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Members of the Red Hat Society Chapter #74007 Charm Girls participate in the Memorial Day parade on Flower Street in Berlin on Monday. Along with spectators, the route was lined with vendors offering snow cones, fried fish, barbecued chicken, and more. See more pictures on page 14.

Town finances ahead entering final quarter

Rescue Act money biggest contributor to fiscal health

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(June 2, 2022) The Town of Berlin's finances are outpacing FY2021 at the third-quarter benchmark of FY2022.

At the May 23 meeting of the Berlin Town Council, Finance Director Natalie Saleh broke down revenues and expenses through the first nine months of the fiscal year which ended on March 31, and reported on what the council should expect as the fiscal year enters its last month.



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Finance Director Natalie Saleh

"Overall, at \$8.8 million at the (3rd quarter) benchmark, we are (roughly 22.7 percent) higher than this point last year," Saleh said.

The town had \$7.15 million budgeted for revenue through the first nine months, but the actual number ended up at \$8.78 million. The biggest change came from the "contributed revenue" category — \$2.29 million more than last year — which is due to the town receiving American Rescue Plan Act funds earlier in the fiscal year.

Property tax revenues are also up. "The property taxes, I'm glad to report are being collected fully," Saleh said at the meeting. "There is actually a little extra left over from what we budgeted (at \$59,319)."

Intergovernmental revenues — grants from other government enti-
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OPA directors mull 86-ing Janasek

His yacht club confrontation has board asking whether to yank amenity privileges

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(June 2, 2022) After an altercation at the tiki bar at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club that allegedly saw former Ocean Pines Director Tom Janasek accost current Director Josette Wheatley, Director Larry Perrone introduced and tabled a motion during a special meeting on May 25 that could see Janasek suspended from Ocean Pines amenities for a year.

The motion was tabled so the



Tom Janasek

board can review and analyze the facts of the incident and the options available to them.

Witness accounts suggest that on May 20, a Friday, Janasek confronted Wheatley and her husband and the altercation escalated to the point that Yacht Club staff escorted Janasek off the property.

Janasek allegedly returned after being told to leave.

"It's just beyond the pale," Perrone said afterward. "It's outrageous that a member of the board, or for that



Larry Perrone

matter any member of our community, should be abused verbally as Josette Wheatley was on the night of May 20, 2022."

"There's no question that it happened, there's no dispute about what happened ... The discussions that we've had to this point are whether or not our documents give us the ability to render punishment for actions of this nature. I think the answer to that question is 'no.' However, the bylaws also — under the 'other lawful acts' See JANASEK Page 8



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GM report talks up racquet upgrades, disc golf, T-docks

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(June 2, 2022) New business including racquet sports upgrades, disc golf and new mailboxes were covered in General Manager John Viola's report to the Ocean Pines Board on May 25.

"In the racquet sports, a lot's happening down there," Viola said.

He said there's a punch list on maintenance and other items that will be addressed.

The pickleball courts have been completed "in-house within budget," Viola said.

The 10-hole disc golf course at Bainbridge Park is still in a trial period and has cost the Ocean Pines Association nothing so far, Viola said. In the future, if the course is retained, there will be "minimal to no cost."

The association held a town hall for community opinion on the course on May 21, which Viola described as "well represented."

"I will evaluate as time goes on and so will (Recreation and Parks Director) Debbie (Donahue) and we'll get feedback," he said. "Berlin did it on a trial basis for a year, they made a few adjustments, some that we're already making such as where we're going to position these metal baskets and we'll go from there."

A walkthrough of the course was scheduled last week for homeowners.

Viola also reported that Public Works installed floating planters on both sides of the North Gate Pond recently.

The planters help with nutrient and algae control, Viola said. They're also a resting place for turtles and cover for fish.

Viola said that the \$1,000 planters will be installed in other ponds "if all goes well."

Viola said he hopes that drainage projects will conclude by the end of

June.

"Over a year ago, we had the grant and did the pond filtration," he said. "That's all completed, all positive all around. However, the pipes on the three main roads have not been completed. We have to work in conjunction with the county, and with covid, supplies and the contractors, there have been some delays."

"Our whole plan on maintenance is to get these pipes fixed which haven't been addressed in 20, 30, 40 years. The pipe liners, the way they go as far as work, a dollar amount is way cheaper. Instead of maintaining them, once we put them in, I won't have to maintain them. It is coming out of the reserve for drainage, so that is a shift we will have to do going forward."

Over at the Swim and Racquet Club, the roof is scheduled to be replaced and the exterior was painted last week. The makeover work will be evaluated at the end of the summer.

T-docks have been built and Viola said the association is waiting on floats that go under the docks. That should take six weeks. The construction cost is \$65,000.

A and D docks will be used for the new water taxi that transports people from Ocean Pines to Ocean City.

Fifty-five mailbox sites have been evaluated, Viola said.

"I am going to have favorability," he said. "Some of this favorability or a nice piece of it is the mailboxes that I believed as tasked by the board that I would have maintained over the last few months or the last period."

Viola will present to the board bids for replacing mailboxes and pedestals. Concrete will be addressed and done in-house.

Regarding recommended surplus allocation, Viola prefaced with the fact that \$650,000 was taken out of "realized favorability" for FY21.

"We're in the same position now," he said.

The association was \$1.6 million "in the hole" in FY18, which has been

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John Viola

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OP Strategic Planning looks at community goals, mission

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(June 2, 2022) The Ocean Pines Strategic Planning Committee is continuing to work on its mission statement as well as developing goals for the Ocean Pines Association.



Bernie McGorry

Committee chair Bernie McGorry said the goals are driven by a survey in which residents offered their opinions on what they believe are important issues for the community.

“(There was a lot of) community things like safety, appearance, infrastructure, (which) were the top three, but also incorporating core values into future planning,” McGorry said.

“The committee debated a lot about (whether we are) the content experts or the process experts. I think the consensus was at the next board work session that we’ll recommend executive council committee chairs be involved in a future planning session where specific long-term actions or lists or strategies are developed.”

McGorry added that the committee is hoping to have a work session with the Ocean Pines Board of Directors sometime later this month.

The Strategic Planning Committee itself is relatively new, coming online in 2021. McGorry said that he didn’t

believe the community has had such a committee in “at least 10, if not 20” years.

“I signed up on (this committee) because I felt Ocean Pines needed long-term direction,” McGorry said. “It started with benchmarking other communities, creating surveys, and now it’s taking some of those survey results and making recommended goals, maybe slide updates to the mission, making a five-year plan.”

“It’ll help the budgeting and planning processes.”

The goal of the committee is to incorporate values identified by the community — including transparency and accountability — and other key issues.

In other business, McGorry said the committee planned to discuss amenity reporting and whether staff reports just performance or also includes budget. The committee decided to continue doing a better job and communicating amenity performance transparently.

“It’s more the committee continuing to refine their recommended goals that they plan to review with the board at an upcoming work session,” he said. “There are things that were identified in the survey like maintaining infrastructure, improving community appearance and current amenities along with maintaining high levels of safety.”

The Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled to meet next on June 23.

New mailboxes coming to OP

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“well-publicized,” Viola said.

“Where we are now, what I’m saying at the end of this Fiscal Year ’22 — obviously the books aren’t close (yet) — but we’ll be at (\$3.1 million. We were at \$1.6 million) unfavorable before we all started.”

“So that (\$3.1 million estimated for FY22), what we did last year on the top there, the one-time assessment, I needed \$650,000 out of last year’s favorability to get that assessment to (896). We put that in there and the board approved that we’d have this plus-minus account so that if we did have favorability we could lower the assessment.

