trust that owns the property."

Since 2000, Farr has been a designated beneficiary of the Farr Living Trust, the legal owner of the property originally purchased by his parents in 1999.

Tucker agreed an equitable owner in a property trust could serve on the board but doubted they would qualify for candidacy.

"So, an equitable owner of a trust can serve on the board but the person can't run for the board?" Bright said.

Tucker agreed with the assessment. "That's the way I view the bylaws," he said.

Bright said the sole basis to dis-

qualify Farr was a reference in bylaws section 5.02A that states candidates be owners of records of real property in Ocean Pines on Jan. 1 of the election year.

"Are there any other bylaws used to determine disqualification?" he asked.

Tucker said no other bylaws or charter provisions were relied upon for the determination.

"Do any bylaws allow the secretary to disqualify candidates in the middle of an election with votes cast?" he said. "Or for the secretary to disqualify previously qualified candidates."

Bright noted an email sent by Rogers to Tucker on July 29 claimed association membership and assessments supervisor Ruth Ann Myers made an "honest mistake" in originally determining Farr was a property owner based on OPA records.

Tucker said his opinion after being pulled into the discussion was the family trust was the owner of record not Farr.

Tucker said a subsequent request for documentation from Farr indicated he was a property owner but not owner of record.

Tucker said he was unaware Farr was considered a trust beneficiary prior to emailing the board several legal options on July 30.

Bright said during a closed session on July 30 then secretary Rogers opted to disqualify Farr and the board voted on how to proceed.

"She finalized determination on July 30 after thinking it over," Tucker said.

Bright said Tucker's email indicated a lack of precedent for disqualifying candidates during an election and also noted the Maryland HOA Act fails to address the situation.

"Your email also draws a distinction between being eligible to be elected and to serve," he said.

Bright said among the legal avenues proposed by Tucker the board opted to follow the first route.

"Which recognized proceeding disenfranchised some voters," he said.

By contrast, Tucker also proposed the board could not disqualify Farr and permit the election to conclude with all ballots counted.

He said if Farr was elected and seated, his eligibility could be challenged later.

"Under Robert's Rules you could raise a ... point of order challenging his eligibility to be elected or serve on the board," he said.

Bright also raised issue with board motions voted on during a Sept. 30 special meeting held days after a court hearing left the issue still undetermined.

After voting 7-0 to rescind a motion passed on July 30 to hold ballots, the board voted 4-3 in favor of staging a

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OP reserve study reviewed by budget cmtte.

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 18, 2021) Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee members signed off on a recently completed reserve study last week, with the financial report headed for a board presentation before work begins the next fiscal year's budget in January.

Doug Greene, reserve specialist and partner with Design Management Associates, presented the results during a meeting last Wednesday.

Overseeing the work session was Public Works Office Manager Linda Martin, along with General Manager John Viola and Finance Director Steve Phillips.

Linda Martin was assigned lead on the project that was undertaken partially at the behest of the Budget Committee.

Martin said DMA, which completed a reserve study for the association in 2015, last updated the data in 2018.

After a visit in April, DMA sent association officials a draft of the report on July 2. It was reviewed through August by department heads, with

proposed changes being returned to DMA.

Martin said a second draft was completed with further revisions completed in late August and a working draft sent out on Sept. 23.



John Viola

Viola said the reserve study was updated to track account balance percentages and revise the fixed assets list to reflect recent capital building projects.

"Since the last study, several building projects, renovations and different equipment was purchased," he said. "We just felt it was a good time ... to update and fine-tune it."

Greene said reserve studies begin by ascertaining account balances to open the fiscal year.

"We have a starting balance at the beginning of the fiscal year," he said. "Anything that occurs during the year will be deducted from that balance."

Greene said inflation is incorporated within reserve calculations.

"If the funding was considered adequate for everything that is projected to happen, you can make the broad

assumption that the annual increase should equal inflation," he said.

Green said both current reserve account balance and reserve components are considered.

"We do make an adjustment for the future value of that component, not just the current value," he said.

Greene said to fully fund all reserve components, the account balance would approach \$20 million.

"You have a just under \$4 million reserve account," he said.

Despite the apparently large gap, Greene said the whole sum would not be required.

"When we do the actual cash flow study, it doesn't mean that you have to come up with all kinds of money," he said.

Greene said to compensate, the funding transfer rate for reserves should be adjusted to the inflation rate.

"We don't ever recommend that you be 100 percent funded," he said. "You would actually be putting too much money in that account."

Viola said the Budget and Finance Committee had agreed to a transfer rate of 3.8 percent based on an estimated inflation rate of just over 3 percent.

Committee Chairman Dick Keiling agreed the inflation rate seems appropriate.

"My sense is that's the best number he's going to give us right now," he said.

Viola said the intent is examining annual replacement needs for association assets.

"We talked about transfer rates, inflation rates and investment percentages," he said.

Viola said Phillips prepares a financial schedule each year that helps to coordinate the budget process.

"This is one of the most important tools we use for finance and for budgeting," he said.

Phillips said the reserve study maps out annual contributions from assessment fees for the next six years.

"If you take that as a percentage of the fully funded reserve amount ... you can see the percentage come out to 21 percent and ... we've got a couple of years that are around 19 percent," he said.

DMA previously recommended association reserve accounts maintain a range of 22-28 percent of assets.

Viola said the DMA figures serve as a planning guide. "We're kind of in the ballpark," he said. "Nothing here alarmed me when we first did it."

Viola said following the Budget and Finance Committee review the reserve study would be presented to the Board of Directors.

Berlin officials shutter town buildings after covid shows

(Nov. 18, 2021) Berlin Town Hall and all town buildings were closed Tuesday after Town of Berlin employees tested positive for covid-19.

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Judge notes failure to field four candidates

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“re-do” election without Farr.

Bright said after incumbent Daly voted to proceed with a new election, he abstained from a subsequent motion that deadlocked 3-3 to recount the 2021 ballots.

“Daly was one of four voting in favor after you advised him publically to abstain?” he said.

Tucker confirmed Daly ignored his legal advice.

Bright asked if any board members had also cautioned Daly.

Tucker said both Director Doug Parks and now former board member Tom Janasek echoed his advice to Daly.

“Was anyone else in the discussion?” Bright said.

Tucker said he could not remember other comments.

“You don’t recall [Larry] Perrone weighing in?” he said.

Attorney Anthony Dwyer, representing Ocean Pines, said in some instances HOAs have different qualifications to serve on a board versus being an association member.

Dwyer asked if Tucker had anticipated problems with the legal actions recommended to the board.

“Someone was going to potentially sue,” he said. “No matter which way they decided, they were all bad deci-

sions.”

Tucker said if Farr was allowed to run other members or candidates could bring suit.

“The decision was made carefully knowing what could happen,” he said.

Judge Campen told Tucker in the wake of two recent board resignations, Farr could have been appointed to an open seat.

“If you and the board had chosen to do that, we wouldn’t be sitting in this court room today,” he said.

Second on the witness stand was Director Colette Horn, who acknowledged association bylaws lack procedures for disqualifying a candidate deemed qualified.

“The board position is anyone whose name is on the deed ... can run for the board?” Bright said.

Horn said assessment fees must also be current.

Bright asked if an owner or member of an LLC that owns property could run for the board.

“I know of nothing in the governing documents prohibiting it,” she said.

Bright said Horn previously testified that shareholders of a corporation that owns property could run for the board.

“The principal shareholder could run for the board,” she said.

Bright also asked if the board had

adopted a resolution concerning conflicts of interest.

“I’m aware it exists,” she said. “I couldn’t tell you exactly what it says.”

Dwyer objected that Bright’s line of questioning was irrelevant.

Bright said Daly’s vote to hold a new election would have violated resolution B-o8 related to director conduct, which was rescinded this year after being adopted in July 2018.

Dwyer asked if Horn played any role in determining if Farr was qualified.

Horn, who previously served as secretary prior to resigning the role to seek re-election in 2019, wrote a handbook on related duties she shared with Rogers upon entering the role.

“She knew what her duties were and I didn’t consider it my place to be questioning her,” she said. “I would have no reason to second guess any of that.”

Last on the stand was Myers who said a database of property owners was used as the basis to initially qualify candidates.

In closing Dwyer asked Judge Campen to remove a list of 50-plus plaintiffs included in the suit.

“None beared harm in any way,” he said.

Further, Dwyer said including board members in the lawsuit was im-

proper.

Bright said in light of the vote count revealing Farr garnered the most selections, the list of plaintiffs is less relevant.

“We are not seeking damages on their behalf,” he said.

Bright disagreed about including board members, noting they made a decision on the issue in closed session.

Judge Campen sustained Dwyer’s request to remove plaintiffs, but denied removing board members from the suit.

Dwyer next asked to file a trial memorandum, with Bright requesting the same ability if permitted.

“The closing issues in the case have been well presented prior to today,” Bright said.

Judge Campen Judge agreed both sides could file a trial memorandum prior to a ruling being issued.

Campen said one of the most troubling aspects of the case is the bylaws requirement for two persons per board vacancy.

“So you would need four candidates,” he said.

Campen said instead of seeking results, the board opted to disqualify Farr.

“If Farr had lost we wouldn’t be here,” he said. “I believe in the sanctity of elections.”

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OC Winterfest walking path makeover returns for 2021

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Nov. 18, 2021) The new-look Winterfest of Lights is here to stay in its 29th year.

Last year, event organizers unveiled a new layout to the annual holiday-season tradition to accommodate covid-19 and following the rave reviews it garnered, they decided to stick with the made-over festival that kicks off at Northside Park on 125th Street tonight, Thursday.

“Patrons spoke and we listened,” said Special Events Director Frank Miller. “The walking path is back and refined.”

For years, Winterfest consisted of a tram ride through a colorfully illuminated Northside Park adorned with Christmas displays and a large, heated tent.

“Those days are gone and it’s not a bad thing,” Miller said. “One thing we learned is that change is good.”

“Masks aren’t required like they were (last year) — people will wear them and that’s fine — but the outdoor walking experience was so well received,” he continued. “We had so many positive compliments on it that council decided to move forward with a walking event again for 2021.”

The tram will not be coming back at all, and Miller said it doesn’t seem like many people miss it.

“That’s also given that we’ve been missing some of our loyal crowd (due to covid-19),” he said. “We’ll see what happens in 2021. It is a change in progress. We want Winterfest to be a unique experience, but to maintain that family-friendly (feel) and family traditions that it’s had for so many years. [This year] is sort of a testbed to see what people want and what they like.”

Thursday’s opening ceremony will feature the OC Stars choir from Ocean City Elementary School and a “surprise show in the sky,” Miller said.

The surprise show will happen on Friday, too.

The expanded walking path this year offers the option to take a shorter or longer stroll through the park. Last year’s path followed the lagoon all the way around. This year’s path is expanded to include a walk through the softball field.

Winterfest mainstay hot chocolate, provided by the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Boosters, will be available “inside the event footprint,” Miller said.