If the association’s revenues remain unfavorable, the board and Viola would have to decide on how to cover and increase the assessment over time or a one-shot deal, Viola

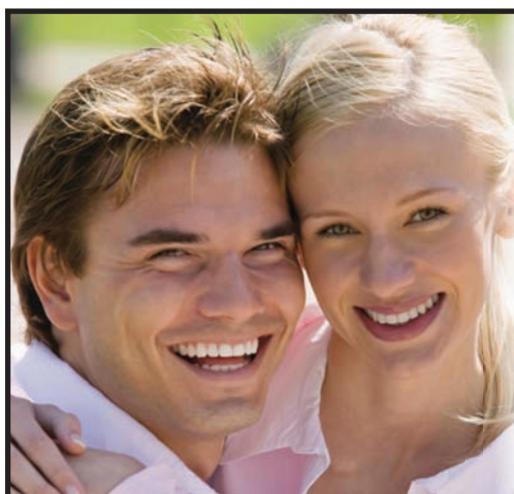
said.

“I certainly don’t anticipate that in the near future,” he said.

“If you look at where we are today, if you want to put another \$350,000 into roads — and that’s in addition to the \$300,000 we normally put into the assessment to do the three miles — that \$350,000 plus the \$350,000 that’ll be in there now, we’re up around \$700,000 of that cushion or surplus that everyone asked me to do,” Viola said.

Viola pointed out that the pickleball courts weren’t in the budget and they could have used maintenance money for it, but it was recommended to the board to take those funds out of the surplus.

“It’s all planned. It’s all transparent. It’s just timing,” Viola said. “We’re still projecting a surplus of \$900,000.”



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Ocean Pines Board of Directors Briefs

By Jack Chavez
 Staff Writer

(June 2, 2022) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors discussed the following during its May 25 meeting:

Purchase requests

The association unanimously approved two purchase requests. One was for culvert pipes for the Bainbridge project — priced at \$13,676.00 for Beaconhill Road pipes, \$12,236.00 for Pinehurst Road pipes, and \$12,236.00 for Sandyhook Road pipes by Deppe Brothers Excavation. The other was for the replacement of mailbox cluster units and pedestals for \$60,987 from Salisbury industries.

Tree removal

The board unanimously passed new procedure and penalty guidelines for homeowners who eschew Ocean Pines Association rules for removing trees from their property. The OPA has long been dealing with residents who hire contractors on their own and have trees removed with no input or consent from the association. These violations often get tied up in the association and can even progress to Worcester County courts.

From now on, permits for tree removals will include a notarized signature from the property owner, a move that the association hopes will do

more to include the property owner in the process directly and thus educate them on the steps that must be taken.

Open violations

The board unanimously passed the declaration of the existence of multiple open violations that in turn suspend the voting rights and use of amenities for the violators, as long as the cases remain open. Six of these open cases have gone to litigation, OPA Secretary Rick Farr said.

“This (motion) will shorten the timeline, save (the association) money and provide a better forum for property owners to work out their problems as opposed to the Worcester County court system,” Farr said.

Geese control

Environment and Natural Assets Committee Chair Sharon Santacroce gave a presentation to the board about the committee’s plans for addressing the health of area ponds due to overabundant Canada geese populations.

The plan largely deals with plant and tree buffers, which help deter geese because of the risk of lying-in-wait predators, Santacroce said.

Santacroce said that the committee’s research could lead to a “50 to 70 percent” deterrence of Canada geese.

Worcester G.O.L.D. to host golf tournament June 15

(June 2, 2022) Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) announces the return of its annual event, “GOLD on the Green,” on June 15.

The seventh annual charity golf tournament will take place on the waterfront Newport Bay Course at Ocean City Golf Club. Registration begins at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Registration, which costs \$700 for a foursome (\$1,000 for team and sponsor package) includes 18 holes, cart rental, lunch, drink tickets, gift bags, side-games, prizes and an awards dinner.

“We’re really excited to build on the success from last year,” said Nicholas Cranford, Worcester G.O.L.D executive director. “I know how meaningful this funding is for our neighbors who are truly suffering right now.”

Proceeds benefit the a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, which provides emergency financial assistance and basic needs items for Worcester County residents living with low-income.

G.O.L.D. is seeking teams of golfers, sponsors, and donors to make this fundraiser a success. Call 410-235-6525 or visit www.WorcesterGOLD.org to access additional information and purchase tickets.

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Deeley breaks down OP insurance

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(June 2, 2022) The Deeley Insurance Group presented an overview of its coverage of the Ocean Pines Association during the May 25 board of directors meeting and broke down trends on premiums and policy costs.

Regardless of rising policy costs, premiums have nonetheless come down from the last year to what has been forecast now through 2023, largely because of progress with regard to worker's compensation.

All policies, excluding worker's compensation, totaled \$383,630 in 2020-21 and are projected to cost \$404,488 for 2022-23. But when adding in worker's compensation, the difference of nearly \$40,000 — \$150,133 in 2021-22 and \$110,156 in 2022-23 — wipes out that deficit and creates a savings of roughly \$19,000.

The company specializes in coastal property, transportation, hospitality, contractors, human services and community associations and is a member of chambers of commerce in Berlin, Ocean Pines and Ocean City as well as the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association.



Megan Muller

"When we take over an association and every year, what we do is we audit the existing insurance policies against the governing documents of the association," Deeley senior client advisor and liaison to Ocean Pines Megan Muller said. "We make sure nothing's changed over the year."

Over the past two years, Muller said, commercial property insurers

have been hit hard because of natural disasters, supply chain issues, labor shortages and inflation — in other words, the same hang-ups that plague much of the global economy today.

Natural disasters, she said, are the primary cause of building and equipment losses, due in part to the surging prices from covid-related supply chain issues.

"Extreme weather events" rung up \$100 billion in insured losses last year, Muller said. The issues causing the surges are still a problem today.

Even in a more favorable economic climate, insurance companies often stay away from coastal communities because of the great weather risks.

"The closer to water, high-wind areas or even proximity to neighbors can cause rates and pricing to escalate," Muller said.

OP public forum for homeowners

(June 2, 2022) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host a public forum for all Ocean Pines community homeowners that will focus on all available energy supplier op-

tions on Thursday, June 9, from 6-8 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Representatives from electric, oil, propane, and natural gas companies

will be present to speak with homeowners about their options and cost-saving tips as energy costs rise.

The public is invited and will have the opportunity to ask questions of all companies.

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County candidates weigh in on major issues

Four Republicans debate topics with hopes of getting votes to represent district

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(June 2, 2022) Republican candidates on the hunt to represent District Three in Worcester County participated in a forum at the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club in South Point last week, giving residents and members of the South Point Association an idea of where they stand on issues representing the county.

Commissioner Bud Church currently represents the district at the county level, though he is choosing not to seek re-election this November.

Instead, Eric Fiori, Thomas Gulyas, Shawn Kotwica, and Tim VanVonno have thrown their hats into the ring to take the helm of a district that includes most of Berlin and West Ocean City down to South Point.

The forum drew a good crowd of more than 50 constituents who sat at tables covered with white tablecloths, and a handful with American Flags.

Steve Katsanos moderated the discussion and posed more than 10 questions to the candidates regarding

topics such as development along Route 50, the proposed sports complex near Stephen Decatur High School, teaching sexual identity in schools, and developing areas south of Buck's convenience store on Route 611.

Each candidate was allowed time at the beginning to introduce themselves and drew straws to see who would go first.

VanVonno, a businessman whose family was in attendance, drew the shortest straw and went first.

"It's a bad omen," he was heard saying just before taking to the podium.

VanVonno has a background in construction and real estate and holds an undergraduate in communications and an MBA.

He raised four children in Worcester County, and said, "It was one of the best experiences raising a family here."

VanVonno also said he would like to focus on education because the largest portion of the county's budget goes toward the public school system.

While looking to the education portion of the budget, VanVonno said the county should be more involved in finding a way to pay the bus drivers more money.

Gulyas said adding bus drivers as



Tim VanVonno



Thomas Gulyas

employees was not the solution, and rather than make their plea to the county, the drivers should have gone to the board of education to produce a solution on getting more pay to help cover costs.

Kotwica said becoming a bus driver was a risk each of the operators took. While giving them more pay may not be the solution, he suggested finding a way to get the drivers tax credits or supplements to help them out.

Fiori, who has experience selling rented equipment and has been a long-time entrepreneur said it would be easier to raise revenues and cut expenses in education, suggesting there was a solution that could be reached for the drivers.

Fiori, who has three children in the school system, grew up in Anne Arundel County and by the age of 10 was in business for himself selling softshell crabs. He later went on to deliver newspapers, and by the time he was 17, he operated a four-bay service station. When he moved to the Atlantic coast, he opened several businesses and learned a lot about mixed commercial use zoning.

"I wanna see people work hard and grow in this county," he said, putting the focus on the residents.

One of Fiori's philosophies is that research should be done before making major purchases like bringing the Black-eyed Susan paddleboat to

Snow Hill.

While he said he thinks bringing attractions like the boat to the area is great for tourism, several things were missed while researching the purchase that led to a failed inspection. Likewise, Fiore said, the same is happening with the purchase of property north of Stephen Decatur High School for over \$7 million for a sports complex site.

Big purchases and pricey projects, he explained, need to be thought out, and he promised to listen to both sides, show respect, and do his own research.

VanVonno said he was opposed to the sports complex because the land was expensive and he is worried about traffic issues.

All candidates except Kotwica were against the sportsplex.

Kotwica is a 20-year resident of Worcester County who worked his way up into restaurant management and now is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker.

As a big proponent of development, Kotwica supports putting infrastructure in place to be able to handle projected growth to places like Berlin and Ocean City.

"Now is the time to step forward," he said. "We don't want to be behind."

Kotwica said Somerset County was a prime example of an area that built many homes without infrastructure.

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Opponents take similar stance on wind farm

In terms of the sportsplex, Kotwica admitted to possibly being the only candidate in favor of it because the facility will practically scream family-friendly to people coming to the area.

A public hearing on the sports complex was held in April at Stephen Decatur High School, at which time Gulyas, a former Berlin councilmember, declined to comment.

Gulyas said he was frustrated with the hearing because none of the commissioners answered questions posed to them on the facility or purchase. Someone at the hearing asked if Gulyas was going to speak and he said no. On Tuesday, he explained, the deal was already signed before it took place and accused County Commissioner Joe Mitrecic of signing that deal.

Gulyas owns Ace Printing and Mailing in Berlin and has a 40-year career in local politics.

He, like the other three candidates, is opposed to more development south of Buck's, and said a \$200,000 feasibility study on adding a traffic light where Routes 611 and 357 cross is a waste of money. Gulyas added that the county could pay anyone \$10,000 to sit at the intersection on the weekend to see the need for a light.

All four candidates oppose the construction of a wind farm off the

coast of Ocean City, with Gulyas saying anyone who believes they will see a reduction in their power bill is "being sold a bill of goods."

The candidates were asked about adding workforce housing to district three, and Kotwica said there was available real estate in the area that could be made safe for housing.

VanVonno suggested if more affordable housing was made available, more business development would need to be implemented to sustain it year-round. Though Gulyas was not opposed to workforce housing, he said the government has no place in creating it. Instead, the developers should purchase properties themselves and create the housing.

Fiori also weighed in, saying when he used to go to Ocean City to live and work in the summer, he would stand in line at the convention center on 40th Street and hand out resumes during the job fair. Now, the businesses are struggling to find workers, and Fiori said the county must first find out why the workforce left, never mentioning anything about the high cost of rentals or homes being converted into AirBNBs.

Voters will be able to vote on which Republican candidate they want to serve as District Three commissioner during the primary election, on July 19.



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Janasek taking 'full responsibility'

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 provision — make the board responsible for the safety and our amenities. This was a safety issue.”

Perrone claimed during the special meeting that witnesses said the incident for a time looked as if it were going to become physical.

Claims that Janasek appeared intoxicated could not be confirmed.

Janasek has acknowledged that the incident was unfortunate but sees this as just the latest attempt by Perrone and the board to come after him.

“It escalated to a point that it shouldn't have and I take full responsibility for where it went but I don't see how I should be banned,” Janasek said. “I've been a patron of the yacht club and all the amenities of Ocean Pines for 40 years. I don't see why there'd be any reason to ban me at this point but it's an agenda with the board. They like to go after me whenever they can. They did it when I was on the board and they're doing it now.”

Janasek added that he doesn't believe he will be banned and, even if he were, he had no plans to seek legal counsel, a possibility some are wary of seeing.

“If this is left to (General Manager John Viola) and he has made it very

clear that he is not willing to do anything because he is concerned about litigation, then as a board, we do have an obligation,” Perrone said. “While our general manager may be concerned about litigation coming from Tom, I am more concerned about litigation that could occur in the future if Mr. Janasek is allowed to frequent our operations and this incident happens again and someone is hurt. Then, we're looking at a lawsuit — the other concern I have.”

Specifically, the ban would prohibit Janasek from entering the yacht club, the Beach Club and the golf club for one year from the date he was notified of the suspension.

“It's a bigger loss for the community and the amenities if I don't go (to them),” Janasek said. “So if that's what they want to do — cut their nose off to spite their face — (let them). Apparently from what I've heard in the rumor mill, it's not going through anyway.”

“It was an effort from Larry Perrone, for sure, who's had it out to get me for the last two years but I don't think it's going to go much further.”

But Perrone said the issue is in no

way personal.

“It's not personal. I have an obligation as a member of the board of directors to protect the community and ensure the safety of anyone who goes to our amenities,” Perrone said. “Whether it was him or someone else, I guess he just doesn't understand this is not personal. What he did was not acceptable and as a community and as a board, we should not accept that behavior at our amenities whether it's a board member, employee or any other patron.”

This is not the first time that Janasek has found himself in hot water because of his actions involving others.

Last October, Janasek resigned from the board after he was threatened with potential removal for a derogatory statement aimed at Ocean Pines Board member Colette Horn.

In November 2020, Janasek was nearly removed from the board based on his public criticisms of General Manager John Viola. The issue was resolved after the pair made peace during an open meeting.

Wheatley could not be reached for comment.



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 ties such as Worcester County — are up \$28,592 at \$1.02 million.

On the expense side, the town has spent \$1.18 million on general government, \$1.86 million on public safety and \$686,428 on public works.

Overall, the town has spent about \$210,055 more through the first three quarters of this fiscal year than in FY21.

“We have expenditures remaining at 33 percent, which is a good percentage,” Saleh said. “If we take into consideration the ARPA grant contributed revenues from the revenue total, the front balance as of March is

\$1.6 million, comparatively to FY21, is very close — by a \$60,000 difference.”

The town budgets the most for public safety, which comes in at \$2.31 budgeted for the year. General government follows at \$1.97 million, then public works at \$1.11 million and capital outlay at \$949,500.