Some of the larger light displays have returned to the park this year. Winterfest will also include crowd-favorite and all-new photo hotspots and two photo options with Santa Claus — Santa’s sleigh or chair.

Every Wednesday, pets are permitted for “Furry Friends Day.”

Winterfest will run until Jan. 1. Miller said that, typically, the event gets a little more than 100,000 visitors each year. Last year, the final number was down a bit, with the festival drawing 74,201 guests.

Miller said he’s hoping that num-



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The annual Winterfest of Lights at Northside Park on 125th Street officially opens Thursday, Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m. The event will run Wednesday through Sunday until Jan. 1.

ber rebounds this year, but he isn’t sure what to expect.

“We’re just going with the flow,” he said. “We don’t know what to expect from the crowd-adverse patron base.”

Winterfest runs Wednesday through Sunday every from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

The event is free on opening night.

For all subsequent nights, admission is \$5 for guests 12 years and older and free for children 11 and younger. Tickets are available online and at the event, but Miller urges patrons to secure tickets beforehand.

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Committee discusses election requirements

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background details, Trummel said.

Committee members Keith Kaiser and Lora Pangratz both recommended listing issues separately for an eventual referendum vote by residents.

Kaiser said an extensive list of bylaws updates might deter voters.

"We don't want to off-track all this work that's been done to date because we can't get consensus on one or two items," he said.

Trummel said the committee could recommend the board consider issuing a referendum with separate provision votes as opposed to a single package.

Kaiser said voter turnout from the last major bylaws overhaul in 2008 was below 40 percent.

"By separating into different issues

we might get better participation," he said.

Pangratz proposed a sectional approach.

"Is there a way to group similar changes?" she asked.

Trummel said the work group has already grouped proposals based on bylaws sections.

Board liaison Colette Horn said changes are under review for bylaws section 5.02 related to board candidate eligibility.

Under current bylaws requirements, the Search Committee has until May 15 to submit a board candidate list to the association secretary, who has until June 1 to confirm eligibility and turn names over to the Elections Committee.

Trummel asked if Horn was suggesting two weeks was not sufficient

time for the secretary to confirm eligibility.

Horn said candidates are required to meet eligibility criteria by May 15.

"By May 15, all requirements must be met," she said.

In 2018, former board member Brett Hill was rejected as a candidate by then secretary Horn for unpaid assessment fees at the May 15 deadline.

Hill later filed suit claiming bylaws permit assessments to be paid up to 35 days prior to the voting deadline.

Horn said there were few means to ascertain candidates' future intentions on May 15.

"How would the secretary know by mid-July they would pay assessments?" she said.

Kaiser said bylaws 3.01C includes a 35-day deadline for members to pay assessments or fines to qualify for casting ballots in board elections.

"I was told it was for a review period prior to mailing ballots, he said.

More recently, Kaiser said the association had updated automated balloting systems, which allows quicker confirmation of dues receipt that could shorten the timeframes.

"It causes confusion relative to other dates," he said.

Trummel said there is a crucial distinction between eligibility of members to participate in gover-

nance and board candidacy.

"Thirty-five days is a voting rights provision," he said. "There is a failure to recognize there is a difference between eligibility to be able to do something and your right to cast a ballot in an upcoming vote."

Trummel recommended reinserting a reference that board candidates must be a "member in good standing," which was removed in 2008.

"Put in you must have paid annual charges and can't have voting rights suspended," he said.

Horn said the timelines included were also tied to the Elections Committee's desire to mail ballots as quickly as possible to avoid delays.

"This year there were over 300 ballots that came in after the due date," she said. "Presumably that had to do with the slowness of the US Mail service."

Horn recommended retaining the current deadline date of June 1 for the secretary to confirm eligibility.

"It gives time to clear up any confusion," she said.

Kaiser said bylaws language requires board candidates to have dues up to date by May 15.

Horn agreed candidates should have their affairs in order by May 15.

"There shouldn't be a grace period," she said.

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Board member removal also debated during bylaws review

Trummel said prior to the 2008 updates, candidates were expected to be in good standing when submitting their applications.

Committee member Steve Jacobs recommended changing the June 1 date for confirming eligibility to match the May 15 application deadline.

“That removes the inconsistencies in 5.02 ... and resolves the conflict between 3.01,” he said. “If you want to change the date to May 15 you’re putting the onus on the candidate to get his ducks in a row.”

Trummel concurred and proposed committee members exchange thoughts and reconvene discussions at a future meeting.

Turning to the issue of candidates’ property ownership status, Kaiser said the committee could recommend two courses of action for board consideration.

“One is going to have to come from real estate lawyers because it’s going to have to stand up in a court of law,” he said.

Conversely, Kaiser said the association could take a more direct approach.

“We simply state your name’s got to be on the deed, period,” he said.

“The name of any candidate must appear on the deed of real property.”

Pangratz inquired about candidates’ disclosures.

“Is there a question on the form asking if they own as part of a trust or LLC?” she said.

Horn said the current candidate application states, “if Ocean Pines records did not show you as owner of record please submit supporting documents that does.”

“Which turned out to not be a good way to word it,” she said.

Horn said the application should require, not request, supporting documentation.

“The question comes into play of what percentage of ownership,” she said.

Trummel said speculating on the issue of candidacy eligibility was not productive while the current lawsuit brought by board candidate Rick Farr remained unsettled.

“How deep are you going to dig into land records to find out what relationship to Ocean Pines is satisfactory to you for the individual being a member of the board?” he said. “If we get too far away from a simple approach, then we’re in a hopeless situation.”



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Ocean Pines Bylaws and Resolutions Committee members, clockwise from left, Lora Pangratz, Jim Trummel, Keith Kaiser, Director Colette Horn and Bob Hillegass met virtually last Friday.

The final discussion item was further defining cause for board member removal.

Kaiser asked if the Maryland HOA Act provided guidance or restrictions or is the association allowed to set parameters.

“Instead of trying to define cause, which is a legal rabbit hole, just say they can be removed and edit out for cause,” he said.

Jacobs said advice from legal counsel would be required.

“Taking it out may be an even deeper rabbit hole,” he said.

Jacobs said an aggrieved party could argue the bylaws offer no protection to board members who could

be removed for any reason.

Horn suggested cause could be defined by violation of code of conduct.

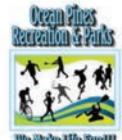
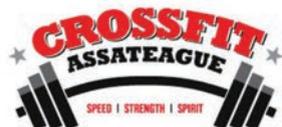
“We need a process that can be consistently applied,” she said.

Trummel said bylaws do include a definition of “for cause.”

“The board needs to reconsider what they want us to do with this,” he said.

Committee member Bob Hillegass said booting a board member was no different from terminating an employee.

“You have to show reason,” he said. “You’re going to wind up in litigation depending on how you handle it.”

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Ocean Downs Casino in Berlin reported \$7.66 million in gaming revenue for October 2021, up 10.3 percent from October 2020 when the casino was operating at 50-percent capacity. In all, Maryland casinos reported \$154.9 million in October.

Revenue up from last year at Ocean Downs

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Nov. 18, 2021) Ocean Downs Casino generated \$7.66 million in gaming revenue this past October, up \$713,393 or 10.3 percent from October 2020.

The 849-slot, 18-table casino off Route 589 in Berlin ranked fourth of Maryland's six casinos in revenue, barely edging Hollywood Casino in Perryville by about \$25,000.

All told, the six casinos generated \$154.9 million during October, a total

increase of 8.6 percent over October 2020. Noteworthy, though, is the fact that the casinos were limited to 50 percent capacity last year.

While Ocean Downs typically lags behind casinos in much more densely populated areas like Horseshoe in

Baltimore and Live! in Anne Arundel County, a major revenue stream could be coming for Ocean Downs.

Last month, members of the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission determined that Ocean Downs 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.

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

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, and MGM National Harbor in Forest Heights were also recently cleared to seek licenses.

Officials are unsure of when sports wagering will officially launch.

Ocean Downs General Manager Bobbi Sample declined to comment for this story.



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Santa tree seeks gifts for seniors

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 18, 2021) After collecting a bumper crop of donations in 2020 despite the coronavirus pandemic, the annual "Be a Santa to a Senior" holiday outreach program coordinated by Home Instead Senior Care in Berlin is again soliciting gifts through Dec. 8.

Home Care Consultant Crystal Heiser said "Be a Santa to a Senior" Christmas trees are on display at numerous locations in Worcester and Wicomico counties, including the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Since 2016, the OPA has worked with Home Instead on the yuletide venture to provide senior citizens with cheer and help at Christmas.

Heiser said the program addresses needs for homebound seniors or assisted living residents in Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties.

The senior-focused Christmas trees are filled with tags listing specific items requested by local residents.

"We call our tree ornaments hosts," she said.

Heiser said Home Instead Senior Care franchise owners Corrie and Don Boger have participated in the charitable venture since opening the location nearly a half dozen years ago.

After collecting upwards of 700 donations in 2020, Heiser said the mark is set a bit higher for 2021.

"Our goal for this year is 800," she said.

Gift requests are typically low-cost basic need items.

"We try to keep it very simple," she said.

In addition to snack baskets, warm clothing and gift cards, Heiser said an often overlooked item are socks.

"We never have enough socks," she said. "Soft blankets are huge."

Organizers request gift items be returned to the site of origin no later than Dec. 8.

"We just ask that they return it either in a gift bag or box," she said.

"Whatever is simple for them so it can be wrapped and all ready to go."

Heiser said Home Instead senior trees are also on display at the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, Shorebird Stadium and Apple Drug locations in Fruitland, Snow Hill and Salisbury.

"We get names from the Worcester County Commission on Aging," she said.

Heiser said Avery Hall Insurance in Salisbury has a tree being supported by employees.

Meals on Wheels recipients are also targeted for the outreach, Heiser said.

"I spend about two weeks picking up the packages and delivering them to the site," she said.

For more information contact Home Instead in Berlin at 410-641-0901.



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Home Instead Senior Care in Berlin is once again sponsoring the "Be a Santa to a Senior" holiday outreach program at the Ocean Pines Community Center and other locations in Worcester and Wicomico counties.

Former editor for Worcester Democrat racist rant noted

(Nov. 18, 2021) The Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association has removed Edward J. Clarke, the late editor and owner of the Worcester Democrat in Pocomoke City, from its Hall of Fame after a review of his published work revealed vile commentary, extreme racism and the promotion of lynching.

Clarke was editor and owner of the Worcester Democrat, which existed from 1921 to 1953. His personal writing and his newspaper's coverage of a 1940 murder and assault case in Pocomoke City, Md., contained horrible, angry rants and racial attacks targeting three Black men — George B. Selby, Arthur Collick and Charles Manuel — in connection with the death of farmer Harvey Pilchard, who was white, and assault of his wife, Annie Pilchard, who also was white.

A Black woman, Martha Blake, and her teenage daughter, Lillian, were accused of being accomplices, but never charged.