The general fund balance as of March 31 breaks down as:

\$1.61 million in nonspendable money, which includes the sewer and stormwater funds.

\$116,736 in restricted, which chiefly includes slot revenues that can only be spent according to guidelines set by higher levels of government

\$902,176 in committed funds, including impact fees that are also restricted by spending guidelines.

\$907,694 in assigned, which includes health care and the community center.

\$1.67 million in unassigned, with is money available for unexpected costs and needs.

Overall, as of March 31, the general fund balance is about \$5.2 million.



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 Worcester Preparatory School seniors walk to their graduation ceremony on Friday wearing white dresses and tuxedos, rather than cap and gowns.

Seniors honored for achievements at Worcester Prep

By Greg Wehner
 Staff Writer

(June 2, 2022) Worcester Preparatory held its 50th annual graduation on Friday morning, honoring the 46 students and their accomplishments at the private Berlin school.

The air that morning was filled with drizzle as the sound of a solo bagpiper led the students, faculty and honorees to the commencement. For some, it may have been a somber moment, though for many others it was time to celebrate.

Instead of wearing the traditional cap and gown seen at most graduations, the young ladies of Worcester Prep donned white dresses and the men wore tuxedos for the occasion.

With them were family and friends who were there to cheer on and congratulate the momentous occasion of walking across the stage and being handed a diploma.

“The Class of 2022 is an amazing class that has [shown] tremendous resilience and leadership throughout the past two years,” Dr. John McDonald, the head of the school said. “I am very proud of their accomplishments and wish them success in the future.”

Of the 46 students who graduated on Friday, 17 started their educational paths at the private school, located in Berlin.

Now, the entire graduating class will go off to colleges in Maryland and as far away as Louisiana. Some of the colleges the graduates will attend include Virginia Military Institute, George Washington University, Georgetown University, the University of Delaware, Syracuse University, the University of Miami, and Duke.

Before the diplomas were handed
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(Top) Worcester Preparatory School seniors arrive for graduation. (Left) Class President Lily Baeurle gives a farewell address.

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Mike Grosso, assistant head of school at Worcester Prep, recognizes Brice Richins with the WGMD Sports Booster scholarship.



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Class of '22 get scholarships and diplomas

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out, several students were honored with scholarships.

This year, as a collective, the students received over \$7 million in scholarships.

During the commencement, local scholarships were awarded, including three from the Ocean Pines Golf Club that went to Anna McDonald, Bennett Tinkler and Riley Schoch.

Senator Mary Beth Carozza

handed out the senatorial scholarship to Schoch, as well.

The school also continues to honor students for their academics by appointing the top two as valedictorian and salutatorian.

The valedictorian for 2022 was Ayush Batra, who is part of the Cum Laude Society, National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society.

Marshall Mumford, who is a mem-

ber of the Cum Laude Society, National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, and Art National Honor Society, was named the salutatorian.

"Knowing most of these fine young men and women from a young age, and then seeing them

thrive and accomplish so much through Upper School, there is no doubt in my mind that not only are they prepared for college and beyond, but they will make their mark on the world," Mike Grosso, the assistant head of school and head of the upper school said.



(Top) Sen. Mary Beth Carozza hands Riley Schoch the senatorial scholarship. (Right) Don McMullen of the Ocean Pines Golf Club congratulates Bennett Tinker with a scholarship. GREG WEHNER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



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Ocean Pines releases summer '22 schedule

(June 2, 2022) By the end of May, the Ocean Pines Association will have three pools, three restaurants and two marinas open, along with an 18-hole championship golf course, a robust Recreation and Parks amenity, and a busy Racquet Sports center.

Summer amenity hours are as follows:

Aquatics

**All hours contingent upon staff availability*

Sports Core Pool - 11144 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines

- Open year-round. Closed for cleaning from Aug. 22-Sept. 5

- Pool hours: Monday-Thursday: Members only from 6-10 a.m. Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Friday: Members only from 6-10 a.m. Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Saturday: Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Sunday: Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Yacht Club Pool - 1 Mumford's Landing Road, Ocean Pines

- Open May 28 to Sept. 5; Sept. 10-11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. staff permitting

- Pool hours: Monday-Sunday: Members only from 8-10 a.m. Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Beach Club Pool - 49th Street and the beach, Ocean City

- Open May 28 to Sept. 5

- Pool hours: Monday-Sunday: Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mumford's Landing Pool - 7351 Yacht Club Drive, Ocean Pines

- Open: TBD

- Pool hours: Monday-Sunday: Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Swim and Racquet Club Pool - 10 Seabreeze Road, Ocean Pines

- Open: TBD

- Pool hours: Monday-Sunday: Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lounge chairs will be available at outdoor pools.

Information on Aquatics programs

can be found in the latest issue of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide. Visit https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/OPRPGuide_SpringSummer2022_web.pdf.

For more information, call 410-641-5255 or visit www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/aquatics.

Food and Beverage

(three restaurants)

Yacht Club - 1 Mumford's Landing Road, Ocean Pines

- Open seven days a week for indoor and outdoor dining

- Live entertainment is scheduled now through Oct. 8. To view the live music schedule, visit www.opyachtclub.com/live-music

- For more information, call 410-641-7501 or visit www.opyachtclub.com

Clubhouse Bar and Grille - 100 Clubhouse Drive, Ocean Pines

- Open daily for indoor and outdoor dining from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- For more information, call 410-

641-7222 or visit www.oceanpines-golf.org/dining

Beach Club - 49th Street and the beach, Ocean City

- Open daily for indoor and outdoor dining from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend

- For more information, call 410-524-2957

Marinas

**All boat slips at both marinas are filled for the season*

Ocean Pines Marina - 1 Mumford's Landing Road, Ocean Pines; Latitude N 38 degrees 23'13" and Longitude W 75 degrees 7'45"

- Open daily: May 1-27 - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- May 28 - Sept. 5 - 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Sept. 6-30 - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Oct. 1-31 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Marina closes for the season Nov. 1

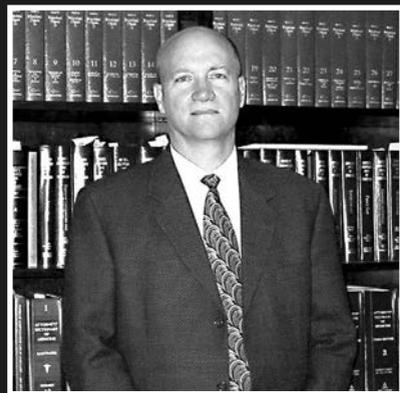
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OP's amenity schedule for summer released

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Swim and Racquet Marina

10 Seabreeze Road, Ocean Pines
 • Open daily, May 1 to Oct. 31
 • Marina closes for the season Nov. 1

For more information, call 410-641-7052 or visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/swim-racquet-marina>.

Ocean Pines Golf Club

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• Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Upcoming events include:

- Family Fun Nights, Wednesdays at the Yacht Club Pool from 6-8 p.m., June 22 to Aug. 17
- Concerts in the Park, every Thursday, June 23 to Aug. 25, from 7-9 p.m. at the White Horse Park Pavilion
- 10th annual Freedom 5K, July 4 starting at 8 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park
- Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks, July 4 from 5-8:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park
- Summer Artisan and Crafts Festival, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center
- Big Truck Day, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park

Information on Recreation and Parks programs can be found in the latest issue of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide. Visit https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/OPRPGuide_SpringSummer2022_web.pdf.

For more information, call 410-641-7052 or visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/recreation-parks>.

• Center includes tennis, pickleball and platform tennis courts

Upcoming United States Tennis Association (USTA) tournaments include:

- Ocean Pines Doubles Series, June 18, July 23, Aug. 20, Sept. 21
- Ocean Pines NTRP Singles Tournament, Sept. 24-25

Information on additional upcoming Racquet Sports programs can be found in the latest issue of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide. Visit https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/OPRPGuide_S

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For more information, call 410-641-7228 or visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/racquet-sports>.

Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines

• Open Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 For more information, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/farmers-artisans-market>.

Recreation and Parks

Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines
 • Open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Ocean Pines Racquet Center

11443 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines
 • Open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

US Coast Guard Auxiliary to offer safe boating course

(June 2, 2022) The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering the Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course at the Ocean Pines Library, June 8-10, from 6-9 p.m.

The course will be conducted by certified instructors from the Ocean City Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The Maryland Boating Safety Education Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland.

Those attending the class, and

passing the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

The library is located at 11107 Cathell Rd., Berlin, Maryland 21811. The cost is \$20 for all three evenings. Register or get more information by calling Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or email cgauxoc@gmail.com.

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Berlin Memorial Day Parade



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Members of the Duncan-Showell American Legion Post led the Berlin Memorial Day procession down Flower Street on Monday.



GREG WEHNER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Stephen Decatur Band played as they marched down Flower Street on Monday during the Memorial Day parade in Berlin.



GREG WEHNER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall, wife Chelsea, and son Charles, waved at spectators lining the street as the Memorial Day parade made its way toward Bay Street.



GREG WEHNER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Charlie Townsend of the Berlin Fire Company led two fire trucks down Flower Street during the parade on Monday in the 1924 truck he maintains for the department.



GREG WEHNER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Berlin Memorial Day Parade on Monday honored fallen soldiers and front line workers, while also recognizing hometown heroes like William Whaley.



GREG WEHNER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Bridgell Family Foundation rode down Flower Street in Berlin on a float filled with blue and red balloons during the Memorial Day parade on Monday.

Ocean Pines Memorial Day Ceremony



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Delmarva Chorus performs "Medley of Service Arms" during the Ocean Pines Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Monday.



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Frank DelPiano of the First State Detachment Marine Corps League plays the bugle before the Posting of Colors at the Ocean Pines Memorial Day ceremony on Monday.



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Joint Color Guard comprised of area veterans post the colors during the Ocean Pines Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Monday.



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Seaside Christian Academy Choir performs "God Bless America" during the Ocean Pines Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Monday.



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Former prisoner-of-war Walter Webster, escorted by members of the First State Detachment Marine Corps League, presents a wreath honoring prisoners of war and military personnel missing in action during the Ocean Pines Memorial Day ceremony.



JACK CHAVEZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur High School sophomore Trista Harner performs the National Anthem during the Ocean Pines Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Monday.

Opinion

Please send all letters and other editorial submissions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

Fleetwood's gone but not too late for Viola

Good government administrators are hard to find, simply because there's more to the job than solid managerial ability, budgeting experience and people skills.

The occupants of these top posts must also be able to work well with a changing lineup of elected officials, regardless of their personal politics and philosophies.

Ocean Pines and the Town of Berlin know about that, having had experiences over the years with general managers and town administrators who didn't quite mesh with the elected leadership.

Sometimes it is simply a matter of clashing personalities or management styles and has nothing to do with an individual's qualifications or job experience. Further, most hiring authorities will admit that no matter how many interviews and background checks a job applicant may be subjected to, it is almost impossible for them to know who will meet that vague standard known as "a good fit."

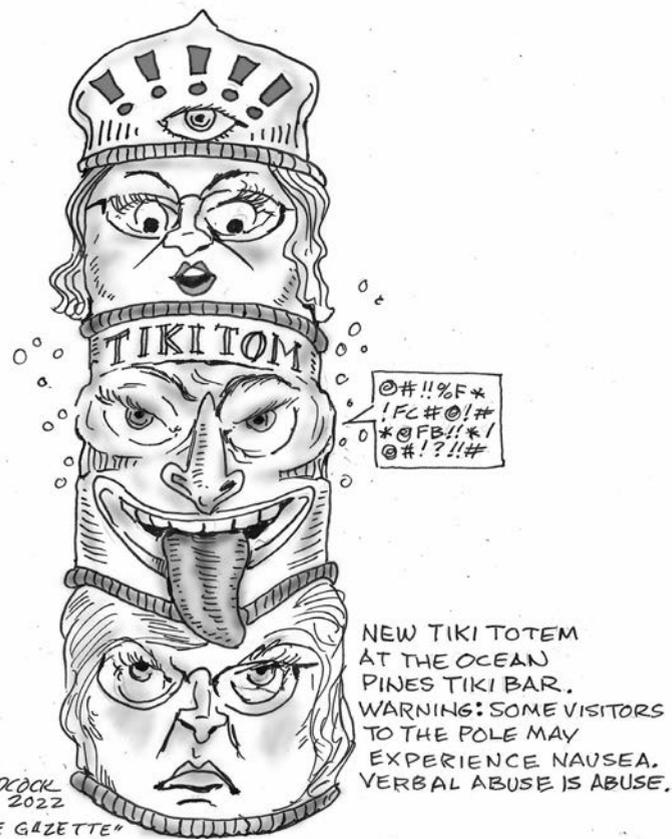
It's always a roll of the dice, and all town councils and governing boards can do is try to tilt the odds in their favor.

That's why Berlin's loss of Town Manager Jeff Fleetwood in April and the pending departure of Ocean Pines General Manager John Viola make life more difficult for Berlin's mayor and council and for the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors.

Both have done excellent jobs and will be difficult to replace. In Berlin's case, Fleetwood wasn't as finished with government as he thought he was. He's in line for the town manager's job in his home port of Delmar, with the council there expected to vote whether to hire him later this month.

Would he have stayed longer with the right incentives or a change of circumstances? No one can say, but it does beg the question whether Viola's service to the OPA might be extended were he to be asked.

The directors haven't offered any indication that this has happened, nor are they liable to, but given the solid results Viola and his administrative team have delivered over the past couple of years, it's a question that the board should ask.



Delmarva authors panel this Monday

(June 2, 2022) The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will be presenting a Delmarva Authors Panel during the Ocean Pines Library semi-annual meeting on June 6.

This event is open to the public and refreshments will be served. The meeting begins at 10 a.m., followed by the Author's Panel at 11 a.m.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

The four authors have all written and published books that feature Delmarva as the setting or the historical backdrop for their books. Their books will be available for purchase at this event.

The author panelists are: Stephanie Fowler, author

of "Chasing Alice: How the Life, Murder, and Legacy of an English Teacher Changed a Delmarva Community"

Barbara Lockhart, author of "Elizabeth's Field"

Brent Lewis, author of "Stardust by the Bushel: Hollywood on the Chesapeake Bay's Eastern Shore"

Don Parks, author of "Islander's War"

Blood bank seeking additional donors

(June 2, 2022) Blood Bank of Delmarva is calling for more blood donors, because of an alarming drop in blood donations over the holiday weekend. The organization announced a blood emergency earlier this month, as the blood supply has remained critically low.

The region's blood supply currently stands at a five-day level, which is well below the ideal level of seven days, according to a statement released by Blood Bank. In particular, O negative is at just 0.7 days and B negative is at just 1.5 days.

Hospitals and patients rely upon a steady flow of volunteer donors to receive life-saving donations, but the recent holi-

day weekend coupled with school breaks and increased travel have made blood donation less of a priority.

In addition to this, the past two years have caused increased volatility in the blood supply, as the pandemic made it difficult for companies and schools to host blood drives.