Clarke was vicious and dehumanizing in his opinion writing, likening the accused to "a rabid dog" and "savages" and "brutes" and "a disease-spreading germ" and "garbage." He championed "a good stout rope, a noose at one end, good stout arms at the other, a neck and a limb of a tree" as justice to be applied to "fiends who violated the home" of the white couple.

Coverage of the case from other newspapers at the time provided a contrast to Clarke's white supremacist tone and made clear how much Clarke aligned with racial vigilante attitudes

of the time. A mob estimated to be 1,000 people broke into the jail and dragged the Blakes away. Law enforcement officers were able to rescue them from the mob.

Clarke was openly racist and brutish not just in his views, but also in opinions he shared from those who supported his positions. In one letter he published, a writer said residents of the county should "show their sympathy in a real and convincing manner" by seeing that "Mrs. Pilchard is not forced to undergo the terrible ordeal of a court trial."

This letter writer offered to play a part in "giving the prisoners 'the same road into the vast unknown by which they sent their innocent victims.'" Clarke published racist viewpoints with pride and leveled sharp criticism at others who disagreed.

The MDDC Press Association board condemns in the strongest terms the ideas expressed in Clarke's writing and in his newspaper coverage, which also was racist. "Clarke and his repugnant views are banished from any place of stature or honor within our association," said Rebecca Snyder, executive director of MDDC.

His 1940s columns were uncovered through reporting by Gabriel Pietrorazio of the Howard Center for Investigative Journalism at the University of Maryland in their #PrintingHate series, reviewing racist media coverage of the past. An article about the Pocomoke City incident will be published in early December 2021.

The press association's board of di-

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Berlin unfurls POW/MIA flag on Veterans Day

Town officials bring patriotic addition to public view for first time last Thursday

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 18, 2021) Members of American Legion Posts #123 and #231 joined Town of Berlin officials to hoist a newly acquired POW/MIA flag during a sunrise ceremony on Veterans Day.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood said Mayor Zach Tyndall organized the affair at the Veterans Monument on the corner of Main and West Streets to commemorate Berlin's latest patriotic addition.

"The mayor and I had a conversation about flying the POW/MIA flag," he said. "We agreed that Veterans Day would be the appropriate day to commemorate that as far as the town flying the flags."

Larry Duffy, with American Legion Post Duncan Showell #231, said fellow members Elroy Brittingham and Anthony Sullivan joined him for the initial flying of the POW/MIA flag.

"We made that at 6:30 a.m.," he said. "Some Berlin officials were there, and they had the color guard from American Legion Post #123."

Duffy joined Vincent Holloway Jr. with Post #123 to raise the new flag in

honor of veterans lost at war.

"Since Vince was the commander there and I was a past commander, we raised the flags," he said.

Holloway said the event went off without a hitch despite initial concerns.

"It sounded kind of far-fetched when the mayor called and wanted to do it," he said.

Holloway said the POW/MIA flag would hold significance for U.S. Military members and patriotic Americans.

"It means a lot to anyone in the service," he said.

The National League of Families first adopted the POW/MIA flag in 1972, which features a silhouette of a prisoner of war overtop a guard tower and barbed wire.

POW/MIA flags include the phrase, "You Are Not Forgotten," which carries special significance as more than 1,500 American war veterans still remain unaccounted for.

Fleetwood said in addition to being flown at the Veterans Monument, the POW/MIA flags would also appear on all town-owned flagpoles: Town Hall, the Berlin Police Station, Stephen Decatur Park and Henry Park.

The town's decision to adopt the practice followed the 2017 decision to fly POW/MIA flags outside Maryland government buildings.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin will henceforth display POW/MIA flags on a handful of town-owned flagpoles located in town and several area park facilities.

Also, in November 2019, the National POW/MIA Flag Act was approved by Congress, which mandates it be flown outside all federal properties where the U.S. Flag is displayed.

Prior to 2019, POW/MIA flags were flown on Veterans Day, Armed

Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Fleetwood said Berlin's POW/MIA flags would be flown on a daily basis.

"They're going to fly continuously," he said.

Ocean Pines staff member tests positive for covid-19

(Nov. 18, 2021) An employee who works in the Ocean Pines Association Administration Building recently tested positive for covid-19.

"The employee has not returned to work and will not until it is safe to do so consistent with CDC protocols," said General Manager John Viola. "We notified the local health department of the situation and will cooperate fully with public health officials.

We understand the employee had no close contact with employees or residents.

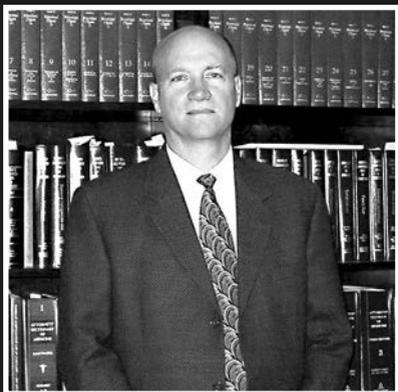
We continue to provide best practices to our employees regarding covid-19."

For more information, contact Ocean Pines Association Director of Public Relations and Marketing Josh Davis at 443-366-1844 or jdavis@oceanpines.org.

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Ask doctor about covid-19 shot for children

AGH pediatrician says 5-11 vaccine safe and effective, will help stop virus spread

By Mallory Panuska
Staff Writer

(Nov. 18, 2021) After mounts of pressure from political officials and the like, a Pfizer covid vaccine is now cleared for children in the 5 to 11 age group.

And while many parents cannot wait to bare their little ones' arms to get the jab, others are leery, which is why health officials are advising them to talk to their pediatricians and get their questions answered.

"We're recommending it for our patients but I also would say we understand why people have questions and they really should contact their

child's doctor if they have questions," said Dr. Laura Stokes, a pediatrician at Atlantic General Hospital. "The pediatricians are waiting and willing to have conversations with the parents of their kids. If they're feeling nervous, instead of just Googling, they really should reach out to their health care professional and have a conversation."

According to data from the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, since the start of the pandemic, 8,000 children across the country have been hospitalized with covid and more than 700 between the ages of zero and 18 have died.

While the virus is far from the highest cause of death in children during that time, a defense is available with the vaccine, and health officials are giving it their seal of

approval.

"It looks really safe," Stokes said. "There hasn't been any documented serious side effects, there hasn't been any cases of anaphylaxis or myocarditis. They are doing long-term monitoring after the fact to monitor for that, but it is looking effective and safe for kids in that 5 to 11 age group."

Only Pfizer has approved a vaccine for children thus far, but Stokes said Moderna and Johnson & Johnson doses are in trial phases.

The vaccine is a third of the size of the adult dose, and children need two shots, three weeks apart, to become fully protected. Mild symptoms have also been reported from the shots, just like with adults, Stokes said.

She added that while the vaccine was approved quicker than most oth-

ers given the emergency situation, it did not bypass any of the necessary tests and protocols.

"It still went through the same phases of safety data and efficacy trials as other vaccines," she said. "It's just that they were able to enroll more people and do it with still the same amount of science behind but in a shorter compressed time-frame."

And while kids do not get sick as often or as severely as adults, according to most virus data, they are certainly not immune, and vaccines can provide needed protection.

"Covid is still affecting kids and we're actually seeing increased numbers in kids in the last few months, definitely up from the summer," Stokes said. "With the delta strain, it

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Press association removes Clarke's picture from wall

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rectors voted unanimously to remove Clarke's honor on the recommendation of its executive committee after reviewing the primary materials and contemporaneous reporting.

Clarke was added to MDDC's Hall of Fame in 1954, but as of Nov. 8, 2021, he has been removed.

His picture previously was removed from the MDDC Hall of Fame display in a classroom at Knight Hall at the University of Maryland. His name has been removed from the Hall of Fame listing on the MDDC website, although a link to this article and the executive committee resolution are posted on the site to be transparent about this action and MDDC's past.

In Spring 2021, MDDC convened a committee to examine the Hall of Fame and make recommendations to the board to make the hall more inclusive and to recognize the contributions to journalism and the business of journalism by underrepresented communities.

The committee's report will be presented to the board at its November 2021 meeting and will include recommendations on the physical and virtual aspects of the hall, as well as how MDDC will overhaul its recognition process for the future and try to make up for gaps in its past.

The Hall of Fame committee recognized that, unfortunately, supporting documentation on the nominations for many of the inductees is not available. This is typical for inductees from the 1950s. Where nomination documentation exists, or where there has been reporting on Hall of Fame members, MDDC has linked to those



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WCPS considering modified quarantine rules

State proposed new set of options to ensure healthy students stay in classrooms

By Mallory Panuska
Staff Writer

(Nov. 18, 2021) The automatic 14-day quarantine requirement for anyone who is a close contact of a covid-positive person in county public school classrooms could be on the way out the door.

Following studies that show “extremely low risk” of covid transmissions in classroom settings among fully masked individuals, officials with the state health and education departments have come up with a set of modified rules for quarantining.

And Worcester County Public Schools officials are considering them.

“We are looking at those options for modified quarantining but the See MASKING Page 14



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State education officials have released modified rules for quarantining upon close contacts within school buildings that Worcester County Public Schools officials are looking into.

Town of Berlin Public Notices



TOWN OF BERLIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP # 2021 – 03 PAVING OF STREETS AND PATHWAY

Due Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM EST

The Town of Berlin is seeking Proposals for the Demolition as required and Paving of certain streets and a park pathway in the Town of Berlin. Qualified contractors are encouraged to visit the Town of Berlin website at berlinmd.gov/government/request-for-proposals/ or contact Town Administrator Jeffrey Fleetwood at 410-641-4002/jfleetwood@berlinmd.gov for the official RFP. EEO.

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TOWN OF BERLIN PUBLIC NOTICE CASE NO. 9508 (p)

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PUBLIC UTILITY LAW JUDGE'S NOTICE OF HEARING

A Public Hearing in the above entitled matter will be conducted by the Maryland Public Service Commission virtually, on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. The hearing can be accessed via the Public Utility Law Judge's YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/2X6wLiP> OCD-11/18/1t



TOWN OF BERLIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP # 2021 – 04
Branch Street Well #3
Replacement Well

Due Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Time: 10:30 AM EST

The Town of Berlin is seeking Proposals for the furnishing and installation of a 125' deep test well and a 12" diameter, 125' deep production well, at the existing Branch Street Well #3 site. Qualified contractors are encouraged to visit the Town of Berlin website at berlinmd.gov/government/request-for-proposals/ or contact Town Administrator Jeffrey Fleetwood at 410-641-4002/jfleetwood@berlinmd.gov for the official RFP. EEO.

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Local hospital, health dept. have begun giving kids shots

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causes higher transmission and we're just seeing more cases since school started.”

She added that a lot of “misconception” exists about kids and covid. “Although they don't get as sick as often as older people can get ill, we've seen hospitalizations for children increasing dramatically over the past several weeks compared to the summer months,” she said.

Stokes said she has treated pediatric patients who have tested positive for covid with varying symptoms and severity.