"This time of year is always difficult for the blood supply, as Memorial Day and the start of summer makes it even more difficult to turnout donors. This year the holiday is coinciding with already low supply levels and steady rising COVID-19 cases," said Patricia Killeen, senior executive director at Blood Bank of Delmarva. "We highly encourage all who

are able to donate today and help us combat this shortage before we head into the summer months."

Killeen said it only takes one hour to donate, and a single donation can save multiple lives. Roughly one in seven hospital admissions require a blood transfusion. Those in need include: cancer patients, accident, burn, or trauma victims, transplant recipients, surgery patients, chronically transfused patients suffering from sickle cell disease or thalassemia, and many more.

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

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Craft Club to host workshop for children, summer festival

(June 2, 2022) The Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines will offer several new and returning programs this summer, including children's craft workshops and the return of the Indoor/Outdoor Arts & Crafts Festival.

The Craft Club will have free children's craft workshops throughout the summer at the Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park, starting on Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On June 4, a tent will be set up on the side of the shop, where children can make a keychain with the help of the volunteers from the Pine'er Craft Club.

The craft club will supply all materials, and each child will leave with a gift perfect for Father's Day or a summer birthday.

The design includes a cork, so the keychain may have the potential to float. The club will announce future projects at a later date.

The 44th annual Indoor/Outdoor Arts Craft & Artisan Festival is scheduled on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Admission is free and crafters will come from the area and from neighboring states to display and sell handcrafted items including jewelry, decorated items, hand-printed decor, stitchery and other work.

For information on obtaining a booth and selling handmade items during the event, contact Jane Wolnik at j.wolnik63@gmail.com.

The club is always looking for new crafters. For information on selling items in the Artisan Gift Shop, contact club President Sharon Puser at opcraftclub@aol.com.

All new crafters must go through a juried process. When items sell, part of the proceeds go back to the community in the form of donations.

To date, the club has donated more than \$175,000 to the police and fire departments, Recreation and Parks Department, free summer con-

certs in the park, Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, and other nonprofit organizations and agencies.

The Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park next to the Farmer's Market and across from the Administration Building on 239 Ocean Parkway, is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information on the shop or the Pine'er Craft Club, contact Puser at 410-208-3032 or opcraftclub@aol.com, or visit www.ocean-pines.org/web/pages/artisan-gift-shop.



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MAYOR SPEAKS

Berlin Mayor Zack Tyndall, right, was the guest speaker during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City's March 16 meeting. He is pictured with Kiwanis Club President Tim Lund.

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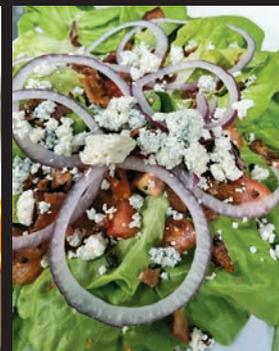
The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines chose Sherry Waskey as the June crafter of the month. A North Carolina native, Waskey moved to Ocean Pines with her family in the spring of 2021. She joined the Pine'eer Craft Club a few months later in hopes of meeting new neighbors and sharing her love of crafting. Waskey has been a licensed cosmetologist for more than 20 years. While working in the salon, she discovered her passion for creativity and began to explore other avenues of self-expression. With the use of screen printing and graphic design, she creates custom shirts, door mats and seasonal décor items. Waskey also enjoys cooking, baking, sewing, jewelry making, painting and volunteering in the community. View Waskey's projects and other handmade items at the Artisan Gift Shop in White Horse Park, on 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. The shop is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/web/pages/artisan-gift-shop>.



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David, Karen and Paul Steinberg live in Pacific Grove, Calif. David is the puzzles and games editor for the Andrews McMeel Universal media company. Karen and Paul, his parents, are longtime puzzle enthusiasts. The idea for this one was Paul's. David wrote a program to generate possible themed entries. When the standard 21-by-21-square grid didn't work for the theme, Karen suggested changing the grid size, which was successful. Karen and David did the fill, and Paul took the lead on the clues. This is The Times's first all-family crossword collaboration. — W.S.

Note: When this puzzle is done, read the circled letters line by line from top to bottom to get an appropriate word.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dual degree for a physician/scientist
 - 6 "My man!"
 - 9 D.C. figure
 - 12 Impulsive desire
 - 16 An avian abode
 - 17 Janis ____, main role in "Mean Girls"
 - 18 One's time in office, maybe
 - 19 "For ____ is the kingdom ..."
 - 20 See 5-Down
 - 22 See 12-Down
 - 24 Parts of a machine
 - 25 Creep (along)
 - 26 "Me too"
 - 27 Destroy internally
 - 28 Get rid of
 - 29 Trap
 - 31 They'll give you more of the same
 - 33 Kidney-related
 - 35 Tuckered (out)
 - 36 Straddling
 - 37 Places of refuge
 - 39 "Love ____," Pet Shop Boys dance hit of 2009
 - 41 City between Chicago and Milwaukee
 - 45 Cry while plugging one's ears
 - 46 What cobblers cobble
- Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

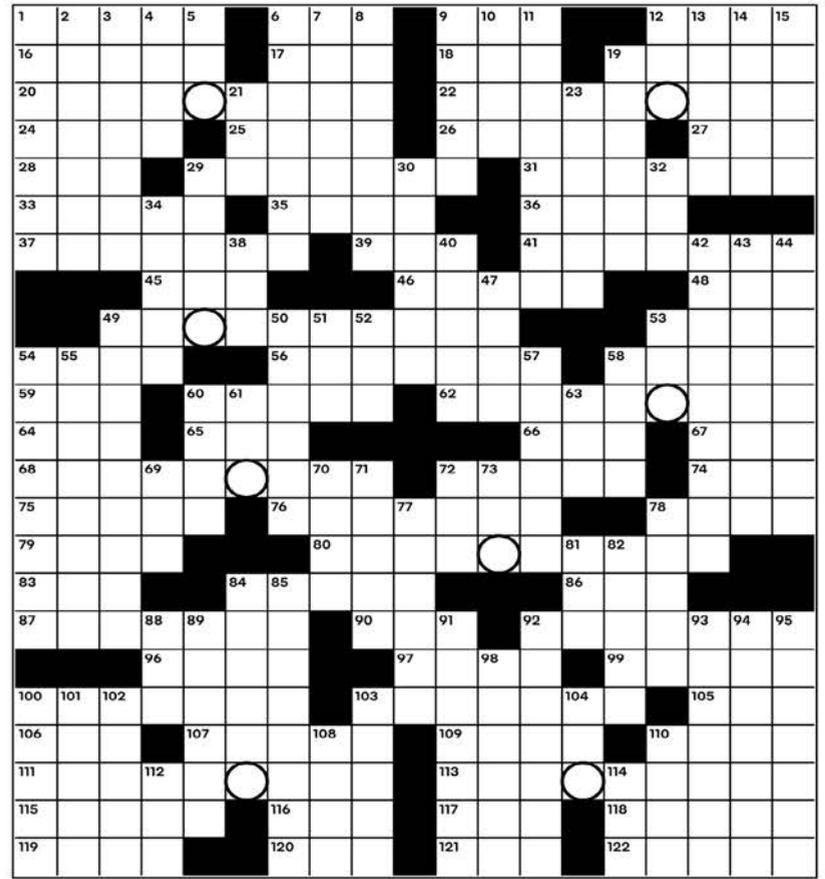
- 48 ____ de deux (ballet dance)
- 49 See 29-Down
- 53 Like Hitchcock's "Curtain"
- 54 Passionate feeling in Spain
- 56 Wall molding
- 58 Weaken, as support
- 59 Untrustworthy paper
- 60 Publication with an annual "Power 100" list
- 62 See 53-Down
- 64 Social worker?
- 65 Olaf Scholz's country; Abbr.
- 66 Wireless-network std.
- 67 Its life span is short
- 68 See 61-Down
- 72 Kind of pear that resembles an apple
- 74 Exploit
- 75 It has thousands of openings
- 76 Laugh at, say
- 78 Ride in "Calvin and Hobbes"
- 79 ____ Pro, tech release of 2017
- 80 See 73-Down
- 83 Capital player, for short
- 84 "Rotten" indicator on Rotten Tomatoes
- 86 Eastern honorific
- 87 Source of some leaks
- 90 There was Noah-counting for it
- 92 Verse's partner
- 96 Gospel singer Winans