“It can range,” she said. “Covid in kids is just like covid in adults.”

While some kids have no symptoms at all, like some adults, others have mild colds symptoms or others.

“There's a huge range of symptoms

— fever, runny nose cough, diarrhea, belly ache, sore throat, sneezing — and we certainly have had some hospitalized,” Stokes said.

In Maryland, Gov. Larry Hogan said in a news release that health officials placed an initial order of 180,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses for 5 to 11 year-olds, which recently began arriving directly from Pfizer.

Locally, Atlantic General Hospital officials held their first vaccine clinic for children in that age group on Nov. 11. The Worcester County health department also held clinics Nov. 13 and Nov. 16 for 5 to 11 year-olds. For more information on upcoming vaccine clinics, visit worcesterhealth.org/protect-menu/1726-worcester-county,-md-coronavirus-covid-19-information-2020.

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Obituaries

BONNIE LEE HAMPE

Ocean Pines

Bonnie Lee Hampe, 74, of Ocean Pines, Maryland, peacefully passed away from heart failure on Monday, Nov. 8, 2021.



Bonnie Hampe

Bonnie is survived by her husband, J. Michael Hampe (Mike); her daughter, Katherine (Kate) McCloskey and son-in-law, Dennis; her son, Jay Kappel, and daughter-in-law, Debbie; her daughter, Elizabeth Hampe; her five grandchildren, Doria, Diane and Deyton McCloskey, and Josh and Emily Kappel; and her brother, Paul Bartholomee.

Bonnie was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on Jan. 24, 1947, to Vera Zabel and Eugene T. Bartholomee.

She grew up in Linstead and went to Severna Park High School and was on the Linstead swim & dive team.

After devoting herself completely to raising her three children, she went back to work for 24 years at Broadneck High School (in Annapolis, Maryland) as their financial secretary/bookkeeper.

She retired in 2007, then she and Mike sold their home in Cape St. Claire (Annapolis) and moved to Ocean Pines, Maryland, to be close to the beach they both love, and to their oldest daughter, Kate, and her family.

She was a very involved grandma, and the greatest cheerleader to her five grandchildren who all know how crazy in love she was with each of them.

In retirement, Bonnie volunteered at Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center (Berlin, Maryland) counseling those dealing with an unplanned pregnancy to choose life for their baby.

She touched so many and made a lasting difference. Bonnie loved people of all ages, but especially babies; she was quite the baby whisperer.

She also loved serving her church (Coastal Community Church in Berlin) on the finance committee, welcome table, her grace group, and more; she was a ray of sunshine, vibrant and full of warmth and love to everyone.

She loved with her whole heart and held nothing back; she always put others first.

She left a powerful legacy of grace and love, which abundantly overflowed from her to the world, especially to those who needed a long warm hug, encouragement, or prayer.

While her passing has left a huge hole in her family, community, church and our hearts, we are also comforted by her unwavering faith in Jesus, assured that forever more she is in the presence of her Lord and Savior.

A Celebration of Life, open to the public, will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, at her church, Coastal Community Church, 10900 Ocean Gateway, Berlin Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be

made "in memory of Bonnie" to Coastal Community Church's "Community Fund" to continue her legacy of caring for those who may need some loving assistance.

Arrangements are in the care of Eastern Shore Cremation and Funeral Service, 504 Franklin Ave, Berlin, Maryland 21811. To send condolences to the family, please visit www.easternshorecremation.com.

STARR LYNN BAILEY ROBINSON

Snow Hill

Starr Lynn Bailey Robinson was born on July 14, 1967 in Bremerhaven, Germany, and left this world on Nov. 5, 2021.



Starr Robinson

She is preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Linda Sehman Bailey.

Starr is survived by her husband, Johnny Robinson; and her children, Ashley (Mike) Broyles, William Adkins III, and Zachary Robinson; her sister, Dawn (Donald); her brother, Gino (Susan); and nieces, Terra (Darryl) Davis, Arya Davis, Rachel Bailey, and Lauren Bailey.

Starr was a stand-in mom, counselor, teacher and friend to hundreds, if not thousands of students.

She worked at Frontier Town off

and on over the years. She worked at Snow Hill Middle School for over 20 years, and then worked at the schools in Berlin and at the tech school over the last several years.

She ran the Eagles Nest after school program, she was a 4H leader, president of the Worcester County Fair board, she coordinated and decorated so many talent shows, parade floats, plays and holiday events.

She also managed to find time to coach Rec softball. She was an enthusiastic baseball, softball, wrestling, cross country track, soccer and band mom as well as a Navy Mom over the years.

Starr loved to travel and go camping, fishing, boating, take photos of everywhere and everyone. She took so much joy in crafting and hosted a regular arts and crafts night.

She was such a creative and talented artist and wanted so much to be an art teacher. She would have been such an amazing art teacher.

Starr had so much left to do in this world and is gone far too soon. This family, this town, this community, this world truly lost its shining Starr with her passing. The legacy she leaves behind is one of immense accomplishment, sacrifice, kindness and most of all love.

A celebration of life service was held on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at Spence

Baptist Church Family Center in Snow Hill.

Letters of condolence may be sent via: www.burbagefuneralhome.com Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

DENNIS MICHAEL CONTIC SR.

Berlin

Dennis "Denny" Michael Contic Sr., 76, from Berlin, Maryland, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury, Maryland.



Dennis Contic Sr.

Denny was born May 9, 1945, in Greensburg, to Anthony Contic Sr. and Florence M. "Flossy" Contic (Maxwell).

He was steeped in his Italian heritage and was proud of it through his entire life. Growing up, he was an accomplished athlete making "all-star" teams in baseball, football and basketball, especially as a high school varsity basketball player.

He graduated from Greensburg Salem High School, where he contemplated being a history teacher. After completing some classes toward that goal at Point Park College, Denny served in the Army reserves for a few years.

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Wor-Wic College summer graduates

(Nov. 18, 2021) Nearly 40 Worcester County residents completed their program requirements to graduate with a certificate (CT), associate of applied science (AAS), associate of arts in teaching (AAT), associate of science (AS) or associate of arts (AA) degree from Wor-Wic Community College this past summer.

They are:

Berlin: Jurgita Blake, CT, Nursing; Sierra Nicole Dacre, AA, General Studies; Lesley Downes, AS, Nursing; Marie E. Fontello, AA, General Studies; Kevin W. George, AA, General Studies; Patrick M. Keller Jr., CT, Criminal Justice; Patrick J. Maratea, AS, Nursing; Jessica L. Murray, AAS, Education; Jainita Patel, AS, Nursing;

Catherine Anne Serio, AS, Nursing; Sherri L. Smith, AS, Nursing; Alivia Frances Spagnola, CT, Nursing; Austin M. White, AA, General Studies; and Luke C. Zolenski, AA, General Studies.

Bishopville: Jamie L. Walsh, CT, Nursing.

Newark: Sachin Dhungel, AS, Nursing; and Lauren E. Lewis, CT, Nursing.

Ocean City: Jillian Alascio, CT, Nursing; Rachel N. Dypsky, AA, General Studies; Emma S. Hamilton-Blackford, CT, Criminal Justice; Terrance L. Jankouskas, CT, Criminal Justice; Brittany L. McDaniel, AA, General Studies; Benjamin E. Panitch, CT, Criminal Justice; Jenna L.

Radford, CT, Nursing; Ilona Randolph, AS, Nursing; Ean W. Spencer, CT, Criminal Justice; Ryan R. Walker, CT, Criminal Justice; and Jessica N. Wieber, CT, Criminal Justice.

Pocomoke City: Colby R. Speta, AA, General Studies; Devin Grace Thompson Elutrio, AA, General Studies; LaShae Q. Wise, CT, Nursing; and Makayla Wright, AAS, Education.

Snow Hill: Drew Elizabeth Harper, CT, Nursing; Delaney L. Taylor, CT, Nursing; and Bethany Waters, AA, General Studies.

Stockton: Kathryn S. Savage, CT, Nursing.

Whaleysville: Jane C. Failla, CT, Nursing.

Worcester Sheriff's Office highlights new phone scam

(Nov. 18, 2021) The Worcester County Sheriff's Office is warning citizens of a phone scam that is circulating the area. This is similar to the phone scam that was reported in Wicomico County in July.

The recipients of these calls are told that they are the subject of a pending warrant out of the Circuit Court for Worcester County.

Worcester County Sheriff's Office has been told that during these incidents, callers have represented themselves with the names of actual deputies with the Sheriff's Office.

Citizens are reminded that the Sheriff's Office will never call someone and encourage them to make a payment over the phone to keep themselves from being arrested.

Anyone who receives an unsolicited call where asked to send money to avoid an arrest, should remember that is not the practice of law enforcement.

Catholic School, Amanda Evans, the director of admissions and advancement, said the same state quarantine guidelines are currently followed. However, she said officials are always reevaluating processes to make sure they are serving the students and staff as well as possible.

"It has not been ideal for anyone, but we are doing our very best to keep our students in school within our walls," she said of the 14-day quarantine rule. "When that is not possible, our teachers, administration and families are working together to eliminate any disruptions in learning."

For more information on the modified quarantine options, visit health.maryland.gov/phpa/Documents/K12%20School%20and%20Childcare%20COVID-19%20Guidance_10.27.21.pdf

Masking, distancing still pertinent

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modified quarantines only apply to students who are a student-to-student close contact and when they are both fully masked," said Lauren Williams, the coordinator of school health services for the Worcester County Board of Education. "It's really not a major change but anything we can do to help our students stay in school and not have to quarantine if they can safely do so, we're exploring those options."

According to the modified quarantine options listed on the Maryland Department of Health website, "a 14-day quarantine period remains the safest option to reduce the risk of in-school transmission."

However, the report said that in-school transmission needs to be balanced with "the negative impact of prolonged and repeated quarantine on students and staff." In turn, state health and education department officials are allowing schools to modify their approaches to quarantining.

A total of three modified quarantine options exist, which would all require everyone to be fully masked, and in some cases would require more testing.

The options are:

• **Test-to-stay** — The most recommended option outside of the 14-day quarantine, this allows students who are asymptomatic who are a close contact of someone in school or on a bus to get out of quarantine if he or she tests negative for at least five days and remains asymptomatic.

• **Implementation of weekly screen testing** — This option reportedly "poses risk for in-school covid-19 transmission," but provides weekly tests so that close contacts of students who test negative would not have to quarantine. The goal is to identify asymptomatic positive students, but may not identify them all, which is a concern.

• **Mask protection** — This option is the least recommended, but would essentially allow any close contact, if both people are wearing masks, to

not have to quarantine if they are asymptomatic.

Williams said the options are under advisement in the county public school system, but she does not know if any will be implemented. She also pointed out that the rules would only apply to close contacts in school, not outside in the community, thus 14-day quarantines would still be required in those cases.

"There's close contact in the community, which often occurs in a household or in a situation where students are not masked," she explained. "And those kinds of close contacts would not be eligible for those modified quarantines that the state is talking about."

Williams also said that she does not have data on how often students test positive once they are quarantined, and said that the usage of other mitigation strategies — such as distancing and mask wearing — also makes a difference.

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Obituaries

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After the Army, he worked in various positions in local businesses. Eventually, he was called to his final career as a merchandise sales representative, which would be his passion for the rest of his life. So much so that in 1978, he started his own sales rep business, D&S Sales.

It was the perfect, tailor-made job for this man who loved people. He excelled at turning complete strangers into personal friends. The parts of himself he gave to his friends paled in comparison to what he gave to his family.

He loved his wife, children and extended family to a fault.

Denny belonged to the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus and the AMS Club of Greensburg.

His hometown being on the outskirts of Pittsburgh, he was a fan of all Pittsburgh-area sports teams, especially the Pittsburgh Steelers.

In fact, Denny started the first Pittsburgh Steelers Fan Club in Ocean City Maryland, in 2004, and remained the president until the late 2010's. He loved playing golf, cards, reading, telling jokes and listening to music, especially live bands. He was basically partial to anything that involved interaction with other people.

Denny is survived by his wife, Tina Marie Contic (Powley); his son, Dennis M. "Denny" Contic Jr. and wife, Shannan; and daughter, Stacey Stewart (Contic) and her husband, Kurt; as well as granddaughter, Abigail Contic, and grandson, Dennis M. Contic III.

Denny is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces and friends he loved like family.

In addition to his parents, Denny was preceded in death by his brother, Anthony Contic Jr.; sister, Florence Ann Frund (Contic); and brother, Barry Caruso, as well as a several nephews and nieces.

In keeping with the wishes of our beloved Denny, there will be a memorial celebration of his love and life to be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021, at "The Boulevard" Restaurant, 900 Towne Square Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601.

We hope that you come prepared to celebrate the three words most often associated with Denny: family, fun, and gathering.

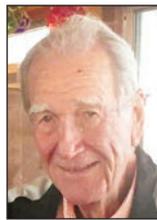
In lieu of flowers, please direct your generosity to the selfless, angels of mercy who assisted in the comfort and care of our beloved, husband, father and friend by sending your gifts in memory of Dennis Contic to Coastal Hospice. Checks may be made payable to "Coastal Hospice" and mailed to: P.O. Box, 1733, Salisbury, Maryland 21802. Or, visit their website at www.coastalhospice.org/donate.

Arrangements are in the care of Eastern Shore Cremation and Funeral Service, 504 Franklin Ave, Berlin, Maryland 21811. To send condolences to the family, please visit www.eastern-shorecremation.com.

MARTIN FERRIS

Ocean Pines

Martin "Pat" Ferris, age 96, of Ocean Pines, Maryland, passed away on Nov. 7, 2021, at Senator Bob Hooper House in Forest Hill, Maryland.



Martin Ferris

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, he was the son of Martin and Caroline (Schilp) Ferris, and husband of the late Veronica Ferris. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and worked as an attorney since the early 1950's, working in Baltimore City for several years.

He later worked as a senator's aide before becoming a U.S. assistant attorney general for the State of Maryland. He then went on to work for the Environmental Protection Agency and for the Maryland Department of Labor Unemployment Division.

Pat loved tennis and played until he was 90 1/2 years old with his buddies, and loved living on the water in Ocean Pines.

He was an avid painter, enjoyed writing poetry, and cakes and pies - especially blueberry pies. He loved movies and musicals vowing that "The Godfather" was the best movie ever made.

Martin is survived by his sons, Martin A. Ferris, IV (Tere), Timothy B. Ferris (Susan) and Daniel J. Ferris (Lori); daughters, Kathleen S. Maynard, Wendy A. Huber (John), Lynn A. Kim (James) and Kelly A. Marks (Steven); and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Nancy Thomas and Joan Ferris.

Visitation was held under the caring guidance of the family-owned and operated McComas Funeral Home in Bel Air, Maryland on Monday, Nov. 15,

Agostino forms Unstoppable Joy to back cancer patients

(Nov. 18, 2021) When local business owner Tonya Agostino was diagnosed with breast cancer last year, her world was rocked.

Life soon became a whirlwind of doctors appointments, treatments, and decisions that she was ill-prepared to make. She found comfort in her family, but like her, they were under extreme duress as they supported her through her cancer journey.

Agostino sought out organizations that could provide resources to help heal her mind, body and spirit, and allow her and her family to find joyful experiences in challenging times. When she could not find anything, she began researching ways in which she could help herself.

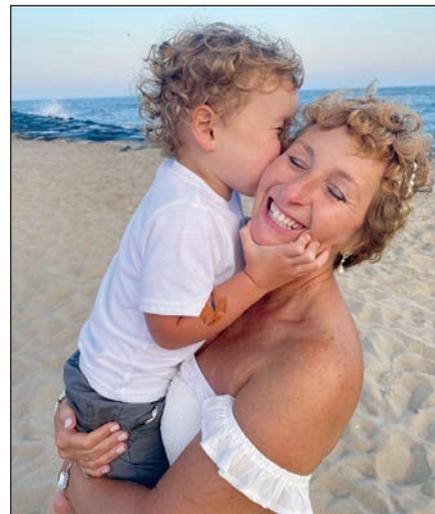
While chemotherapy killed her cancer, the products and services she found provided relief, relaxation and peace of mind as she underwent treatment.

When she got the news that she was cancer free, Agostino was determined to make sure that other local cancer warriors had access to the same resources that helped her to cope with the mental, physical and spiritual trauma she experienced.

She founded Unstoppable Joy Co, a 501c3, to provide natural, positive support to warriors diagnosed with cancer of any kind, and to let them know that they are not alone.

Unstoppable Joy Co (UJC) helps cancer warriors in multiple ways.

UJC is currently working with the



After surviving breast cancer, Tonya Agostino turned her attention to creating support systems for others facing similar battles.

TidalHealth System to deliver healing bags to cancer warriors across three sites in the community. These reusable totes are full of feel good products like bath detox, arnica gel, relaxing shower melts, and more.

Recipients are also given an inspirational book entitled "Laughing Through The Ugly," and other beneficial items such as nutrition information.

In addition to its partnership with TidalHealth, it regularly receives requests to ship healing bags to people outside of the local community, and happily oblige those inquiries.

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2021, followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association - Maryland, 217 E. Redwood Street, 23rd Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; or

the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Attn. Membership Dept., 6 Herndon Ave., Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

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Business, Industrial or Commercial Sources.****Mountaire workers vote on
future of union membership**

(Nov. 18, 2021) Employees at Mountaire's Selbyville processing plant will vote later this month on whether to remain with the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 27, according to the National Labor Relations Board.

An employee-led petition last month was accepted by the NLRB, which sets in motion the process to let employees vote to remove the UFCW as their representative. The mail-in ballot will be sent to employees on Nov. 18 and will be due back to the NLRB by Dec. 16, by 3 p.m.

Last summer, employees asked for decertification of the UFCW but were denied the option due to a technicality. A mail-in ballot was held but the union filed numerous challenges and ultimately, the NLRB threw out the vote without counting it. This fall was the first opportunity employees had to again ask for an election.

Selbyville is the only processing plant owned by Mountaire Farms where unions are present. These unions have been part of the plant since it was purchased by Mountaire in 1977.

**Coastal Realtors raise over
\$11K from golf tournament**

(Nov. 18, 2021) The Coastal Association of Realtors (Coastal) hosted its third annual Coastal Realtors Foundation Golf Tournament on Oct. 14, at the Ocean City Golf Club, Seaside Course, and well over \$11,000 was raised.

Coastal Realtors Foundation is a fund held by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and is accessible to members of Coastal to support their chosen local organizations.

A total of 84 players participated in the tournament, and the following prizes were awarded by Coastal:

First flight and overall winner: Erik Brubaker, Marcie Thiele, Hunter White and Bill Brown

Second flight: Robert Skudrna, Mar Stirone, Jerry Zentz and Kirk Slicer

Third flight: Eugene Jubber, Lloyd Martin, Stephan Van Wijk and Rich Currence

Closest to the Pin: John Kilian
Women's Longest Drive: Marcie Thiele

Men's Longest Drive: Erik Brubaker

Prior to and during the tournament, Coastal sold tickets for a chance drawing on a "Love Where You Live" gift basket, which included several gift cards to local attractions and restaurants as well as a three-night stay in an Ocean City condo. Mair Zaleski was the winner.

"Congratulations to our winners and thank you to our players, sponsors, and volunteers," said Coastal President Joni Williamson. "The Coastal Realtors Foundation has already awarded over \$39,600 in grant funding to 37 different local charities and this event means we can continue supporting these important organizations in our community."

Unstoppable Joy cancer support

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is blessed to have many compassionate and caring service providers who have offered their services to local cancer warriors at free or discounted pricing. Unstoppable Joy Co schedules these self-care appointments for massage, sound healing, wellness counseling, hair, nails, among others, and will pay for up to two services on top of the free services offered by UJC partners.

The organization also make these services available to caregivers so that they, too, can have a respite from dealing with cancer.

Cancer can be all-consuming. In addition to being physically draining, it also takes a significant mental and emotional toll. Everyone deserves a break.

Unstoppable Joy coordinates customized Zen time activities for cancer warriors and their families, including meals prepared by a personal chef, picnics on the beach, and a day at the spa.

While it has been providing these services for several months, Unstoppable Joy's mission was originally funded by Agostino and her family, and they are now seeking continued contributions so that they can extend their services and help more people in the surrounding community.

"I started Unstoppable Joy to help my neighbors. Having experienced firsthand what they are going through, I want to be able to assist anyone who is seeking out our services," she said. "Cancer is something that touches just about everyone in one way or another. I have faith that this caring community can come together to make sure that we are there for those who need us, and to help lift them up during their darkest hour."

To learn more about Unstoppable Joy Co or make a donation, visit unstoppablejoyco.org or contact Agostino at 410-422-6322 or tonya@unstoppablejoyco.org.

ThanksKitten Fun Run/Walk Nov. 25

CrossFit Assateague's annual event at Ocean Pines South Gate Pond

(Nov. 18, 2021) CrossFit Assateague (CFA), invite all those in the Delmarva area for Thanksgiving to participate in its fourth annual "ThanksKitten Fun Run/Walk," Thursday, Nov. 25, at the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond Trail.

"ThanksKitten" will consist of three laps around the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond with exercise stations throughout each lap. Exercise stations are optional and participants can complete one, two or three laps.

Three laps around the pond is approximately 2.5 miles.

Families, children and pets on leashes are welcome. Registration for the Fun Run/Walk is \$15 per person for adults, \$10 for children 13 and

over, and children 12 and under participate for free.

Coordinators will also be collecting kitten supplies such as clumping cat litter, Purina One kitten dry food and Friskies turkey pate canned cat food.