- 97 You might speak under this
- 99 Earth, in some sci-fi
- 100 Works on oneself?
- 103 Fit
- 105 Little annoyance
- 106 Bad way to go
- 107 Many a summer TV show
- 109 Title for Mozart
- 110 Make an oopsie
- 111 See 84-Down
- 113 See 104-Down
- 115 Like the sea
- 116 Bother
- 117 European World Cup team, on scoreboards
- 118 "Beep!" maker
- 119 Word with tag or tax
- 120 Parking space
- 121 Online feed letters
- 122 Deep, dark hole

DOWN

- 1 It may run when you cry
- 2 Cleanses, in a way
- 3 Offspring
- 4 They "don't lie," per a Shakira hit
- 5 Tyrants/Patterns
- 6 "We're pregnant!" e.g.
- 7 Southwestern spread
- 8 No longer at sea
- 9 In and of itself
- 10 Snack item that's partly foreordained?
- 11 Dessert of molten chocolate

- 12 Anyplace/From which place
- 13 Turning point
- 14 Rack up
- 15 Zooms with, maybe
- 19 Stumble over
- 21 Division ____, lowest level of the N.C.A.A.
- 23 Chews the scenery
- 29 Made puffer, as cushions/Very desirable job
- 30 Admits
- 32 Start-up's announcement, for short
- 34 Take in, say
- 38 "O ____ babbino caro" (Puccini aria)
- 40 Group of vocal people
- 42 Amounts of sugar, perhaps
- 43 Person not easily swayed by sentiment
- 44 Prescription directive
- 47 Never again
- 49 Rewards for staying, maybe
- 50 Point person?
- 51 It's written with a + or -
- 52 Take a shot at
- 53 Tourist, e.g./Hypnotic state
- 54 Italian rice balls
- 55 "Hoo-boy!"
- 57 Actor Page
- 58 Uniform
- 60 Parts of a clutch
- 61 Tom who hosted "Dancing With the Stars"/Brimless caps
- 63 Second letter after epsilon
- 69 Alt-____, PC command to switch between windows
- 70 Relative of turquoise
- 71 Capital of Yemen
- 72 \$\$\$ taker



- 73 Endurance/Subway map info
- 77 Fruit with a thick peel
- 78 Take potshots
- 81 Sorta
- 82 Give an address
- 84 Tryst partner/Discharging, as a liquid
- 85 Like the motions before a hearing
- 88 Unfriendly
- 89 Very much

- 91 Disputed Asian region
- 92 River next to Boston's Esplanade
- 93 "The Divine Comedy," e.g.
- 94 Weasel family members
- 95 Eric B, Pimp C and Chuck D
- 98 Nonbinary possessive
- 100 Pointed remarks
- 101 Best ____ recording (Grammy category)

- 102 Who may care, so they say
- 103 Bit of gold reserves
- 104 Qualifying match, for short/Big name in antifreeze and brake fluid
- 108 Take back
- 110 Sudden feeling, as of remorse
- 112 "Good ____!"
- 114 Relaxation spot

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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

3	7	6	4	9	1	5	2	8
4	8	9	6	2	5	1	7	3
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The Pine Tones Chorus will present its Spring Concert at the Community Church of Ocean Pines on Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

Pine Tones Chorus to host Spring Concert this Sunday

Peace, hope and joy theme of show, scheduled to take place at Community Church

(June 2, 2022) The Pine Tones Chorus will present its Spring Concert at the Community Church of Ocean Pines on Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$15 payable at the door. The church is located off Route 589 and Beauchamp Road.

The concert theme is peace, hope and joy, featuring songs such as "Brotherhood of Man" and "Joy in the Morning".

The show's title song, "I Dream a World," poetically suggests – "a world . . . where love will bless the earth."

The Irving Berlin traditional favorite, "Blue Skies," also expresses optimism.

Guest soprano soloist, Jennifer Hope Wills, is slated to sing "I Could Have Danced All Night."

She is known for performing on Broadway, with nearly four years starring in the role of Christine in "Phantom of the Opera."

The driving rhythm of four-handed duets on the piano will be performed by Pete and Jenny Anderson. These selections are "I'll Fly Away" and the whimsical Beatles song, "Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da."

The Pine Tones Chorus includes about 45 singers from Ocean Pines, Ocean City and nearby areas. June Todd and Anderson are the group's co-directors.

Guest musicians will include Joe

Ciufo playing clarinet, Tom Baione the string bass, and Bryan Castillo on drums.

The chorus has been entertaining local audiences in the Ocean Pines and Ocean City areas for more than 30 years.

For additional information, call Dave Holloway at 410-641-5672, or Todd at 443-880-3922.

Funding for Pine Tones Chorus activities has been from admissions and patrons, as well as the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Worcester Preparatory School senior Myranda Beebe scored her 100th career lacrosse goal on April 25. She finished her high school career with 115 goals.

Wor. lacrosse player hits milestone with 100th goal

(June 2, 2022) Worcester Preparatory School senior Myranda Beebe scored her 100th career lacrosse goal on April 25.

She tallied 115 goals over three seasons (2019, 2021 and 2022). Activities were canceled in 2020 because of covid.

Since her freshman season, Beebe has been a major contributor on offense for the Worcester Prep lacrosse

team. Her freshman year she scored 28 goals.

Beebe returned to the field strong her junior year scoring 44 goals. During her senior year she netted 43 goals. Beebe has been a standout student-athlete at Worcester Prep. Her hard work and dedication have paid off as she will head to Franklin and Marshall University next fall to be part of its women's nationally-ranked lacrosse program.

Worcester Library promoting reading with annual program

(June 2, 2022) Worcester County Library again invites everyone to dive into summer reading.

The free, annual program gives children and their families the opportunity to access the many resources the library has to offer and participate in reading challenges.

Enriching programs are planned throughout the summer months at all five branch libraries that feature pirates, magic, music, movement, and STEAM.

Registration begins June 13.

This year's theme, "Oceans of Possibilities," is a celebration of all aspects of oceanography and marine life and the importance of taking care of the planet.

Worcester County Library promotes reading and literacy by offering access to books and special programs to encourage everyone to keep reading and prevent summer learning loss, also known as "summer slide."

Practicing reading skills for 20 minutes a day will help children maintain their school-year gains and be better prepared for a successful school year in the fall.

Recommended reading lists for all age groups can be found on the li-

brary's website.

Summer Reading is not just for children - the library also has programs for teens and adults.

For those participating in the reading challenge, the library has prizes available, including the chance to win ocean-themed building kits, giant stuffed animals, Amazon gift cards or a Kindle Fire.

For a full schedule of free activities, check out the 2022 Summer Reading Program at www.Worcester-Library.org.



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Worcester Prep sophomore goalie Caitlin Williams hit the 300th career save mark this season. She has 302 overall, so far. She is pictured with her father, Chris, coach of the team.

Sophomore goalie tallies 300th save in lacrosse career

(June 2, 2022) During the spring lacrosse season, sophomore goalie Caitlin Williams recorded her 200th career save, and only 10 games later she eclipsed the 300th save mark. She has 302 overall saves in her career, so far.

In the Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference championship game on May 13, Williams had another stellar performance where she made 17 saves, which gave her 173 for the season setting a new school record.

Williams has been playing lacrosse for 10 years. This is her second year as a starting goalie for the Worcester girls' lacrosse team. She was also named a captain this season.

During her freshman season, she recorded 129 saves.

Williams also plays field hockey, soccer and basketball. This summer, she will compete in the prestigious Under Armour 150 for the second year in a row. This recruiting event showcases the top 150 players in the country.

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Calendar

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Thurs., June 2

RAVENS BEACH BASH

Ravens events, current players, alumni, Cheerleader and Playmaker meet and greets, beach games, bonfires, a fireworks/laser light show and more. <https://www.baltimoreravens.com/fans/beamach-bash/>, 410-701-4000

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Appointment required: Robin Rohlfling, 410-641-9726.

PLAYTIME

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Join the group for a variety of activities and toys. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MID-MORNING CRAFT: SUMMER SUN CRAFTS!

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Come and make some fun summer themed crafts. For children ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MERRY MAKERS - DIY HANGING SHELF BIRD FEEDER

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Using a kit, assemble and produce a shelf suitable for a bird feeder. All materials provided. Registration required. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ZUMBA FOR ALL LEVELS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30 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

FAMILY BEACH GAMES

Carousel Oceanfront Hotel & Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30 p.m. Games include sand castle contests, tug-of-war, relays and more. Free event. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Weather permitting. 410-250-0125, www.oceancitymd.gov.

BEACH SINGLES-55 PLUS

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or BeachSingles.org

Fri., June 3

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BULL ON THE BEACH OCEAN CITY CLASSIC PBR

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. 6 p.m. All tickets general admission cost \$50 (all ages need a ticket). <https://triplecreekevents.com/ocean-city-classic-pbr-rodeo/>

LAP TIME

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. An interactive program which features activities, rhymes and stories to enhance your child's language development. Designed for infants and toddlers. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FIRST FRIDAY ART RECEPTION

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Admission is free with complimentary beverages. Satellite galleries include the Coffee Beanery on 94th Street and the Princess Royale lobby on 91st Street. www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

Sat., June 4

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19th Street & Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Showcasing more than 50 member roosts from MD, DE and PA. Players, cheerleaders, mascots, bands, floats and more. <https://www.baltimoreravens.com/fans/beamach-bash/>, 410-701-4000

JELLYFISH FESTIVAL

Ocean City Beach, 12-10:30 p.m. Featuring Shore Craft Beer Fest, Beer on the Beach, live music, vendors, East Coast Corn Hole Championships, Marine Corps Fitness Zone, crafts for kids and headliners. <http://jellyfishfestivaloc.com>

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Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, and at North Side Park. Presented by Premier1 Basketball. Events are for all skill levels. <https://premier1events.com/events/battle-at-the-beach-boardwalk-ii/>

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Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop in to learn more about the library. Fill out a bingo card, learn something new and earn a prize. For ages 6 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

CHILDREN'S CRAFT WORKSHOP

Pine'er Craft Club, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. A tent will be set up on the side of the shop, where children can make a keychain with the help of the volunteers from the Pine'er Craft Club. All supplies provided. www.oceanpines.org, 410-208-3032

TABLETOP GAMES

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Drop by during the day to enjoy Scrabble, I Spy, Battleship and more. Grab a game from the library's collection or bring your own. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories, cool props and live animals from Assateague Island National Seashore. A different adventure each week. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

SEASIDE DANCE ACADEMY RECITAL

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 12 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Dance recital in the Ocean City Performing Arts Center. 410-629-0377, <https://www.seasidedanceacademy.net>

PROJECT (W)EEN: UNUSUAL OLYMPICS

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 12 p.m. A field day with some very unusual games. For ages 12-15 years. Outdoor activity but will be moved inside if inclement weather. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

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FREE KIDS CRAFTS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY

Saturdays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 11 a.m. Each week provides a different project to com-

plete. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

Sun., June 5

JELLYFISH FESTIVAL

Ocean City Beach, 12-10:15 p.m. Featuring Shore Craft Beer Fest, Beer on the Beach, live music, vendors, East Coast Corn Hole Championships, Marine Corps Fitness Zone, crafts for kids and headliners. <http://jellyfishfestivaloc.com>

BULL ON THE BEACH OCEAN CITY CLASSIC PBR

Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 2 p.m. All tickets general admission cost \$50 (all ages need a ticket). <https://triplecreekevents.com/ocean-city-classic-pbr-rodeo/>

BATTLE AT THE BEACH AND BOARDWALK II BASKETBALL

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ARTS DAY AT THE WINERY

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PINE TONES CHORUS CONCERT

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 3 p.m. The concert theme is Peace, Hope and Joy. Guest soprano soloist is Jennifer Hope Wills. Guest musicians include Joe Ciufu, Tom Baione and Bryan Castillo. Admission costs \$15 at the door. 410-641-5672, 443-880-3922

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. www.jw.org

FREE TOURS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY

Sundays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 11 a.m. Learn about exhibiting artists as well as the programs and activities at the Art League. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

Mon., June 6

DELMARVA AUTHORS PANEL AT FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road. Meeting at 10 a.m. followed by the Author's Panel at 11 a.m. Free and open to the public. Featuring

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MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Take a break from the heat and catch a recent movie. Free event. 410-208-4014, www.worcesterlibrary.org

MUSIC BINGO

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 5 p.m. Special-themed bingo in honor of Black Music Appreciation Month. Jam out to selections from some of the most influential black musicians of all time — and win prizes. 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 healthy lifestyle. Rose Champion, 410-641-0157

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Burley Oak Brewing Company, 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 6-9 p.m. Benefits Buckingham Elementary School's PTA. Suzanne Evans and Jez King will be guest

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DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

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Tues., June 7

FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP

A cooperative effort between AGH and local worship centers to increase health awareness, education and healthy living incentives, 10-11 a.m. Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeeral.org, 410-641-9725.

STORY TIME - 'AT THE BEACH'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fingerplays. A take-home activity will be included. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

DELMARVA DANCING

Tuesdays - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, 5:30-9 p.m. Dance to the sounds of the '50s, '60s, '70s and more. A \$5 donation benefits

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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Tuesdays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. www.jw.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Berlin Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, 3:30-4:30 p.m. A weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. Use the south side door and knock hard. Patty Lockett, 410-289-4725

Wed., June 8

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting via Zoom on the first and second Wednesday of each month. For non-surgical patients. Contact the Atlantic General Bariatrics Center for more information at 410-641-9568.

STORY TIME: ONCE UPON A TIME

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and crafts all about fairy tales. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

AMERICAN RESILIENCE PROJECT - FARM

FREE OR DIE

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 2 p.m. Showing of the American Resilience Project film, "Farm Free or Die," and learn about regenerative agriculture. Joined by director Roger Sorkin and farmer Trey Hill. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'THE LEISURE SEEKER' BY MICHAEL ZADORIAN

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4:30 p.m. Join fellow book lovers to talk about the book of the month. Stop by the library to check out a copy of the book. Facilitated by Michael Hayes. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-9 p.m. Held June 8, 9 and 10. Cost is \$20 for all three evenings. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

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