The Fun Run/Walk will start at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving morning. Participants can register online at www.crossfitassateague.com. Day of registration is also available at 8:30 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park by the South Gate pond. Parking is available at the Ocean Pines Library and surrounding area.

"ThanksKitten" will benefit Town Cats, a local nonprofit charity, dedicated to enriching the lives of free-roaming, feral, or abandoned cats in the Ocean City and surrounding communities by limiting the population growth and providing medical care through Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR), and affordable adoption services.

In 2020, CrossFit Assateague was unable to hold the event due to covid, but still provided an online fundraiser as well as a cat food supply drive.

"We are so excited to be able to host 'ThanksKitten' again this year. Our goal is to create a fun family friendly event, that burns some calories Thanksgiving morning and hopefully double the amount of money/supplies we raised for Town Cats the past two years," said Sandra Kerstetter, co-manager of CrossFit Assateague.

For more information or for a list of needed cat supplies, visit www.crossfitassateague.com or its Facebook page @crossfitassateague.

For those that can not attend, but still want to make a difference, CrossFit Assateague has sent up a GoFundMe Page at <https://gofund.me/30f76e67>.

Pines announces fall leaf collection to kick off Nov. 22

(Nov. 18, 2021) The Ocean Pines Association has announced leaf collection procedures for residents this fall.

Public Works will collect leaves and other yard debris from Nov. 22 through Dec. 17, on opposite days from Republic Services collection days.

The department will only pick up leaves placed in paper bags that residents place curbside. Thirty-gallon paper bags are available at Public Works in bundles of five for \$10.

Republic Services will pick up paper and plastic bags on scheduled pick-up days, limit four bags of leaves per scheduled pick up. Republic Services will also accept branches tied in bundles no longer than four feet.

Additionally, Ocean Pines residents may bring leaves and yard debris in bulk or paper bags to the Public Works yard at 1 Firehouse Lane, near the south fire department. The yard will be open Nov. 22 through Dec. 31, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be no collection or drop off on Thursday, Nov. 25 or Friday, Nov. 26. See OP Page 19

#JUSTMYTYPE Challenge launched

(Nov. 18, 2021) Blood Bank of Delmarva and "The Dr. Oz Show" recently launched the #JUSTMYTYPE Challenge with the goal of increasing blood donations by asking donors to invite someone to be their "plus one" as they donate together.

There has been a chronic nationwide blood shortage throughout the pandemic and "The Dr. Oz Show" is helping BBD, a division of New York Blood Center Enterprises, get the word out and encourage more people to donate blood.

Before covid-19, mobile blood drives hosted by high schools, colleges, businesses and other organizations traditionally made up about 40 percent of the region's incoming blood supply, but the number of blood drives had dropped by two-thirds.

Although schools and other organizations have been holding blood drives again, Blood Bank of Delmarva cannot collect units at optimum lev-

els due to the national labor shortage.

Hospital needs are well above pre-pandemic levels while donations continue to lag behind and never reach the ideal level of a seven-day supply. BBD is in need of all blood types and encourages first-time donors to sign up to make an appointment.

"Thank you to 'The Dr. Oz Show' for your support. Donating blood can be an incredible way to unite communities and the #JUSTMYTYPE CHALLENGE is just what we need to inspire donors to get more people to make a life-saving donation," said Andrea Cefarelli, senior executive, Donor Recruitment & Marketing, at Blood Bank of Delmarva and NYBCE. "The holiday season is always a diffi-

cult time to get donors into our centers as folks leave town and go on vacation, but we need to focus on what this time is about: giving. Make a donation today."

Donating blood is safe, and BBD has taken extra precautions to help prevent the person-to-person spread of covid-19. As always, people are not eligible to donate if they're experiencing a cold, sore throat, respiratory infection or flu-like symptoms. Additional information on donor eligibility and covid-19 precautions is available at www.delmarvablood.org.

Donors can schedule appointments by calling 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 or visiting www.delmarvablood.org.

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Some understanding vital during holiday

As families prepare to reunite or are contemplating gathering for Thanksgiving during this continuing pandemic, the vaccination disagreement continues.

Do the vaccinated Joneses invite unvaccinated family members who will be mingling with grandma and grandpa, who, despite having been vaccinated themselves, are still at risk because of age and underlying conditions?

Do the Joneses welcome everyone and hope the only thing guests take away from dinner are leftovers and good memories? Or do their health concerns lead them to limit the seats at the table, followed by, "We hope you understand?"

That's where many families have found themselves this week, as they wrestle with their urge to reconnect versus the caution they have been exercising — or not — since the covid-19 outbreak a year-and-a-half ago.

Despite the commercialized happy family image that's prevalent during the holidays, maintaining family harmony isn't always easy even in the best of times. Now, it's been made more difficult.

Perceived slights, an untoward comment, or colliding philosophies can cause permanent damage, and realizing that has put many Thanksgiving hosts in an exceptionally delicate situation.

Some understanding of the would-be hosts' distress is warranted here, and that burden falls on the unvaccinated to accept and respect whatever they decide. It isn't personal and it's simply a safety-first frame of mind.

It may just be that while the hosts respect the personal liberty argument of the unvaccinated others, it remains that the right of the unvaccinated to follow their own paths does not extend into the paths that others have chosen.

Similarly, the right to decline an invitation to dinner is just as absolute, and should not be viewed as commentary on individual situations.

It's Thanksgiving and people should be thankful that they're still here and still able to argue without alienating each other forever.



"We protect your home from termites and bugs; we have no control over unwanted family members coming to your house for Thanksgiving dinner."

OC Wild & Scenic Film Festival, today

Assateague Coastal Trust sponsors event at Seacrets, 49th St.

(Nov. 18, 2021) For the 11th consecutive year, Assateague Coastal Trust (ACT) and the Assateague Coastkeeper will bring the internationally-recognized Wild & Scenic Film Festival back to Ocean City and once again to living rooms across the country.

Advance tickets are now available for purchase at www.ActForBays.org/film-festival.

The festival focuses on films which both celebrate the splendor of the planet and speak to environmental concerns Earth faces. Wild & Scenic Film Festival inspires environmental activism and a love for nature — through film.

The program for the evening will feature 14 films, including "30 Below," that takes viewers through the barren, beautiful landscape of Alaska, and "Camel Finds Water," which documents surfer Trevor Gordon's restoration project of a derelict boat and exhumes the whimsical moral that "if

you can't buy your dream off a lot, build it yourself."

ACT will host this year's event at Seacrets Morley Hall on 49th Street, Thursday, Nov. 18. Films start at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

A silent auction with gift baskets and items from numerous local businesses, restaurants and artists, raffle items, and event specials will compliment the evening.

"The festival is a natural extension of Assateague Coastal Trust's work to inspire people to act on behalf of the environment," said new Assateague Coastkeeper Gabby Ross. "The small staff at ACT, a local community non-profit, works all year to keep our coastal waterways swimmable and fishable through citizen advocacy programs, youth education programs, and most importantly by working toward strong, fair and equitable environmental policy at the local and state level."

ACT is offering a virtual experience of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival for those who might not be comfortable at an in-person event.

Advance tickets for both

an online streaming of all films and the in-person event at Morley Hall will also include a five-day access pass to the entire ACT Wild and Scenic Film Festival.

Tickets cost \$25 each, or \$100 for a five-ticket discounted package. The \$25 tickets will be available at the door, however will not include the online streaming access. The public is encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.

Virtual tickets and in-advance Morley Hall tickets include five days of streaming access to the Film Festival.

For more info, visit www.actforbays.org/film-festival.

Assateague Coastal Trust is the Waterkeeper Alliance program for the coastal watershed of lower Delmarva. It is part of a global network of non-profit organizations fighting for every community's right to water that is fishable and swimmable.

Working arm in arm with diverse community partners, it protects and defends the health of Delmarva's coastal waters through advocacy, education, science and the enforcement of just and equitable clean water laws.

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Thanksgiving farmers market this Saturday

Ocean Pines launches '21 holiday season with special offerings to mark festivities

(Nov. 18, 2021) The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market will kick off the 2021 holiday season with its annual Thanksgiving Market, this Saturday, Nov. 20.

The special event, in White Horse Park in north Ocean Pines, will be filled with local produce, baked goods and everything needed for a festive holiday home and table.

"Our Thanksgiving Market has become a tradition for many Worcester County residents," Market Manager David Bean said. "This year, we expect over 30 merchants to open their businesses for this special market day."

Wor. Rec Parks to hold Turkey Bowl Pickleball in Nov.

(Nov. 18, 2021) Join Worcester County Recreation and Parks for the Turkey Bowl Pickleball Tournament, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20-21, at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill.

Saturday will be men's and women's doubles and Sunday will be mixed doubles. Doors will open and check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. Gameplay will start at 8 a.m.

The tournament is open to players ages 18 and older. The cost per person is \$40, which includes a T-shirt. To play, register online at www.pickleballtournaments.com.

For more information, contact Allen Swiger at 410-632-2144 x2520 or email aswiger@marylandscoast.org. To view a full list of upcoming special events, visit www.playmarylandscoast.org.

OP leaf collection schedule unveiled for fall '21 season

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Nov. 26 because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The yard also will be closed for drop off on Thursday, Dec. 23, Friday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 25 because of the Christmas holiday.

Public Works will also vacuum leaves. Residents should refrain from blowing leaves directly into the ditches, as this can lead to clogging of pipes as well as difficulty in water flow.

For more information, contact Public Works at 410-641-7425.

The tradition dates to 2012, when the farmers market grew from a seasonal happening to year-round marketplace and introduced several unique events. A Tuesday Thanksgiving Market was later added in 2017, to accommodate shoppers picking up freshly baked goods for their holiday dinner.

On Saturday, marketplace greengrocer D. J. David & Company will have a large, curated selection of fresh fruits and vegetables. Local Hayman sweet potatoes and newly-harvested New Jersey cranberries are a favorite of the greengrocer's shoppers.

Kitchen staples, including celery, onions and fresh herbs will be available, along with popular vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower and brussels sprouts. Kale, cabbage and collard greens from local growers will also be abundant.

DelVecchio's Bakery will have a generous selection of baked goods, made at their Snow Hill bakery. Shoppers can expect breakfast Dan-

ish, and homemade breads and pies for their holiday feast.

For those who prefer to bake their own pies, the farmers at Stag Run Farm carry several varieties of orchard apples at the market. Included will be late-season Pink Lady apples, and heritage Black Twig apple.

Fans of mulled cider and wine should visit JABBS spice shop, which offers several blends of mulling spices for warming up a festive beverage, including pumpkin and apple pie.

Snyder's Produce and Pretty Things will again be selling their handmade wreaths and rope garland, through Christmas. Snyders works with regional Christmas tree growers to gather the perfect mix of winter greens. Each wreath and garland that comes to the market is handmade by the Snyders, and each comes with a beautiful bow to garnish the top.

Additionally, many artisans and crafters will offer a variety of merchandise for those looking to shop locally for holiday gifts.

Cove Craft & Treasures will feature a selection of seasonal decor for the home. Among their most popular items are decorative snowmen created from porch posts.

Hand-painted ornaments can be found at the market gallery of Sally Crisp, and the jewelry makers at Storigems create many unique pieces available in matching sets for holiday giving.

Along with the special Thanksgiving Market on Saturday, the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market will also open on Tuesday, Nov. 23 for last-minute shoppers and pick-up of specially ordered baked goods. The Tuesday market will be open from 9-11 a.m. in White Horse Park.

The Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, through February. In-season hours return in March, with the market open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market>.

Wor. GOLD Helping Hands program

(Nov. 18, 2021) Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is holding its Helping Hands for the Holidays program once again this year.

In 2020, GOLD provided holiday gifts for 649 children and 74 vulnerable adults.

This program provides Worcester County families and individuals in need with holiday gifts to help reduce financial burden and stress during

the holidays. All recipients are screened by GOLD's community partners to assess need and to prevent the duplication of services.

"The pressure to provide holiday gifts can weigh on families struggling with low to no income," said Nicholas Cranford, executive director. "With cost of living increasing and temporary benefits expiring, holiday assistance will come as a tremendous relief to those we serve."

To participate in the Helping Hands for the Holidays program sign up to sponsor a family, donate toys (new and unwrapped), or mail a check to be used by GOLD to purchase gifts. The deadline for sponsor signup is Nov. 22 and all gifts must be dropped off by Dec. 10. GOLD will accept monetary donations throughout the holiday season.

For more information about GOLD's programs and services, visit www.WorcesterGOLD.org.

Guest bartender fundraiser Nov. 22

(Nov. 18, 2021) Berlin brewery Burley Oak will partner with OC Ravens Roost #44 and Atlantic General Hospital to host a guest bartender night fundraiser on Nov. 22, from 6-9 p.m.

During this three-hour window, leadership from the Ravens Roost and Atlantic General will be behind the bar to serve drinks to the community.

The guest bartenders include:

- OC Ravens Roost #44 Board Chair Frank Berterman
- Co-interim President/CEO and Vice President of Medical Affairs Sally Dowling, MD
- Vice President of Public Relations Toni Keiser
- Director of Pharmacy James McGinnis
- Director of Endoscopy Terry Moore
- Director of Population Health Tina Simmons

• Director of Quality Bob Yocubik

The fundraiser is free to attend, and participants will be provided the opportunity to win raffle prizes. Burley Oak will be donating 10 percent of

beer sales and 50 percent of tips to the Ravens Roost Penguin Swim Team in support of Atlantic General Hospital's 28th annual Penguin Swim to be held on New Year's Day.



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Snapshots



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VETERANS DAY

The "Posting of Colors" is performed by the Joint Color Guard, with members from American Legions in Ocean City (166) and Berlin (123 and 231), First State Detachment and the Marine Corps League, on Veterans Day at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore receives accolades from state officials.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Seaside Christian Academy Children's Choir pledge allegiance to the American Flag during the Veterans Day ceremony in Ocean Pines on Thursday.



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PROCLAMATION

Worcester County Commissioner Ted Elder presents a proclamation to Fire Marshal Jeff McMahon recognizing Oct. 3-9, 2021 as Worcester County Fire Prevention Week and October as Fire Prevention Month in Worcester County. Learn about fire safety and form a Family Action Plan at <https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week>.



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FIRE PREVENTION

Worcester Preparatory School hosted the Berlin Fire Company on Oct. 4, for a Fire Prevention Assembly to explain the importance in knowing fire safety measures. Pictured, from left, are students Liam McAllister, Jack Jarvis, John Parker, Brock Hidell, Emerson Bofinger, Elliott Mason, Sparky the Fire Dog, Hannah Coyle and Kaylin Zervakos.



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Worcester Preparatory School hosted the Berlin Fire Company on Oct. 4, for a Fire Prevention Assembly to explain the importance in knowing fire safety measures. Firefighter Colby Sirman, dressed in fire gear, interacts with students.

Cuisine

Stuffed Szechuan eggplant with glaze

Now that we're in full-swing of the semester, it's time to get our serious nosh on. And while the food in and of

itself is great, there is nothing better than standing back to watch our students receive accolades for the various foods that they are preparing and sharing with others.

There is no truer judge than

a fellow student. But, at least the students are learning, right? Rare is the negative comment, and even I must admit that I'm more than moderately impressed with the quality of foods that are regularly coming out of our kitchen.

The new program is broken down into various cuisines, and a class that just started in January is International – Asia. What's nice about this 13-week course is that we can spend four full classes looking at the foods of China, as opposed to "studying" China and Korea in a four-hour class, as we used to in the old curriculum. It just wasn't where we thought it should be in lining up in compliance with our accreditation board.

In addition to the fact that students get further enmeshed in various cultures, they are also able to work with a lot more proteins from fish to meats to tofu and kofu. They can identify foods from Northern China as opposed to foods out of the West such as Szechuan-style dishes and broaden their horizons, explaining why there isn't much in the way of rice in Northern Chinese foods.

Of course, one could spend a lifetime teaching Chinese food alone, and I certainly do not pretend to be an expert, but with each passing class and each subsequent semester, we grow and expand our repertoires a little more. It can be truly inspiring.

I truly enjoy learning about the myriad flavors that introduce themselves to us from across the Pacific Pond. From Szechuan hot bean paste to fish sauces and Kimchi, Asian foods afford us the ability to greatly diversify any menu that we might be preparing.

It is a rare occasion that I share a recipe from someone else, but today's is a very close variation to the textbook recipe from Wiley's International Cuisine from the Arts Institute, a fantastic, broad-subject book that covers a ridiculous amount of worldly foods in



a seemingly short tome. I would be remiss if I didn't cite the source, and if you like studying food, it is a good read.

This is my second-favorite book to teach out of besides Maricel Presilla's Gran Cocina Latina, hands-down the best for my line of work. Throughout our courses, we try to build a library that we can encourage our students to keep for years to come.

I remember not-so-fondly having to spend \$470 on a Corporate Financial Accounting book for my MBA that was worth nothing, nada, zip as soon as the term ended. That still stings quite a bit.

As such, I really put effort into honing our library so that students can jump out on their own and already have a decent bookshelf. I guess you could say that I'm a nerd, but it's hard to learn if you're not, well, learning, and reading is one of the greatest pastimes in which we can partake to hone our skills, perfect logical sequences and stave ennui. But I digress.

Cooked by three of our students (Rob, Sue and Tyler), these stuffed eggplants were the belle of the ball. Adding to the neighboring platter of braised Szechuan pork belly et al, I guess you could say the gestalt was the perfect blend of organized chaos with great food thrown in. Time to eat.

Stuffed Szechuan Eggplant

Makes about a dozen nice bites

2 ea. Japanese eggplants
8 oz. Ground pork shoulder
1 Tbsp. Soy sauce
1 tsp. Shaoxing Wine or Sherry
1 tsp. Granulated sugar
2 Tbsp. Fresh, minced ginger
1 clove Minced garlic
1 tsp. Sesame oil
flour, as needed
Batter, as needed (recipe below)
Glaze, as needed (recipe below)

1. Combine all of the ingredients up to and including the sesame oil.

2. Mash it together while keeping it cold to help form a forcemeat.

3. Cut the eggplant into 1 1/2 " slices, on the bias so that they are like little leaning tubes with skin all the way around.

4. Slice the skin and cut through most of each slice, making sure to keep them attached on the back. It should open like a little 'Pac-Man' when you squeeze on the sides.

5. Stuff each little piece of eggplant with the sausage and chill.

6. Heat a fryer to 350F.

7. Dust each piece in the flour, dip in the batter, and fry until golden brown, ensuring that the sausage is

cooked through.

Serve with scallions and some glaze. Super easy but definitely the dish of the day.

For Batter

1 c. AP Flour
1 c. Rice flour
Salt as needed
Soda water to make a loose batter

1. Combine all ingredients until the batter is looser than a pancake batter. Think thin when it comes to this coating!

For Glaze

1/2 c. Chicken stock
1 Tbsp. Hot bean paste
1 Tbsp. Soy sauce
1 Tbsp. Rice wine vinegar
1 Tbsp. Brown sugar

1. Combine ingredients and reduce slowly in a warm pan until thickened. Remember, go slow and low.

2. When reduced, cool and set aside until ready to use.

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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. 18

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

STORY TIME: 'T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING'

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Come listen to a familiar story with a twist. A small painting craft to follow. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME 'DINOSAURS ROAR'

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

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. The workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research by Tom Dempsey followed by a Q&A session. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events" or call 410-208-4014 for assistance.

WINSLOW HOMER: AN AMERICAN PAINTER

Join local artist Richard Husband, as he talks about Winslow Homer's life, work and studies he has painted of Homer's art, 2 p.m. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

EDITH HEAD: THE WOMAN WHO DRESSED HOLLYWOOD

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Educational entertainer, Martina Mathisen, transports attendees into the fascinating and sometimes elusive life of Edith Head. Zoom also offered. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-632-2600

COVID VACCINE CLINIC (PFIZER ONLY)

Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3-6 p.m. For ages 5 years and older. 410-641-1100,



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DONATION

The Marlin Club Crew of OC, Inc. recently donated a total of \$15,000 in scholarships to local graduates who exemplified excellence in both scholastic and community activities. The raising of funds for scholarships is the primary goal of group and the team struggled hard through the pandemic to still be able to meet those goals and financially assist students.

<https://www.atlanticgeneral.org>

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

29TH ANNUAL WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS OPENING CEREMONY

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 5:30 p.m. Mayor Rick Meehan will light the displays and the tree at 5:30 p.m. Also featuring live performances, Santa and a special holiday experience in the sky. www.ococean.com/events, 800-626-2326

WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP TO HOST RABBI CARDIN

Rabbi Cardin will discuss the Environmental Human Rights Amendment, 6:30 p.m. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89710319610> - Meeting ID: 897 1031 9610 - Passcode: 125011. Additional info: 443-944-6701.

2021 WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

Seacrets Morley Hall, 117 49th St., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Featuring 14 films, a silent auction, raffle items and event specials. Cost is \$25 and includes a 5-day access pass for online purchases. www.actforbays.org/film-festival, 410-629-1538

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. 19

GOOGLE APPS 101

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m.-noon. Drop in and learn how to use some of Google's many features such as Google Sheets, Google Calendar and Google Drive. Feel free to bring your own electronic device. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Mary Star of the Sea, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Enjoy shopping our gift stores, jewelry counters, plants, toys, home made sweets and a raffle auction not to mention the delicious food that will be available for carry out. Come join in the fun!

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'THE UNCOUPLING' BY MEG WOLITZER

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Lively discussion facilitated by Cynthia Hanagud and Gail Samis of Salisbury University. Copies of the book are available at the Berlin branch. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

SEAFOOD NIGHT AT BERLIN FIRE COMPANY

Berlin Fire Co Headquarters, 214 N. Main St., 4:30-7 p.m. Half pound steamed shrimp, macaroni salad and French fries for \$15 or one pound steamed shrimp (no sides) for \$20. <http://berlinfire.com>, 410-641-1977

Sat., Nov. 20

TURKEY BOWL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, 8 a.m. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. For ages 18 years and older. Cost is \$40 and includes a T-shirt. Register: www.pickleballtournaments.com. Allen Swiger, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2502, aswiger@marylandscoast.org.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER & RECRUITMENT

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 9 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

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 9 a.m.-noon. The market will be filled with local produce, baked goods, decorations, gifts and everything needed for a festive holiday home and table. Open to the public. www.ocean-pines.org, 410-641-7717

VIRTUAL WALK WITH A DOC

Visit AGH's Facebook page, where there will be a short presentation by one of their providers, 9 a.m. Then walk and share your selfie on social media with #walkedwithagh. tsimmons@atlantic-general.org

TURKEY TROT OPEN

Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin, 9:30 a.m. Golf tournament and turkey dinner feast.

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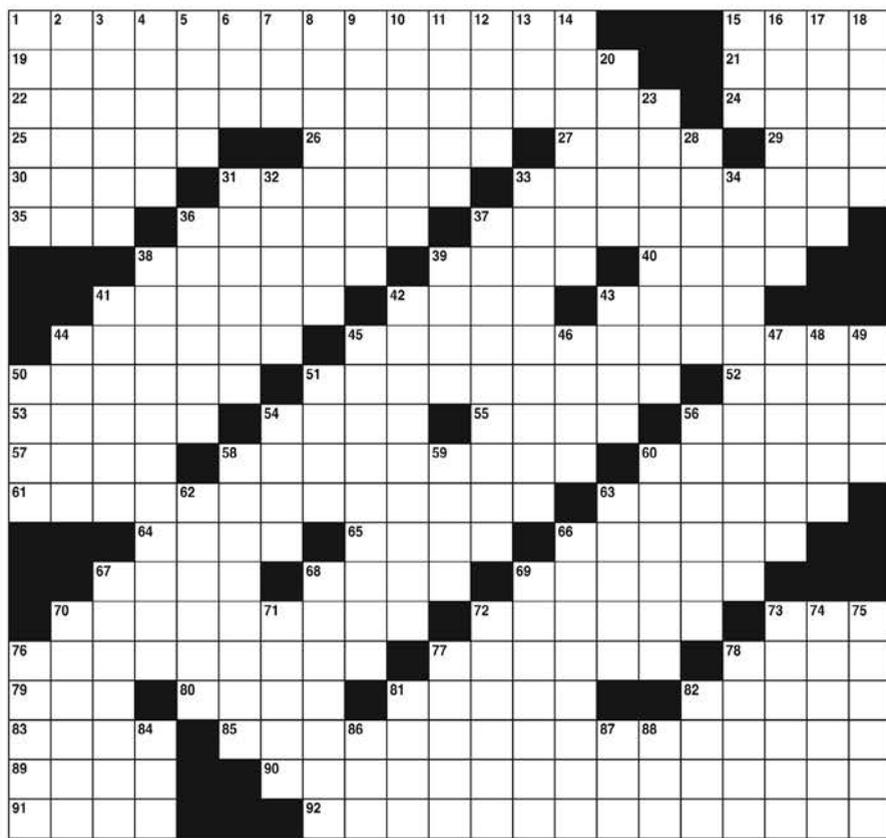
Puzzles

THIS AND THAT

BY SID SIVAKUMAR / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Sid Sivakumar is an M.D./Ph.D. student at Washington University in St. Louis, training in biomedical engineering and neuroscience. He works on medical devices that aid in stroke rehabilitation. In his spare time, he constructs and edits crosswords, including The Juggernaut Crossword, aimed at the South Asian diaspora. This themeless puzzle is Sid's 10th for The Times. To make it, he started at 92-Across ("which has great letters"), stacked two long answers on top of that and worked his way up. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Piles
 - 15 Tablet purchases
 - 19 Setting for Banff National Park
 - 21 Dealer's enemy
 - 22 Disney film with more than a million hand-drawn bubbles
 - 24 Rap's Run-D.M.C., e.g.
 - 25 Ostrich or kangaroo
 - 26 Amtrak service
 - 27 Emulate Ella Fitzgerald
 - 29 Boxer Wolfe who played Artemis in "Wonder Woman"
 - 30 "Yes, indeed"
 - 31 Get-together
 - 33 Rush
 - 35 Clear spirit
 - 36 Seasonal fast-food sandwiches that aren't halal
 - 37 "Star Trek" virtual-reality chambers
 - 38 San _____ (European enclave)
 - 39 [stern glare]
 - 40 Italian wine region
 - 41 Certain developer's job
 - 42 Seriously unpleasant
 - 43 Or greater
- DOWN**
- 44 Fall flavoring
 - 45 Some movie-theater concession areas
 - 50 Shattered
 - 51 Eateries serving small plates
 - 52 Spoils
 - 53 Up
 - 54 Command center
 - 55 Multiday event, for short
 - 56 2017 CVS Health acquisition
 - 57 Profess
 - 58 Tough bass part?
 - 60 Really grooves with something
 - 61 Quaint locale of first-aid supplies
 - 63 Valorous
 - 64 Bhikkhunis : Buddhist monastery :: _____ : convent
 - 65 The C of C major, e.g.
 - 66 Word with zone or boots
 - 67 Actor Idris
 - 68 Error message?
 - 69 Was completely exhausted
 - 70 Hiking aids
 - 72 Employees who work a lot
 - 73 Bit of reading near a cashier, in brief
 - 76 Grasps at straws?
 - 77 Not at all
 - 78 Big name in pasta sauces
 - 79 N.B.A. coach _____ Unseld Jr.
 - 80 Badly hurt
 - 81 "Capisce?"
 - 82 Rail in a dance studio
 - 83 Images on some Australian silver coins
 - 85 V.I.P. access points
 - 89 Mythos
 - 90 Nutritional plan involving controlled removal of foods
 - 91 Predator frequently appearing in Calvin's daydreams in "Calvin and Hobbes"
 - 92 Special delivery?
 - 1 Immune system component
 - 12 Vegetable in bhindi masala
 - 13 Lens holder
 - 14 Fine crystals used in food preparation
 - 15 Symbol of industry
 - 16 Make a flying jump onto a slope
 - 17 They get left in the dust
 - 18 Treat on a tea trolley tray
 - 20 "_____ Mode" (2018 No. 1 hit for Travis Scott)
 - 23 Labyrinth builder of myth
 - 28 Tarot card said to "radiate" positivity
 - 31 Foretold the future
 - 32 Certain gasket
 - 33 Deterrent to a pickpocket
 - 34 Behaves like a fool, informally
 - 36 Drama linked to the resurgence of the name "Betty" for baby girls
 - 37 Remains tightly secured
 - 38 Acquired family member
 - 39 Actress Meyer of "Beverly Hills 90210"
 - 41 Tested the censor, say
 - 42 Vendors of e-cigs
 - 43 Cruise stop
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 - 45 Important sales for growing businesses?
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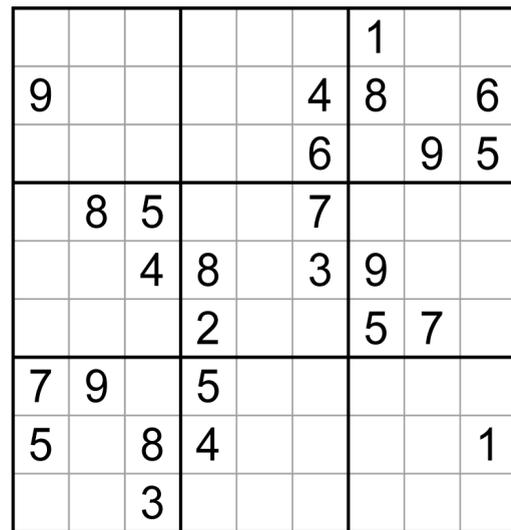
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.



Answers to last week's puzzles

1	3	5	6	2	9	8	7	4
8	4	2	5	3	7	6	9	1
7	6	9	4	8	1	3	2	5
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CRAFTY SATURDAY: FALL & THANKSGIVING CRAFTS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Make some great crafts, perfect for the fall and Thanksgiving. While supplies last. For ages 4 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Sturgis Park, 299 River St., Snow Hill, 10 a.m.-noon. For ages 13 years and older. 410-641-9358, agh.care/flu.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

New Hope United Methodist Church, 7348 New Hope Road, Willards, 11 a.m. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, roll and dessert. Cost is \$14 for adults. Drive through pickup only. 410-543-8244, 443-235-0251

Sun., Nov. 21

TURKEY BOWL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill, 8 a.m. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. For ages 18 years and older. Cost is \$40 and includes a T-shirt. Register: www.pickleballtournaments.com. Allen Swiger, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2502, aswiger@marylandscoast.org.

A GREATER BERLIN INTERFAITH GATHERING

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 6 p.m. Different congregations come together as one body as they share scripture, sing and give thanks. Time of fellowship after-

ward. Bring non-perishable food for Diakonia and a side dish or snack to share. 410-641-5433

COMMUNITY'S THANKSGIVING SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7-8 p.m. The Ocean City Christian Ministries Association invites everyone. Desserts and fellowship will follow the service. Food, paper products and an offering will be collected for the needy. 410-289-9340

Mon., Nov. 22

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing about stressful experiences like illness, may boost health and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

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Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a health lifestyle. Rose Champion, 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. 23

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 9-11 a.m. The market will

be filled with local produce, baked goods, decorations, gifts and everything needed for a festive holiday home and table. Open to the public. www.ocean-pines.org, 410-641-7717

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

CRAFT TIME 'HAPPY THANKSGIVING'

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Play games and complete crafts to celebrate Thanksgiving. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME 'GIVING THANKS'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fingerplays. Take-home activity included. For 2-5 year old children. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

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. 24

CRAFT TIME 'GOBBLE GOBBLE TURKEY'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Make fun activities for turkey day. For 2-5 year old children. [\[terlibrary.org\]\(http://terlibrary.org\), 410-632-2600](http://www.worces-</p>
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PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Meeting via Zoom, 3:30 p.m. Discuss the book "Always Looking Up: Nancy Grace Roman, Astronomer." Title available on Hoopla. For ages 8-11 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. Providing participants with hope for the future. Gail Mansell, 410-641-9725, gmanzell@atlanticgeneral.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

29TH ANNUAL WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

Northside Park, 200 125th Street, Ocean City, Nov. 18 through Jan. 1. Hours are Wednesdays through Sundays, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Admission cost is \$5 for adults and free to those 11 years and younger. Pets are welcome on Wednesday evenings. The 2021 Winterfest of Lights will be an expanded walking tour through the animated lights. There will be hot chocolate, photos with Santa, a gift shop and an array of holiday exhibits. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/241649021281497/> for updates. Info: 410-250-0125, 800-626-2326.

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